



# THE LEAFLET

## EASTERN PROVINCE BONSAI SOCIETY

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS REMINDERS - NOTICES:

- July meeting: Next meeting 10 July 2010. Deciduous trees.
- Annual subscription fees were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March – please note that any member who has failed to pay his / her subs by 31<sup>st</sup> May is considered to be in default.**
- Meetings are held at Sherwood Garden Centre on the second Saturday of the month and commence at 14h00. Members must please use the parking at the back of the garden centre as the front parking is reserved for nursery clientele. (Turn into Komga Street and then right again and straight into the back of the garden centre).
- Beginners and Intermediate courses are planned for September – please hand your names to Marie as soon as possible.

### BIRTHDAYS:

#### JULY

01<sup>st</sup> – Freddie Duyonasi 084 477 8763, 05<sup>th</sup> – Thaya Moodaley 073 160 2409, 07<sup>th</sup> – Jenny Shute 041 453 2031 (W), 07<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Koen 084 491 1171, 13<sup>th</sup> – Corne du Toit 082 576 9227, 15<sup>th</sup> – Maureen Pennells 041 368 1192, 21<sup>st</sup> – Lisinda Heunis 082 875 1491, 26<sup>th</sup> – Ronnie Lovemore 076 351 2448.

#### AUGUST.

15<sup>TH</sup>- Babie Nel 0829568851, 17<sup>th</sup>- Sonny Adriaanzen 0825643552, 18<sup>th</sup>- Randolph Koen 0844911171, 22<sup>nd</sup>- Marie Strydom 0844455688, 28<sup>th</sup>- Susan Adriaanzen 0832360309, 31<sup>st</sup>- Etienne Volker 0823030421.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

WITH REGARD TO ALL FUTURE DIGS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AUTHORITIES AT COEGA HAVE ISSUED US A PERMIT FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS BUT THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES.

1. DIGS ARE ONLY TO TAKE PLACE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.
2. NO PRIVATE DIGS TO TAKE PLACE.
3. DIGS ARE RESTRICTED TO ZONES 1, 6 & 7. (THE DIGMASTER HAS A MAP SHOWING THESE AREAS)
4. MEMBERS MAY NOT SPLIT UP AND GO THEIR OWN WAY, THEY ARE TO REMAIN IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE DIGMASTER AT ALL TIMES.
5. NO SUCCULENTS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER MAY BE REMOVED.
6. EVERY PERSON ON THE DIG MUST SIGN THE INDEMNITY FORM
7. THE DIGMASTER IS TO REPORT TO SECURITY UPON ARRIVAL AT COEGA AND WILL BE ISSUED WITH A SECURITY CARD WHICH IS TO BE RETURNED AT THE END OF THE DIG BEFORE LEAVING THE COEGA PREMISES.

THE COMMITTEE ASKS THAT YOU PLEASE UPHOLD THESE REGULATIONS SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDISE OUR PERMIT.

Hi everyone,

At the last committee meeting it was suggested and accepted that future meetings would take on the following format so as to make meetings more interesting for beginners and senior members alike.

Meetings will start at 14h00 sharp. Announcements/welcome by the Chairman to take no longer than fifteen minutes. This will be followed by a workshop for beginners and intermediate members under the guidance of senior members. Senior members will not work on your tree for you. They will only give advice and you must do the rest.

After the workshop a short tea break will take place where library work and financial matters will be attended to.

The final session for the day will be for senior members under the guidance of Clifton Marais and another. Beginners and intermediate members are encouraged to attend these senior workshops as a lot of information will be passed on that all can benefit from.

For the July meeting all members must bring a deciduous tree. Please remember to bring your tools as well as you may/will be required to do some work on your tree.

I am sure that this new format will be interesting and informative to all. Don't miss out.

We have had some rain but have not heard whether the dams have caught any water. The powers that be are very quiet.

Bucket watering trees is not fun especially when you have a number of trees to water. I am sure that this affects most members. I guess that a number of members have installed water tanks which does help if we get the rain to fill the tanks. It must be everyone's concern what is going to happen after the World Cup regarding our water crisis if it does not rain.

The newsletter will change somewhat. I will be doing my own thing and trust that I will also get an interesting message over to you and keep you informed of the happenings in the club. Of course what does help is when members take an active part in providing material for the newsletter. If you have any articles that you would like

published, please send them to me and I will place them. Please don't send articles that infringe on the owners copyright.

## BONSAI TIPS

From JACK WELLS

From the Cape Bonsai Kai Journal – Spring/Summer 2001

### STRAIGHTENING TRAINING WIRE

For those who don't know and for those who have forgotten – to straighten training wire that has been removed from a tree, grasp each end of the wire with a pair of pliers and jerk apart. Alternatively grasping one end of the wire in a vice and the other with pliers is much more effective as then it is possible to rub the shaft of a screwdriver up and down the wire getting rid of the small bumps.

### MIXING GROWING MEDIUM

To mix your growing medium, put the mixture into an empty compost bag (as much as you can handle) and tip the bag backwards and forwards – this is much easier and more effective than mixing in a wheelbarrow.

I would like to start a page advertising bonsai material for sale, swap or donation. Often we have bonsai items cluttering up the garage/garden that we don't need which could be used by another. Maybe even trees that you want to get rid of. Send me the details and I will advertise for you. Marie Strydom advises that she often gets calls asking to buy trees. She then has to try and source one and phones around till she finds someone with a tree for sale. This info is then passed on to the caller. If you advertised in the newsletter that you have trees for sale this would save her a lot of trouble.

The June meeting was very short and brief. The Chairman said that he did not have much to tell us, only a few short announcements and this was followed by Mike Shute who gave a short talk on an olive tree that he had dug sometime this year. He has not waited for the tree to grow for a year or two before starting his training. He has already selected what he thinks are the main branches that he will need and has removed the rest thereby allowing the tree to pour all its resources into the few branches remaining. Mike thinks that this will allow the tree to develop much faster. It will be interesting to hear in a year's time if this system has worked.

I don't know whether the fact that soccer, rugby and cricket games were on TV had anything to do with the length of the meeting!!

The committee has also decided that it is time to get national demonstrators to visit our club and help us with our trees. A list of names was drawn up and the people will be contacted. Hopefully we will have someone with us during September. It was also decided that to help offset the cost of getting a demonstrator to Port Elizabeth, members attending the demonstrations will pay R20 and if you bring a tree for the demonstrator to work on or get advice, the cost will be R50. Now isn't that a bargain. Many of you have paid R40 for a vuvusela, R40 for a flag or R100 for mirror socks. Invest your money in bonsai and you will have a joy forever.

There are competitions being run by SABA, our governing body, and we would really like to see our society represented at these events.

The first is a New Talent competition that will be held at the next convention in Durban next year. If we have an entrant, the society will pay the airfare to Durban plus the convention fees. All that is required is that you must have less than three years bonsai experience [new talent] and be able to take a tree in a bag and convert it into a bonsai. Our committee will vet applicants, so if you are interested please let Marie or any other committee member have your name.

## GENERAL TIPS

Rubber rings (approx one cm thick cut from a motor car tube) have many uses. For example use to tie roots in a Root over rock planting – they also make good garters!

With winter now settled in, check your roof gutters for moss – usually a very fine bright green moss can be found at this time of the year.

There are also two photographic competitions for members of clubs. The SABA cup competition and the Tommy Flaxman Memorial competition.

Anyone interested in submitting an entry should arrange to take a photo of their indigenous tree, about postcard size, 16 x 21cm, with suitable background, back and front as well as a brief history of the tree, and submit this to the committee before the end of July. Ockie will have to view the tree and sign a declaration that the tree is in fact yours and that it is alive and well. There are prizes to be won.

Again if you are interested, please contact Marie, urgent.

Every year in June the “Ockie Goosen” trophy is presented to a member who has dug a tree in the past twelve months showing the best development. There were about eight to ten trees on display from which Ockie had to make a decision. After much thought and head scratching, it was decided to award the trophy to Chris Vermeulen for an olive that he dug in December 2009. Congratulations Chris. Wel gedaan!

The Cape Bonsai Kai is holding their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on 18/19 September 2010. The cost to attend the convention is R250 and registration closes on 10 September 2010. If you are interested in attending please contact Marie.

The Headliner will be Budi Sulistyio.

The third African Bonsai Convention also takes place next year in Durban from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26 September 2011. The cost is R980 if you register before 1 June 2011 and increases to R1500 if after that date. Anyone interested can get more details from me or look on [www.abc3.co.za](http://www.abc3.co.za) where everything you need to know will be found. Headliners are: Robert Steven and Bill Valavanis.

Yours in Bonsai,

Lionel

*A wife was complaining to her husband.*

*“Look at Mr Barnes across the road”, she moaned. “Every morning when he goes to work, he kisses his wife goodbye. Why don’t you ever do that?”*

*“Because” the husband replies, “I haven’t been introduced to her yet!”*