

Greetings to all and I trust you are getting through the winter without any casualties. The August meeting being held at the Kwambonambi Nursery should be a good experience and I look forward to seeing you all there next Saturday. Carol has sent out directions.

Our Annual Exhibition is just around the corner and we need all members to tend to their prospective exhibits for this great occasion when Charles Ceronio will be our main headliner for the weekend. This year we want it to be better than any other year and all trees to be exhibited will be appraised beforehand to ensure quality trees and clean weed free pots !!!!

Carol has very kindly sent out a detailed schedule as to what needs doing before the exhibition so please give it your attention. In the past we have been told that our trees are not being fed, foliage not looking good, there is a difference between weeds and accent plants, pots not up to show standards and trees in incorrect pots and a general casual attitude towards the exhibition. All trees to be exhibited will be appraised during the run up to the big week end and names, owners etc will be recorded so that uniformity with the name tags will be done beforehand.

Please go through your stock and see what you have for sale during the exhibition. We need lots of trees to sell as the public are always looking for something to start with. We shall have lots of pots, tools, soil, stones and mesh for sale on the run up to the exhibition and at the exhibition so ensure that you are aware of this timeously.

Besides the major trees we will have an exhibition of small and mame trees so please ensure that these are also appraised beforehand. Koekie this will be your baby if that is ok with you !!! We shall also have a "beginners" table so that the newer members will also play a part in the exhibition. (now dont all rush for space on this table !!!!!!!!)

Janine is busy sossing out black table cloths and drapes to hire and Barry is looking into reed matting runners from up Sordwana way. The combination of black and beige should look good. Malcolm will you please have a check on the screens and see if and need repairing. I feel so guilty asking you and Andrzej to make soil but we really could do with many many bags to sell. The soil from the pot man is not a patch on what you make so please can you come out from "under the tree" and assist.

Bert can you please contact Hendrik and ask if he will be the appraiser of the Empangeni trees and also of course if he will be exhibiting as his magnificent trees which are an essential part of our exhibition.

Manie and Koekie, you have been nominated to appraise the Richards Bay trees and ensure that we all have the correct names etc etc. Please let me know if you can accomodate this.

Carol will be designing the pamphlet with the latest info and we trust Alan Ferraris will once again, as always, do the printing. Alan we credit this to ensure you are always a fully paid up member. (must be the most expensive membership !!! thanks Alan)

Koekie will you soss out the banners and ensure that we have the correct dates. Also would it be possible for you to make a few more aprons for all the new members. Will all members requiring an apron please let me know and it will be good to have a couple to sell and one for Charles Ceronio. Thanks Koekie.

Bert can you please investigate (on your travels) the possibility of trees to sell, maybe 20 to 30 for the Club as your contribution. Thanks Bert . All other members pleeeeeeease look out for stock to sell at the exhibition. Thanks to all.

Until next time keep on snipping and best bonsai wishes
Liz