

BONSAI SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.



NEWSLETTER
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SPECIAL SPRING SHOW EDITION

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 7TH

**MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BRING A TREE
FOR THE BENCH DISPLAY**

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	Annual Fee	\$30.00
	Students	\$20.00
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Meetings **First Tuesday of the month (Except January)**
 West Pennant Hills Community Centre
 42 Hill Road, West Pennant Hills.
 7.15 p.m. for 7.45p.m.

Workshops **Third Tuesday of the month (Except December)**
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 7.30 p.m.

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DEMONSTRATOR: RAY MACKAWAY

STYLE: LITERATI

THEME: MAPLES



BITS AND PIECES



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK



Our thanks must go to Orhan Guzel for his work in setting up a Facebook page on behalf of the Society, and also reworking our website. Orhan works in the IT industry where he runs The Vault Corporation, a company specialising in data backups in a secure location.

To access the page simply search facebook.com/bonsaisocietyofaustralia

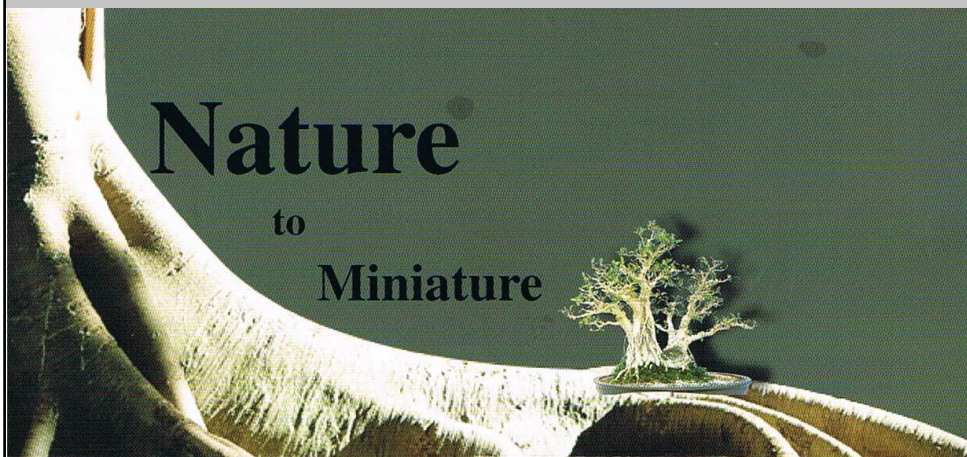
Some photos in this edition are taken from our new Facebook page, many thanks to Bill Dixon.

I will take this opportunity to thank Tabitha Bauer for all her work in the past. Tabitha has a very busy lifestyle and devoted considerable time to maintaining our website for which our Club is extremely grateful. Please accept our thanks for all your efforts in the past.

REGARDS, THE EDITOR.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOW



The Committee of the Society extends their heartiest thanks to all those who made the 2014 Annual Show a huge success.

Congratulations to all those members who displayed their trees over the weekend, it was one of the best collections of bonsai for many years and would be the envy of most other bonsai clubs. The people I spoke to who attended the show agreed that the display, and the ambience, this year was outstanding.

There is no show without trees, however, without helpers it is impossible to organise and arrange. Many people gave their valuable time from early Friday morning until late Sunday night.

Props, benches, screens and countless other pieces of equipment needed to be picked up from Castle Hill and delivered to Carlingford, then set up, trees arranged, and countless other jobs done. Then the whole process needed to be reversed on Sunday evening. Quite a difficult, time consuming and arduous operation, and so to all those tireless workers a big thank you. A particular mention must go to **Mark**, who drove the truck on Friday and again on Sunday.

We must not forget those who assisted on the door, acted as stewards

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and did the all important jobs of watering and looking after the valuable trees on display over the two days of the show.

Many thanks to those who donated the fantastic raffle prizes to help the club raise a little money, **Dennis, Paul, Paulette, Ray and Sandra, The Sydney City Bonsai Club and Pat Kennedy**

I hate to single out more people for special mention for fear of omitting someone, but special mention must go to **Georgina, Maureen and Ken** for their efforts in coordinating the layout of the room. As I said before the ambience was wonderful.

Congratulations must also go to the fabulous kitchen ladies. **Josie, Lorraine, Maulyn and Robin** all did a brilliant job. They even gave the Editor a free sandwich!

Special mention must also be given to **Brian, Dennis, Mark, and Terry** who managed to get 20 square metres of equipment into 18 square metres of storage space at Castle Hill on Sunday night. This is the most frustrating and hardest part of the weekend as we are all tired and want to get home but the gear must be stored away.

We must not forget the demonstrators **Brenda, Lee, Linh** as well as **Sue** on the clinic



A number of friends of the Society also require a mention **David, Glenda, Jim, John and Orham** for their assistance over the weekend. Well done and thanks.

To anybody I have missed I can only apologise, I can remember my MasterCard number but I can't remember what I did yesterday!

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THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER

Continue trimming back growth to encourage short intermodal space which will mean finer branching. Maples are notorious for requiring constant attention at this time. The more diligent you are at this time of year the better the ramification.

Weather can be changeable at this time of year with hot days followed by slightly cooler conditions, so watch your watering. It is a good idea to check each tree individually as trees in full leaf will require more water than those that are still dormant or just coming into bud. Protect trees such as azaleas, camellias, hornbeams and zelkovas from the sun by moving them to semi shade.

Most of your repotting should have been completed but there is still time to work on junipers, serissas, cotoneasters, pyracanthas and, of course, figs.

Between now and February you can attack your figs with gusto. Overgrown and gangly trees can be pruned as hard as you like and repotted in an open mix. Figs thrive in well drained and well fertilised conditions and once settled after repotting should be moved to the sunniest spot possible. Any new growth should be pinched back and large leaves removed. In fact, as we move to the warmer months figs can be defoliated to encourage new and smaller leaves. When pruning figs be careful of the milky sap which can sometimes stain the bark of the tree if let drip or run. A blast of water from a spray bottle will dilute the sap and prevent this problem.

You may have some plants that have flowered early, such as wisteria or even azaleas, and so don't forget to remove spent flowers. Wisterias can be pruned back from now until December and you will probably get another flush of growth. Azaleas can be trimmed and repotted after flowering is finished.

Always remember that spent flowers on fruiting varieties should be left because the fruit or berries will be forming.

Fertilising is still an important issue as we move further into Spring.

If wiring don't wire too tightly as trees grow at an extremely rapid rate at this time of year and it is easy to forget to check wire, which will result in scarring of the tree, a problem that can take years to remedy, if at all.

Be diligent regarding pests and diseases as they can be troublesome at this time of year. Aphids like nothing better than tucking into juicy new foliage!

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OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR

RAY MACKAWAY

Ray has been practicing bonsai for over 30 years and has been associated with The School of Bonsai, where he is a teacher, for 25 years.

He loves to experiment with different bonsai techniques and has gained an exceptional renown for his aerial layering expertise. He has written 2 books, and has given many lectures and workshops on the subject.

Ray was featured at the recent Bonsai By The Harbour weekend and was subject to rave reviews for his demonstration with Japanese Black Pines but has also had success with many species including elms and maples'

Ray will give us a precise guide to all steps in the aerial layering process.

This is a must see demonstration for all levels of bonsai practitioners.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- October 4-5** **Goulburn Bonsai Society**, Annual Exhibition, McDermott Centre, Auburn Street, Goulburn
- October 5-6** **Sydney Bonsai Spectacular**, Merrylands RSL, Military Road, Merrylands. Featuring exhibits from the top bonsai clubs in Sydney and including Demonstrations, Market Place and Clinic.
- October 11-12** **Canberra Bonsai Society**, Exhibition, Daramalan College, Dickson, ACT. The exhibition includes work by artists represented in the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia. There will also be “Bonsai Basics” sessions twice daily.
- October 18-19** **The School of Bonsai**, 33rd Annual Exhibition, Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery, 26 Sagars Road, Dural.
- November 7-9** **Newcastle Bonsai Society**, Annual Show, Charlestown Bowling Club, Lincoln Street, Charlestown.
- November 8-9** **Gold Coast Tweed Bonsai Society**, Robina Community Hall, Robina Drive, Robina, Qld.

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EVERYBODY DID THEIR BIT TO MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS

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