



WARRAGUL BONSAI GROUP

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Our group is a collection of like-minded members learning and sharing our Bonsai knowledge and experiences in an organized inclusive friendly environment underpinned by a full interesting annual program and administration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We have reached another milestone having decided on our new club name - Warragul Bonsai Group operating as Warragul Bonsai. This now allows the development of our new website and other corporate artwork and stationery. Thank you all for your consideration in voting on this matter.

We will be participating in the Gardivalia event on Saturday 27th October in Room 1 at Community College Gippsland. Now is the time for all of us to start to put our best foot forward showing Bonsai from initial stages of development to fully developed presentable Bonsai.

Once again, I am away. Apologies, however I will definitely be back for our July meeting. In the meantime, have a productive time with your Bonsai. Ian.

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DISPLAY TABLE Don't forget to bring along one or more of your precious trees for us to see and hear about, whether completed or still in training.

MAY MEETING

May meeting saw a number of absentees due to holidays, both interstate and overseas, plus unfortunately a few sickies. However those of us who were present heard a fascinating talk and demonstration by Tien from Bonsai Sensation Nursery, about developing tube stock to potted bonsai in four years. We were all so engrossed no body moved until 9.45pm when we then enjoyed a welcome supper.



HINTS FOR DISPLAYING YOUR BONSAI

Kusamono (literally "grass thing") and shitakusa (literally "undergrass") are a potted collection of plants designed to be viewed either in accompaniment with bonsai or alone.

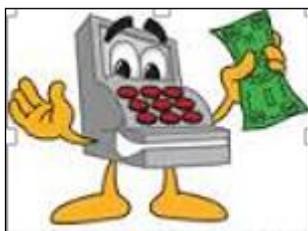
Normally, the term "kusamono" is used when the planting is displayed as the centre of attention, while the term "shitakusa" is used for plantings that accompany bonsai displays. In contrast to underplantings (which are potted in with the bonsai), kusamono and shitakusa are displayed separately in special pots, driftwood, or even stones.

Plants used are typically moss, grass, lichen, small flowers, bamboo, or bulbs, that may heighten the beauty or reflect a certain season. While traditionally in Japan, plants gathered from mountains contributed to the bulk of companion plantings, modern use has extended to more creative and artistic design. (Ref Wikipedia)



The beauty of understatement!

TRADE TABLE



This is your forum to sell, swap or trade any Bonsai related goods. Your unused, unwanted "stuff" may be someone else's treasure. Phone or email Marian with any details.



A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

JULY: SUPPER – GEORGE

- 7/7 Sale Bonsai
- 10/7 Yarra Valley mtg
- 19/7 Warragul Bonsai mtg 7.30pm
- 20-23/7 AABC CONVENTION Melbourne
- 21/7 Warragul Bonsai wkshp
- 23/7 BSV wkshp – deciduous
- 28/7 YVBS wkshp

AUGUST: SUPPER – LINDA

- 4/8 Sale Bonsai
- 14/8 Yarra Valley mtg
- 16/8 Warragul Bonsai mtg 7.30pm
(Annual General Meeting)
- 18/8 Warragul Bonsai wkshp
- 25/8 YVBS wkshp
- 27/8 BSV mtg

Bonsai Calendar: JULY/AUGUST

JULY: Heavy prune & trunk chop deciduous & evergreen trees while dormant - except Pines. Prune Japanese Maples as soon as bare; late pruning causes bleeding. Energy stored in the roots will help accelerate new growth in spring. Wire all species now so that wire can be left on as long as possible; monitor through spring to avoid wires cutting in.

Prepare potting mixes & fertilizer to start repotting any early bud break trees. Avoid the temptation to repot too early, wait until you can see bud swell. In wet weather tilt pots to improve drainage or place bricks or sticks underneath to help air circulation. Repot cedars around July.

Equally as important as repotting is branch pruning deciduous trees while their branches are bare. Trident and Japanese maples are particularly prone to developing clusters of shoots at the branch tips and these unsightly growths need to be dealt with quickly or they soon develop into lumps of wood. The selection of these shoots is important - try to remove twigs top and bottom and keep the twigs side by side. If this is not possible then this fault can be corrected with wire.

AUGUST: Finish repotting; branch & root prune deciduous trees ready for spring growth. Watch out for any late frosts. Wire remaining trees if necessary. Pines and evergreens can be grafted now. Start fertilizing evergreen trees. Best time to collect deciduous trees from the wild or gardens or to lift, root prune and replant them for further growth. Now is the time to apply air layers, plus major redesign work on trees can also be done.

Thanks to YVBS and others.

There are no borders in bonsai. The dove of peace flies to palace as to humble house, to young as to old, to rich and poor. So does the spirit of bonsai.

John Naka