**JULY 2015**

**Next Meeting 27th July 7.30pm – Demo with Hugh Grant**

Hugh Grant has years of practicing bonsai and horticulture, Hugh has also studies fine art at university, where he has developed stronger aesthetic and conceptual understanding of the art, which he now applies to his work in the field of bonsai. Based on the Central Coast of Eastern NSW Australia, Hugh is involved in local and regional bonsai organisations, maintaining a self-produced collection, whilst also maintaining and developing bonsai for clients and tutoring in the art of bonsai.

**Monday Meeting – 29th June 2015**

Demonstration from Mauro Stemberger

On a chilly June Monday night, more than 50 bonsai enthusiasts gathered to watch a demonstration by Mauro Stemberger from Italy. They were not disappointed as Mauro rapidly demonstrated his styling, shaping and wiring skills. While this was all happening, he explained various bonsai issues, answered questions from the audience and entertained with stories of how he became involved with bonsai at the age of fourteen while still at school after admiring bonsai in the window of the flower shop across the road. More recently, he has decided to pursue his bonsai interests rather than the architecture he studied at University.

Whilst working quickly on the demonstration tree, Mauro was also sharing his own views on collecting trees from the wild, splitting branches, making jins, applying raffia and plastic tape, wiring, wiring and more wiring, improving collections by reducing the size of your bonsai collection and the best growing conditions.

See on the next page photos showing the original demonstration tree, several stages in the styling and the final outcome. A great demonstration and a satisfied audience as you will notice in the group photos that Mauro organised.
Mauro Stemberger Demonstration
Continued

Juniper getting itself prepared for the demonstration

Initial trimming and shari

Branch splitting required for one section

Raffia

Branch bending

Magnificent finished tree

Wiring - Mauro and his helper

Styling the first branch

Styling the top

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Saturday Meeting

A wide variety of trees were presented for Styling review and most are included below. Some illustrate before and after photos and some adjustments have been made digitally, to help Members consider proposed changes. All had a very productive afternoon.

Chinese Elm – before adjustment

Chinese Elm - after adjustment

Mirror Bush- before adjustment

Mirror Bush - after adjustment

Acer japonica - exploring options for this big leaf variety

Trident maple - remove a trunk or add one?

Crepe Myrtle - before adjustment

Crepe Myrtle - after adjustment

Black Pine

Black Pine option

Black Pine option - LH branches digitally removed

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Article of the Month

Winter
Winter is the time we sit back and enjoy the intricate tracery of deciduous trees, contemplate and plan the changes we need to make to improve all our trees.
During the winter months, cut back on the watering of all your trees to ensure they do not stay wet all the time.
Ensure that tropical trees and plants that need protection from the frost or ice are under cover or inside.
( Ficus, Bougainvillea, etc)
Winter is the time for heavy pruning, wiring and Needle plucking of pines.
Repotting of deciduous trees late winter as buds begin to swell in preparation of the new spring growth.

June
If you have many Deciduous trees, you can start Repotting and root prune now with the trees that experience early dormancy. Just ensure the Roots and soil do not stay wet thru the winter causing root rot.
Wire your trees ( all species) at this time so that it can be left on as long as possible. While the trees are not actively growing the wire will not cut in and scar the tree.
Start planning your Spring repotting schedule. Ensure you have sufficient potting mix and pots on hand for Spring

July
Heavy Prune and Trunk chop Deciduous and Evergreen trees while dormant (except Japanese Maples and Pines). Energy stored in the roots will help accelerate the new growth in Spring.
Wire your trees ( all species) at this time so that it can be left on as long as possible
Gather together the materials for repotting if not already done
As the end of the month approaches, start repotting those trees the break bud first.
Start to dig any evergreen trees you have in the ground, root prune and return to the ground for further growth or lift and pot up. (leave evergreens to early Spring)
Pines and evergreens can be grafted now
Melaleuca cuttings taken now of half-ripe lateral shoots
rootprune and Repot cedars around July

August
Finish repotting branch and root pruning of deciduous trees in preparation for Spring growth.
As the Winter wanes, return Tropicals outside from their winter protection. Watch out for any late frosts
Ensure all trees requiring wiring have been done and prepare to monitor them all through spring to ensure they do not suffer wire cutting in
Start fertilising of evergreen trees again
Prime time for Collection of deciduous trees from the wild or gardens or to Lift, root prune and replant them for further growth.
Major redesign and work on trees done now
Grafting of Pines and other evergreen
Melaleuca Cuttings taken now of half-ripe lateral shoots
Victor has stocked up on some very good glazed and unglazed pots. He has a new supplier for the unglazed pots and he was also able to get to John Guo to see his latest shipment of new pots. I have also stocked up on wire and we now have plentiful supplies of every size to about 4.5mm. A few rolls of wire above that size are also available.

### Bonsai Meeting Dates

#### Club Meetings

BSV monthly meeting is held on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm. Next meeting July 27. Meetings alternate each month between demonstration and workshop. Club members are invited to attend the monthly Saturday meeting held on the second Saturday of every month. Meetings start at 12 pm, this allows club members to discuss the progress of their bonsai and receive expert advice from experienced members. Next Saturday meeting the Sept 12

#### Monthly Meetings 2015

East Kew Uniting Church 142 Normanby Road
East Kew Vic 3102, on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm

- 27 July - Visiting Tutor Program; TBA.
- 24 August - Mike S. Grafting/Workshop.
- 28 September - Demo - Peter F.
- 26 October - Workshop
- 23 November - AGM

#### Saturday Styling Review Meetings 2015

East Kew Uniting Church 142 Normanby Road
East Kew Vic 3102, on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12 pm

- 8 August **Bus Nursery Tour**
- 12 September
- 10 October **Cancelled** (Annual Show Date)
- 14 November
- 12 December

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**BUS TRIP - 8 AUGUST**

TO BONSAI NURSERYS AND THE GLEN WAVERLEY BONSAI SHOW

Replacing the Saturday Workshop

Leaving from East Kew Uniting Church 142 Normanby Road East Kew Vic 3102 at 9.00am

Visiting the Bonsai Art Nursery, Bonsai Nursery and Lunch at Garden World and Bonsai Sensation Nursery

Speak to Quentin or Robert at the July meeting or email Marcela secbonsaivic@gmail.com

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Month of August
Waverley Bonsai Show
Saturday 8th August 10am – 4.30pm and Sunday 9th August 10am – 4pm
Venue: Mount Waverley Community Centre
Cnr of Stephensons Rd and Miller Cres, Mount Waverley

Victorian Native Bonsai Club- SALE DAY
Saturday 15th August 2015 - 9.30am- 1pm
Venue: Harry Atkinson Centre, Lake Grove, Coburg Lake Reserve, Coburg

Month of September
Bonsai Northwest Inc is proud to present the exclusive Australian Tour of Bjorn Bjorholm
3 - 8 September 2015
Location: Clifton Bowling Club Batman Street Essendon

Month of October
Bonsai Society of Victoria - Bonsai Exhibition
10th – 11th October
At Box Hill Town Hall 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill

SALE DAY
Saturday 15th August 2015
9.30am- 1pm
$2.00 entry
Venue: Harry Atkinson Centre, Lake Grove, Coburg Lake Reserve, Coburg

Free DEMONSTRATIONS and free WORKSHOPS held throughout the day.

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