



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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October 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 5th October 2019

Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

Meetings held 1st Saturday of each month, except January

Trade table / library open approx. 1pm

Meeting commences 1:30pm

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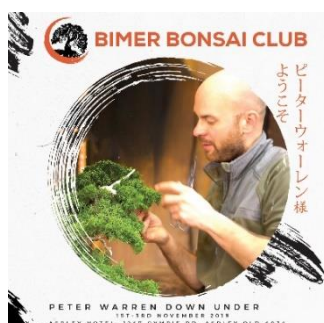
Hello All,

It was a good session last month with Averil presenting on Raft style bonsai. For the next meeting we will have Andrew Sellman from the Sunshine Coast creating a root over rock composition using a Clerodendrum.

We are gearing up for the Peter Warren weekend in November. Registrations will close after the next meeting, so get your registrations in. We need you to register for this club meeting, even for the free Saturday sessions, to allow us to plan for numbers. The weekend is open to all bonsai clubs so we expect it to be a big weekend. Get your forms in so you won't be disappointed.

We have had some trying weather recently with little rain to date and lots of warm, windy days. Any recently repotted trees will need to be protected from the strong winds until established. Enjoy the new spring growth as your trees wake up.

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PETER WARREN UPDATE

You **MUST** register for all events, even the free ones for Bimer members. The event will be held November 1st – 3rd at the Aspley Hotel and is open to all bonsai clubs. There will be 3 demos as well as a meet and greet and dinner on the Saturday night.

The Friday workshop is now fully subscribed for participants, but there are spots available in the Sunday workshop as well as observers for both session. This is a great chance to work with a well-known bonsai artist.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Averil provided an informative slide presentation of different aspects of the raft style. She then worked on a Juniper Foemina that was previously repotted last year during a club presentation. The twin trunk tree was altered to have one of the trunks laying down and the branches trained to be the new trees.

Below are some pictures of the display trees from the meeting.



Japanese Cultural Day



The Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens hosted the Japanese Cultural Day on 18 August 2019. Thousands of people turned out to make it one of the busiest days ever experienced at the Gardens. It was a beautiful day to watch, listen and join in all the activities associated with Japan such as traditional Japanese food, Ikebana, singing, drumming etc and of course, most importantly, Bonsai.

Members of the Queensland Bonsai Club and Bimer Bonsai Club along with Mt Coot-tha employees, worked on trees under a marquee outside the Bonsai House. It was definitely the most demanding day that we have experienced with literally hundreds of questions from a very interested public, many questions to do with "wiring".

Perry and Ari from the Bonsai House at the Botanical Gardens, Tony from the Qld Society and Jim T from Bimer, joined forces to create a Swamp Cypress Group planting. The trees were all from the current Botanical Gardens collection, the largest ones requiring significant root-pruning in order to place them in the shallow pot. I am happy to report that all the trees have obviously settled in well as they have begun to shoot all over. It was a tremendous effort to complete the group planting and the four people involved are to be congratulated on the outcome.

For the future development, some carving will be undertaken and consideration is being given to placing a number of smaller trees behind the existing ones in order to create additional perspective.

David C.

OCTOBER CALENDAR TREE – Shimpaku (*Juniperus chinensis sargentii*)

SHOHIN Tanuki - Driftwood

Created from a cutting taken in 1999. Attached to a piece of Azalea Deadwood in 2008. This Bonsai is now at a level of refinement – the Shimpaku foliage is padding up beautifully and responding well to the growers love of junipers for Bonsai; and is looking forward to further progression of foliage refinement to the next level. Planted into handmade oval pot from Japanese Potter Yuuji of the Gyozan Kiln. Son-in-law of Nakano Yukizyou, both well known as the top makers of unglazed containers reputed to be the highest level of clay quality and craftsmanship. This deep oval is quintessential Yuuji in the clean lines and rich clay colour. Yuuji no longer takes many custom orders, which makes this beautiful bonsai container all the more unique.

Averil



OCTOBER DEMONSTRATION – ANDREW SELLMAN – ROOT OVER ROCK CLERODENDRUM



Andrew will compile a clerodendrum on an artificial rock feature. He will also discuss clerodendrum as bonsai and bring a few examples from his collection. Andrew is from the Sunshine Coast and has demonstrated nationally.

From his AABC bio: *I have been passionately involved in bonsai for around twelve years. In that time I have made several trips to Japan to visit bonsai gardens and exhibitions. I have also done two separate 2½ week long study trips to Japan. The first was at Kouka-en under Keichi Fujikawa and Bjorn Bjornholm. The other was at Taisho-en under Noboichi Uruahibata. During these study visits most of my work days (from 8:00am until 7:00pm) were spent wiring and styling many different varieties of trees. I also learnt horticulture practices specific to bonsai varieties, the display of bonsai and day to day nursery work. I am a qualified horticulturalist and have worked in nurseries, landscape centres and soil batching facilities. Since 2010 I have had my own landscaping and maintenance business.*

DISPLAY TABLE

Please remember to bring along a tree, a **Clerodendrum or Root over Rock Style** tree for display this month. You may need some feedback or assistance with developing it into a bonsai. Any tree is welcome. Members are encouraged to share their accumulated knowledge with the newer members. There's also the chance to win an additional lucky door prize for any member who brings in a tree for display.

SOME THOUGHTS ON RAMIFICATION – MICHAEL SIMONETTO – PART 2 OF 2

Due to space limitations, part 2 of this article will be published in next month's newsletter.

WANTED TO HELP THE CLUB - VIDEO EDITING & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We film a number of our sessions and particularly guest presentations. Our early work had very poor sound which we have now fixed. We are looking for a member who might be able to assist in editing the videos. It is typically 6 per year and about 2-3 hours of recording. If you can assist please let us know.

We are also in need of a newsletter editor as Tony has moved to the Treasurer role. If you would like to help out the club in this capacity, please talk to a committee member to get more information.

HELP WITH THE RUNNING OF OUR MEETINGS

While the committee remains understaffed, we would like to ask members to help out at the meetings. If you have a skill to offer or just want to help with the set up please see any of the committee members to find out what you can do. No joining of the committee necessary unless you really want to!

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

If you want to continue to receive the newsletter and be eligible for the free sessions with Peter Warren (and paid workshops) you must be a current financial member. Please see Tony at the front desk or pay online with your surname as a reference.

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT

We are now taking payments by direct deposit for membership, workshops and bus trips. The details are as follows:
Bank of Queensland - Account Name: Bimer Bonsai Club Incorporated - BSB: 124 001 - Account #: 10112801 –
REMEMBER you must put your surname in the reference section so we know who has paid.

NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
October 5 th	1.30pm Demo Andrew Sellman – Clerodendrum – Root over rock
November 1 st -3 rd	Workshops, Demos – International Guest - Peter Warren Aspley hotel
December 7th	Christmas Party/ Dutch Auction
February 1st	9.00am Workshop
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
Local Bonsai Shows	
26 th – 27 th October	Sunshine Coast Show
3 rd November	Redlands Show
9 th November	Gold Coast Tweed Show