



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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February 2020 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 7TH MARCH 2020

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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Membership - Single \$20 Family \$25

Hello All,

A big thanks to Brad from BSQ and Steve from the Redlands club for coming along to our meeting. The presentations were very informative and well received. It was good to hear the plans that the two clubs have for the upcoming year. I encourage all members to support the bonsai events held by the local clubs. The next big event for the local area is BSQ's bonsai horizons to be held in March (21 & 22). See the BSQ website for further details. This should be a great weekend and I am looking forward to it.

As advertised in this newsletter, the next meeting is an all-day workshop. We hope you will take advantage of this meeting, especially to prepare trees for our upcoming show in April. We will have experienced helpers for members wanting assistance. If you are unsure of your tree's show-worthiness, bring it along for discussion with our helpers. It may only need a tweak to be put in the show.



Over the holiday period, the family and I went to Europe to visit relatives. The ice and snow were a cold pleasure. In Germany, the climate encouraged moss to grow everywhere (see pic left) and it was nice to see after the struggles we have to obtain it for our displays. In a garden centre in Spain I saw some imported bonsai trees such as crab apples, citrus and cherries all in fruit. They also had our local bunya pines (*Araucaria Bidwilli*) with sizeable trunks (see pic right). I have not seen this species used locally very often.

The rain has been a welcome to our gardens as well as down south where it has helped get the bush fires under control. In our gardens and on our benches, the extra rain should be making everything go well, including the creepy crawlies.

Keep an eye on the new growth for any insect damage and treat accordingly. The days are still hot, so keep an eye on the soil moisture if we get a day or two without rain. Any trimming or styling you do now should give enough time for the tree to grow into the style (and maybe set branches) for the April show. Now is a good time to repot most natives and figs, but aftercare is key with the hot days.

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MARCH MEETING SATURDAY 7TH

Come along to an all-day workshop starting at 9.00am to work on refining your trees for the show. Experienced Bimer members will be on hand to help with styling and adding those finishing touches. If you are a first time exhibitor and are unsure about your tree bring it along. Remember the annual show is for all the members to display their work, regardless of their experience or skill level. Bring any tree along that you want to work on as well. The trade table will have pots, wire and tools available and this is a great way to support the club.

FEBRUARY MEETING

This month, we hosted Brad Stuart from Bonsai Society of QLD and Steve Cullum from Redlands. Along with Albert they gave us a snapshot of plans for 2020 as well as Brad doing a presentation on Black Pines and Steve giving us some insight into developing ramification.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR TREE – JUNIPER

Juniperus Squamata Prostrata

First styled in late January 2004. It had a set-back in 2011 when the centre of the trunk started to rot away. The rot was removed and treated with Earl's Wood Hardener and it hasn't looked back.

It has been planted in the grey Seizan pot since August 2015. Last repotted in April 2019, just after the show.

After first potting January 2005

Steve



Vale Elaine Pollard

It is with great regret we wish to inform our members of the passing of one of our Life members and past presidents, Dora Elaine Pollard, always referred to as Elaine.

Elaine guided our club as president for 9 years from June 1991 and saw us advance from the steamy potting shed at Hawkins nursery, Albany Creek, to the church hall at Safari St, Chermside West, which we have just vacated.

She also served on the northern chapter committee for the first AABC conference held in Sydney.

Elaine will be missed by those who knew her but her dedication to Bonsai lives on.

ANNUAL SHOW 18/19 APRIL 2020

We are on the hunt for volunteers to help out at the show setting up and running the weekend. If you have some time and would like to assist please see Steve to register and see how you can help. Set up will begin at 1.00pm on Friday afternoon. A reminder that because the site is the botanical gardens, no weed species can be traded such as Privet and Celtis. They can be displayed but not sold.

DONATION TO THE CLUB

Bimer would like to thank Averil Stanley for her recent donation of a mature Black Pine which we will use for a demonstration; a slab, also, for bonsai demonstration; and a large number of unique bonsai books, which are now in our library.

Thank you, Averil, for the generous gift to the members.



NAME BADGES

We will be finalising the ordering of name badges at the next meeting in March. Please see Pierre if you would like to place your order or email Tony if you aren't going to be at the meeting.

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	
March 7 th 2020	9am start Clinic and Workshop all day
April 4 th 2020	Preparation for the show/critique – TBA
April 18 th -19 th 2020	Bimer Annual Show Mt Coot-tha
May 2 nd 2020	9am start Clinic and Workshop all day
July 26 th 2020	Bimer Yamadori Trip & Dig
August 1 st 2020	Japanese Cultural Day
August 30 th 2020	Bimer Annual Market Day
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
8 March 2020	Ausbonsai Market Day
21-22 March 2020	BSQ Bonsai Horizons - http://www.bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au
23-29 March 2020	Bonsai Week NBPCA
27-29 March 2020	Bonsai by the Beach
15-18 May 2020	AABC Convention Sydney
16-17 May 2020	Pine Rivers Garden & Plant Fair
26-27 September 2020	Bonsai Open – Central Coast Bonsai Club
Local Bonsai Shows	
TBA 2020	Bonsai Society of QLD
21-23 September 2020	Bimer Club Bus Trip - Toowoomba
TBA 2020	Sunshine Coast Show
Nov 1 st 2020	Redlands Show
TBA 2020	Gold Coast Tweed Show