



sydney city
bonsai club inc.



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

Green Square Community Church
182 Victoria Street
(Cnr Collins Street) Beaconsfield

7pm Tuesday 13 March

Presentation & Workshop: bring along any trees you want to work on for specialist advice and assistance

7pm Tuesday 10 April


Workshop: bring along any trees you want to work on for specialist advice and assistance

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MEMBERSHIP

Full Membership \$25.00

Concession Membership \$15.00

Welcome to the March Newsletter

A message from our President

At our February meeting Neville Althaus announced that the committee had decided that future meetings would concentrate on members working on their trees; with support and advice from the more experienced members. This decision gives all members the opportunity bring in their trees and discuss the future direction they would like to take with their trees, as well as time with expert assistance to work on their trees.

Also at our February meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming four new members to our club. The new members are (in alphabetical order): Rebecca Irving, Peter Lim, Glen Tindall and Stephanie Tucker. Welcome we are very pleased you have decided to join us in our quest for bonsai knowledge.

For members trees shown at the February meeting, see page 2



Neville's beautiful Banksia bonsai, before & after pruning. See page 4 for more before & after pictures of member's trees

A SPECIAL EVENT – Acquire a piece of bonsai history

One of the biggest events in the history of bonsai in Australia is happening on the 8th of April 2007 (Easter Sunday), when Deborah Koreshoff and her husband Kenneth Doble will auction about a hundred bonsai from their private collection. See page 2

For a follow-up on Doug Philips' article on [Working with a collected Olive](#) see page 3 & [Working with Trident Maple seedlings](#) by Doug see pages 5 & 6

Member's trees shown at the February Meeting

This will be a chance to acquire a piece of bonsai history.

From page 1

Sadly, Deborah, Kenneth, and Dorothy are moving as the property is being sold. Deborah Koreshoff and her husband Kenneth Doble will auction about a hundred bonsai from their private collection.

A preview of trees will be held on Saturday 7th of April (Easter Saturday). A catalogue is in production and will be available at the end of February 2007, including a price estimate for each tree.

A copy of the catalogue can be obtained by sending a stamped self addressed business size envelope to:

K. Doble
14 Telfer Road,
Castle Hill 2154 NSW

Lee Wilson will be the auctioneer for the day. Lee was the auctioneer in 1989 when Edna Ellison died. Money from that auction raised \$16,000 for Edna's son, a great cause and job well done. The AABC Ltd & The Sydney City Bonsai Club wish Deborah, Kenneth and Dorothy all the best for the future and a successful auction.



Doug Cremer's
Liquidambar formosana
Formosan Sweet Gum



Neville
Althaus's
*Backhousia
myrtifolia*
Gray Myrtle



Stephanie Tucker's
Ginkgo biloba
Maidenhair Tree



Grahame Bates'
Ficus rubiginosa
Port Jackson Fig



Anna Lee's
Ficus benjamina
'Variegata'
Variegated
Benjamin Fig

Before and after pictures of bonsai trained at the February meeting



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Remember Anna Lee's Fig from our December issue.

Look at what a couple of months of nurturing can do! →



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← Tony Wilson's Elm gets a trim



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Philip Bell's Green Island Figs (a form of *Ficus microcarpa*) both get a make over
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A follow up from Doug Philips on the February Bonsai from collected Olives article

After giving permission for us to reproduce the Bonsai from collected Olives article on his webpage. Doug emailed some more information and follow up pictures. The following are excerpts from emails between Doug and the Editor.

Tony, a few more pics...one showing the tree just budding out in the greenhouse...



another of the tree being put in the ground for the first time...



and the other is of the ground layers being installed on the larger primary roots



Would you mind outlining how the ground layering works?

Does it mean you get branching of the roots closer to the trunk of the tree? These images are going to make a great follow up article in the March newsletter.

Tony, you are exactly right...The ground layers are to shorten and divide the new coarse roots to allow the tree to fit into a bonsai pot sometime down the road. This "method" of "Flat Cutting" gets rid of a very large mass of base tissue in the bole of the tree, This allows a tree to be placed in the right size pot for the future display of the tree...artistically speaking.

The downside is that the new roots that emerge are very small and out of scale for the new nebari and trunk size. They wouldn't "look" right in a finished, show ready, composition. So the theory here is to grow fine roots to coarse, so emerging roots from the base of the tree are in scale and proportion with the mature trunk...



and then develop coarse roots to fine to allow the tree to once again fit in the correct size container. This should allow for a very handsome nebari at show time.

The trick here is to totally and completely manipulate the roots to look totally and completely "Natural".

Our thanks goes to Doug for taking the time to explain his methods for refining the root structure of his developing bonsai.

Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show

5 – 18 April 2007 - Bonsai, Saturday 7 April

Visit the webpage address shown in our events calendar on page 6 to download an entry form if you would like to enter a tree into the show

Attention Club Members:

A reminder that we need before & after pictures of members' trees.

The Editor

Doug Philips on developing a bonsai from seedling Trident Maples – part 1

Permission given by the author for reproduction of this article here.
Visit the website shown below for more great trees developed by Doug

<http://www.dugzbonsai.com/olivehead.htm>

Doug raises Trident Maple (*Acer bergeranum*) seedlings in readiness for developing a large bonsai



More seedlings are added and firmly secured to the frame



When you can't add any more seedlings you are done.

NOTE: do not bundle the seedlings at the top of the tree, make them exit at different points

A base for the trunk can be formed from wire or carved from a piece of wood



Plant the 'tree' to get it to grow vigorously, it will be fertilized every 2 weeks

Tree started in 1994



Seedling Trident Maples are wired onto the wire or timber support



Trunks are starting to fuse together

Doug Philips on developing a bonsai from seedling Trident Maples – part 1



Seedlings fusing together, sacrifice branches retained to speed up fusing of the trunks



Tree when removed from the ground

More sacrifice branches removed, fusing of trunks going well, root system also forming up well.



Trimmed ready to go into a bonsai pot



Close up of root development



Potted up, permanent branch selection & development is next..

Photographed 2 – 4 – 2002

EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

Remember: Bring a tree to every meeting.

Date	Event	Details
18-21 May 2007	20th AABC National Bonsai Convention	Featuring Michale Persiano & Marco Invernizzi. Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds, Melbourne, Victoria. For more info visit www.bonsainorthwest.com.au/AABC2007
5 – 18 April 2007	Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show Bonsai, Saturday 7 April	Sydney Show Ground, Sydney Olympic Park. http://www.eastershow.com.au/competitions/masterlist.html