

The newsletter from Bonsai Presentations linking all enthusiasts of bonsai related topics

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Those bonsai enthusiasts who enjoy creating display arrangements, should already be embracing the cold mountain landscapes. Not so far from home, the Langdale Pikes in Cumbria are the backdrop to this scene which features a larch 42cm from the collection of Darren Turner.

First falls of snow on high peaks is a common topic for winter bonsai display. This compact/cosy arrangement might offer a sensation of warmth and protection aided by a tiny Wabi-Shack.

We are now seeing many larch bonsai in Northern Europe that have been subject to decades of refinement that has resulted in stunning detail ramification. When larch has reached this stage, they become ideal subjects to exhibit in their leafless phase. Without details, these trees often look clumsy and irregular and are only suitable for display with their canopy of bright green needle like leaves.

Thanks to tireless dedication and perseverance, we will now be enjoying superb high quality Japanese and European larch bonsai, **through all the seasons** at many public bonsai events.

.....can't wait for Swindon!

SWINDON WINTER IMAGE BONSAI SHOW

We've heard that on this occasion more and more participants have requested to be part of the Swindon Winter Image Bonsai Show. Over the years, this event has grown in popularity and stature, and is now reckoned to be one of the best in the UK. Don't miss this superb event where you'll find buckets full of inspiration and enthusiasm spread all over with a shovel! With renewed vigour after the worst of the winter, bonsai artists and enthusiasts are usually talking about this exhibition for months after. This is where the true refined beauty of winter trees look at their best.

Northamptonshire Bonsai Society are one of those clubs who find it difficult to rest even through the dark months. The recent AGM experienced no problem in sorting the committee for 2013. Most were willingly re-elected with enthusiastic extras offering their services for a position.

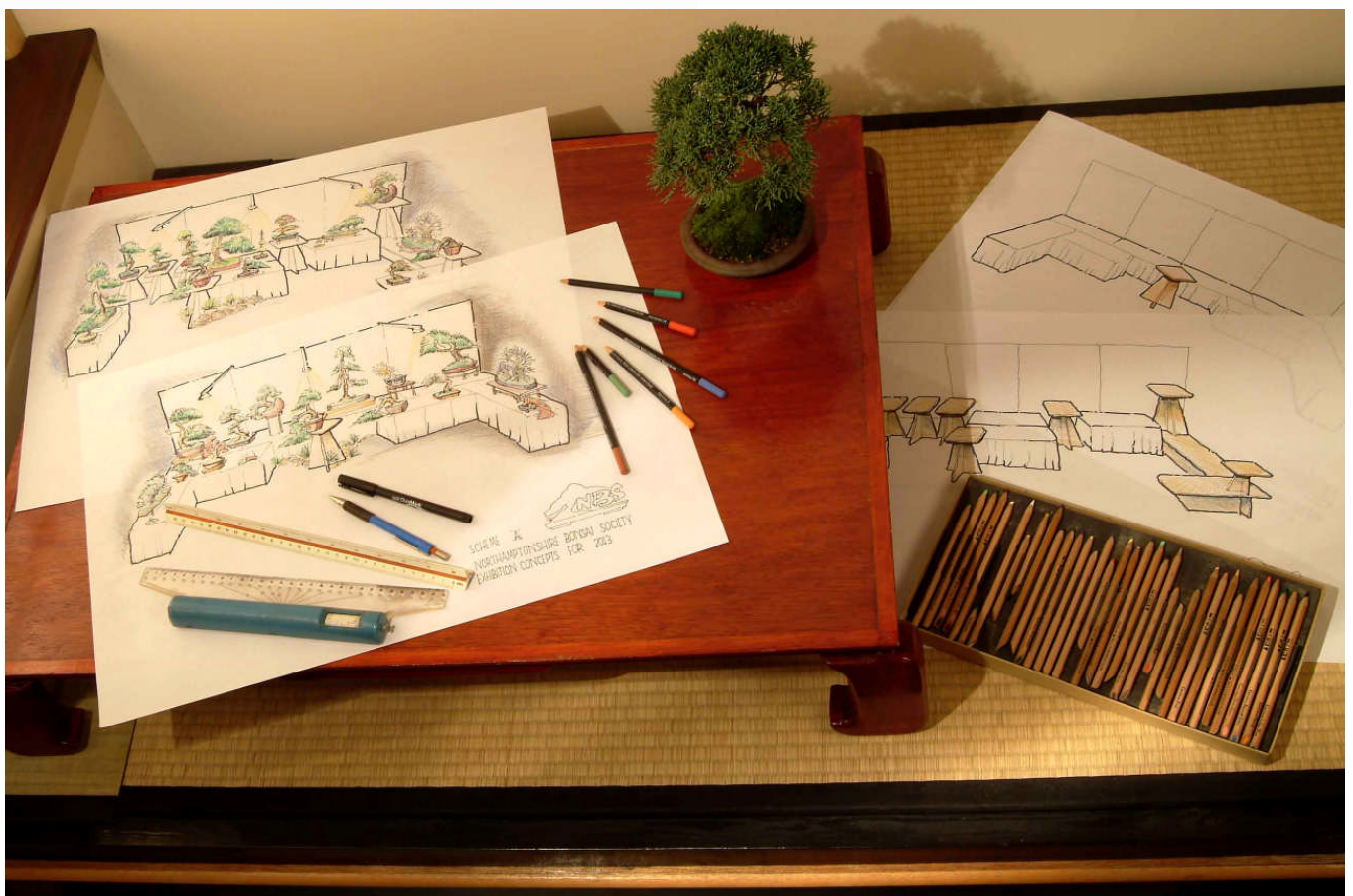
A good strong committee is essential for making things happen, and producing a varied, entertaining calendar for the coming bonsai year. Since it formed more than 20 years ago, the Northamptonshire club has been spotted at many National events exhibiting their trees in an innovative way. Not breaking any moulds, not re-inventing the wheel, but bringing together a number of established themes and techniques to glorify their bonsai rather than cram in every tree that every member created over the last two hundred years. Already they have been plotting and planning, drawing schemes and designing ways.....see below (*like a team of Guy Fawkes' supporters in a darkened room*) to draw public attention to small potted trees from every level of expertise, involving beginners and experienced alike.....*but no fireworks here!*



Stratton Community Centre
Grange Drive
Stratton St Margaret
Swindon
Wiltshire SN3 4JY

Contact Paul on 07982 401103
Show sponsored by
John Pitt Ceramics

www.swindon-bonsai.co.uk



CLUB ACTIVITIES

STOURBRIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY

The members meet every 2nd Sunday, January to November at 13.00hrs at The Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge DY8 4LU. Please contact Maurice on 07919 692180 or email: stourbridgebonsai@yahoo.co.uk

MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Next meeting- 6th December AGM. Meetings are held on 1st Thursdays at the Moseley Cricket Club, Streetsbrook Road, Birmingham B90 3PE starting at 7.30pm. More info- Judith Davison 0121 603 9736 or email: judithkdavison@msn.com visit www.bonsaimidlands.co.uk

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Next meeting 8th January- Slide Show Review of 2012. Meetings 7.30pm at Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon.

NEWBURY & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on 1st Wednesdays except January 7.30pm at Speen Parish Hall, Newbury RG14 1RJ. Most meetings involve hands-on workshops where members work on their own trees with practical advice from other members, with group discussions and presentations about all aspects of bonsai care and culture. More info- Dave 0118 983 3188 or email: newbury.bonsai@btinternet.com

TEES VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on 3rd Tuesdays 7.15pm at Elmwood Community Centre, Greens Lane, Stockton on Tees TS18 5EP. New members and guests welcome. More info- 01287 637734. Email: graham.walker11@ntlworld.com

MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY

Main monthly meetings on 2nd Mondays at Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport SK4 1QP, 8-10pm. January meeting AGM. Monthly bonsai workshops on 3rd Tuesdays at Heaton Chapel Community Centre, Broadstone Hall Road South, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, SK4 5JD, 8-10pm. ALL WELCOME visit - www.manchesterbonsaisociety.org.uk

COTSWOLD BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on first Thursdays except January 7.30pm at The Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2JH. February meeting- Re-potting Workshop. More info, Valerie Claridge 01452 381963.

WIRRAL BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings 8-10pm second Mondays at the RAFA Club, 17 Shrewsbury Road, Prenton CH4 1UU. Monthly workshops on last Sundays 10am - 4pm at Goredale Nurseries, Chester High Road, Burton, South Wirral, Cheshire CH64 8TF. More info- Ian Warhurst 07903 123317 or [Blog/spot==http://www.wirral-bonsai.blogspot.co.uk/](http://www.wirral-bonsai.blogspot.co.uk/)

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Monthly workshop meetings on 2nd Fridays at the United Church Hall, Bell Street, Shaftsbury, Dorset 7.30pm. New members welcome. More info- Geoff 01373 823820 or 01747 853475 email: m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com visit www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Next meeting 3rd January- The chairman Jim Walsh will lead an open forum to discuss winter care and protection. New annual subscriptions due! Monthly meetings on 1st Thursdays at Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South, Northampton. More info- Martin Gregory 01604 407265

NORTH DEVON BONSAI SOCIETY

Meetings at the Methodist Church, Rhododendron Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 2DJ. More info- Roy Hutchison 01398 341440 visit www.bonsai-northdevon.co.uk

SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP

We welcome new members and encourage anyone interested in bonsai to come along to our meetings held at Wivelsfield Village Hall, RH17 7QH on the 4th Wednesday monthly. More info- Peter 01737 241406 or visit- www.sussexbonsaigroup.co.uk

AMBION BONSAI CLUB

Next meeting 31st January- Members' Winter Show. Monthly meetings at Hatters Space Community Centre, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5DN.

NATIONAL BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on 3rd Tuesdays at St George's United Reform Church, Lord Street, Southport at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always made welcome. More info visit: www.thenationalbonsaisociety.co.uk

SHROPSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings 7.30pm on 4th Tuesdays at St Giles Church Hall, Sutton Way, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6EH. Visitors always welcome. More info- Karen Scurry 01743 236737 email: kscurry9@aol.com visit www.shropshirebonsai.org.uk

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on 3rd Tuesdays at The Fellowship Hall, South Parade, Sutton Coldfield.

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on 1st Mondays 7.45pm at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall, Laverstock, Wilts SP1 1RQ. More info on web site.

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings 7.30pm on last Fridays at St Giles Church Hall, Scartho, Grimsby DN33 2EY. Visitors always welcome. More info- John Grimmer 07771 923062 email: john.grimmer@ntlworld.com

THE BONSAI GROUP-ENFIELD

Meetings at Capel Manor College, Bullsmore Lane, Enfield EN1 4RQ most months on 2nd Tuesdays. We always welcome new members. Club programme www.wix.com/bonsaigroupenfield/home

WARMINSTER BONSAI CLUB

Monthly meetings on 3rd Thursdays 7.45pm at Christ Church Hall, Upper Marsh Road, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9PJ. More info on new web site or email: clive.knight@talktalk.net

ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB

Meetings at the Church Hall, Rectory Gardens, South Normanton. More info- Peter Tombs 01283 733210

VALE OF CLWYD BONSAI

Venue; Green Dragon, Unit 9, The Old Depot, Trelanwyd LL18 6DN. We are a group of enthusiasts who meet to work on all things bonsai related. Monthly meetings on 2nd Sundays 3pm-8pm also 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9.0am. You'll find us approachable and full of fun, always keen to talk bonsai and willing to assist, encourage you in this absorbing pastime. More info- Mark 07500005337

EAST MIDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on second Wednesdays 7.30pm at Inham Nook Methodist Church Hall, Pearson Avenue, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 4GQ. New members welcome. We have experienced enthusiasts to offer support and advice on your trees. Google East Midlands Bonsai Society or email: vere.foster@ntlworld.com phone: 07746 969753

These columns are for clubs to announce regular monthly agendas. Email your info to- paul@bonpres.freeserve.co.uk

Here at Bonsai Presentations, we've heard a little bit of gossip on the grapevine, that Kaptain Ken of 'gadgets4bonsai' is getting his head round a new device to assist those who struggle with re-potting large trees when there is no-one else around to lend a hand.

We've had a chat with Ken Moore, and this sounds like an invaluable device to assist work on roots and areas beneath the trunk. We will keep you informed on Ken's progress.

Ken has also visited a number of clubs during the latter half of 2012, to offer some of his essential tools and devices for bonsai styling, plus tips on how to use them to your best advantage.

You can contact him directly by phone- 01604 245939 or Email- gadgets4bonsai@yahoo.co.uk



Bonsai Presentations....helping the bonsai enthusiast achieve higher levels in display, for tokonoma and exhibition. Clubs can also book photographic demo/sessions to have your members' trees beautifully lit and photographed....contact by email- paul@bonpres.freeserve.co.uk

This scroll illustration (*right*) is featured with the Larch on BR66/1. Here, the Langdale Pikes in Lakeland, have their first light dusting of snow on the high peaks.

It is the beginning of change and seasonal events that triggers the psyche to acknowledge the continuation of natural evolution.....use it in your display concepts!

And whilst snow is on the mind, may we wish all supporters of The Bonsai Review, the very best of the season's greetings.

May Santa bring you what you desire, and we hope that next year will bring the best out of your bonsai.

Thank you to everyone who supports this project and especially to those who supply information to share with other bonsai enthusiasts.

This document is sent out free of charge and is not protected by copyright. Please forward it on and give away copies freely.....spread the word and share your enthusiasm. You can use the Club Activities columns to announce your agendas to the bonsai community and there is no charge. If you prefer to have promotional features for public events, please contact The Bonsai Review phone: 01788 510442 or email: paul@bonpres.freeserve.co.uk

The next Bonsai Traders event-
Sunday 14th April 2013 at Ryton on Dunsmore
Members of the Bonsai Traders Association will be ready to supply your seasonal bonsai requirements, with everything bonsai related, conveniently all under one roof.



Here is where you will find plentiful supplies of wire, pots and containers, soils and composts, tables and stands, plant feeds and nutrients, mature specimen bonsai, yamadori and starter material, books and publications, accents and accessories plus tools and specialist equipment.

You can tune in to the community buzz and pick up hints and tips, share and exchange advice, even listen-in on a few closely guarded secrets on how to achieve better results with your bonsai.

There will also be a number of local and regional clubs with exhibition display of their trees for added inspiration.

More info- Corin Tomlinson phone: 0115 9205757

