

UK Bonsai Association

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Bulletin May 21

Welcome to this month's bulletin. Usually, under normal circumstances, this would be the start of the busiest time of the year for bonsai events, something happening every weekend. As we all know last year at this time, because of the pandemic, everything was on hold, a very depressing time. But right now, this year, with most of us starting to receive our second vaccination, things are looking better hopefully day by day. We are promised a return to normal from the 21Jun21, with the lifting of many government restrictions and a return to social gathering. This will hopefully enable many events to return, but with a back log of social events fighting for halls, a return to the normal schedule of bonsai events might be some way off yet.

The Bonsai events section in this bulletin usually publicises all forthcoming events being held in the up and coming month only. It has been pointed out to us that if an event is happening in the first few days of the next month, therefore not currently listed in the immediate bulletin, people will only have a few days notice of the event. We are therefore rectifying this immediately and from now on the bulletin will list the up and coming events for the next two months, giving no less than 4 weeks notice for every event.

Interesting times are now ahead for all us, never before in the history of the UK bonsai scene have so many elements changed in such a short period. Once we have put the pandemic behind us, several other developments will come into play like never before. Many bonsai suppliers have been selling materials online for the first time. Many more of us, using online, have got used to viewing pots further afield from the comfort of our armchairs and then at the click of a mouse having them delivered the next day. Will we go back to visiting our local bonsai nurseries or visiting our local show with the aim of buying supplies? Will demonstrations become an irrelevancy at shows when so many new online videos have sprung up? Again you can watch the best from far afield from the comfort of your armchair. Unfortunately one big change now confronting us all is Brexit. This is already throwing up difficulties for UK traders possible wanting to attend shows abroad, and worst of all enthusiasts wanting to exhibit their trees abroad. Hopefully these and many more changes that have gathered momentum through the pandemic will not take away the amazing experience of visiting a show and seeing the trees in the flesh. Many of these changes might surprise all of us and hopefully lead to a boom in the UK bonsai scene, fingers crossed.

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Tony Ulatowski and his team from the Twickenham Bonsai Club for their Six Nations Of Bonsai online zoom meetings. It must have taken a lot of organising and gave us all the chance to soak up more knowledge from experts further afield. Don't forget online meetings are a relatively easy way of expanding your knowledge on different aspects of bonsai. All you need is your computer and a comfortable chair, link into the talk and ask questions if you so wish to. We would again like to remind everybody that the UK Bonsai Association now has a steering group that meets once a month to discuss all matters bonsai. If you have any comments or ideas worthy of consideration by the steering group please don't hesitate to email us. The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Sunday 6Jun21 at 1900.hrs

Virtual UK Bonsai Show Spring/Summer 1Mar21-31Aug21

We are now two months into the new show, so please let's have your trees in their full Spring image. Your support is appreciated, the show guidelines are listed on the website. Thank you!

Chuhin Trees



BT009

- Species: Wild Olive (*Olea europaea*)
- Origin: Portugal
- Category: Chuhin Plus
- Style: Free Style
- Size: Height of the tree 55.9 cm / 22"
- Potter: British potter
- Stand: gas torch and oiled old fence planks
- History: Owner got this Wild Olive from just outside a village called Purgatorio in the Algarve in Portugal back in the November of 2015
- Date of photo taken: 10Apr21



BT010

- Species: *Prunus spinosa* (Blackthorn)

- Origin: UK Yamadori
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: Semi-cascade
- Size: Height of the tree 30cm / 12"
- Potter: Tony Oswin
- Stand: Elm wood
- History: I bought this tree as collected raw material from Bob Kirby at Rockery Bonsai, Bristol in about 1995. John Pitt made me a crescent pot which suited the tree well for several years until a flying parasol from a neighbour's garden knocked the tree from its
- Date of photo taken: 13 April 2021

Shohin Trees

No entries in May 21

Mame Trees



BT008

- Species: Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*)
- Origin: Cutting (taken 2016)
- Category: Mame
- Style: Informal Upright
- Size: Height of the tree 12cm / 4.7"
- Potter: Tousui
- Stand: None
- History: This is owner's first attempt at mame bonsai. Owner has always liked the mame size bonsai and wanted to see if he could make them and keep them alive whilst being away during the day. This one has developed a lot faster than the others owner has started.
- Date of photo taken: 09/04/2021

Chuhin Pots



- Category: Chuhin
- Style: oval
- Size: Height of the tree 34x26x8cm
- Potter: Dragonfly Bonsai Pots

- History: oval shape, coil built, in stoneware clay with texture.
- Date of photo taken: 22/02/2021

Naked Bonsai Day 1May21

Firstly, I would like to thank the brave contestants for revealing all and secondly, those of you who sent in your respective votes. Your last chance to vote for your top three naked bonsai photos passed on the 25Apr21, we have collected all the votes and now have our top three photos. Well done everybody.



1st Place - Photo A.
Daryn Grossmith



2nd Place - Photo C.
Sean Stolp



3rd Place - Photo B.
Ben Elvy

Bonsai Events May21 & June21

8May21 (Cancelled)
Scottish Bonsai Association National Exhibition
Walker Hall, Municipal Buildings,
South Beach, Troon, Scotland. KA10 6EF.
Adm: £2. Times: 1100-1600.hrs.
Contact: Jeff Banning 07799.477895
Email: jeffbanning@btinternet.com
www.scottishbonsai.org

9May21 (Cancelled)
Surrey Heath Bonsai Show
Lord Pirbright Hall, The Green,
Pirbright, Surrey. GU24 0JE.
Adm £2/£1. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.
Contact: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893
Email: rhodes163@googlemail.com
www.surreyheathbonsai.org.uk

9May21 (Cancelled)
Bedfordshire Bonsai Society
Table Top Sale
Poplars Garden Centre,
Toddington, Bedfordshire. LU5 6HE.
Adm: Free. Times: 1030.hrs.
Contact: Richard Gaiger 07745.507318
Email: r.gaiger@ntlworld.com

16May21 (Cancelled)
Middlesex Bonsai Show
Woodford Hall, Poplars Close,
Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 7BU.
Adm: £2. Times: 1030-1545.hrs.
Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201
Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk
www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

29May21 (Cancelled)
Eastbourne & Wealden Bonsai Show
St Mary's Church Hall,
Decoy Drive, Hampden Park, Eastbourne,
East Sussex. BN22 9PP.
Adm: £2.50. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.
Contact Brian Dale 07756.238356 &
01323.731369
Email: pondy@sky.com

May21 (Cancelled)
Greenwood Bonsai Maple Weekend
Ollerton Road, Arnold, Nottingham. NG5 8PR.
Adm: Free. Times: 1000-1700.hrs
Contact: Corin Tomlinson 0115.9205757
Email: office@bonsai.co.uk
www.bonsai.co.uk

6Jun21 (Cancelled)
Chiltern Bonsai Show
Liston Hall, Chapel Street, Marlow,
Buckinghamshire, SL7 1DD
Adm: £2 -16s Free.
Times: 1000-1600.hrs.
Contact: Michael Pegg & Adrian Garnett
Email: mikew.pegg@btinternet.com
Email: adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com
www.chilternbonsai.org.uk

12&13Jun21 (Postponed)
Mid-Herts Bonsai Society
Kingsbury Barn, Branch Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire. AL3 4SE.
Adm: Free. Times: 1100-1700.hrs
Contact: Geoff Conybeare 07528.614826
Email: info@midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk
www.midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk

13Jun21 (Cancelled)
Bonsai South West Show.
The Pavilion, The Esplanade,
Exmouth. EX8 2AZ.
Adm: £tba. Times: 1000-1630.hrs.
Contact: Brian Mackichan 01392.437525
Email:
brian-mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk
www.exeterbonsaisociety.com

27Jun21 (Cancelled)

Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group Show
Charlton Remembrance Hall,
Charlton, Shaftsbury, Dorset. SP7 0PL.
Adm: £3 -14s Free. Times: 1100-1600.hrs
Contact: Geoff 07837.781744 &
01747.853475
Email: m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

Jun21 (Cancelled)
Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Show
Poplars Garden Centre,
Harlington Road, Toddington,
Bedfordshire. LU5 6HE.
Adm: Free.
Times: 1000-1600 & 1030-1530.hrs.
Contact: Richard Gaiger 07745.507318
Email: r.gaiger@ntlworld.com
www.bedfordshirebonsaisociety.weebly.com

We completely understand that many shows are currently cancelled or on hold. Keeping the date of an event provisionally marked on the events diary gives everybody a clear indication of your intentions to hold an event on a particular date when we come out of this pandemic. Please check out UKBA website for the most up to date information on events.

Bonsai Event Reports

Unfortunately no events in Apr21 to report on.

Club Speaker Nights

At long last clubs are starting to get back to meeting physically with visiting speakers delivering talks and demonstrations. If you are interested in attending a club night as a guest, please confirm all details with the club contact before making the journey.

9Jul21 Fri (1900.hrs)
Ipswich Bonsai Society
Talk by Steve McKee
Preparing a Tree for Showing
Ctc: Dave Fryer 07749.801297
Email: daveafryer@aol.com

Online Talks

UKBA online talk 7Apr21
Yamadori by Sean Stolp
has been uploaded on YouTube
please email
ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com
for the link

Online Zoom talks usually take the format of a talk or demonstration with questions asked during or after the talk lasting a total of approx 2.hours. If you know of any questions you are going to ask prior to the talk, please help us by

letting us know the question when you initially book a space on the meeting. You can book your space on a Zoom meeting up to 24.hrs prior to the talk, but talks are limited to the first 100 persons. Please reserve your space as early as possible. Thank you.

5May21 Wed (1900.hrs)
Zoom Meeting with Morten Albek
Talking about Mame & Shohin Trees
For further details email:
ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com

24May21 Mon (1900.hrs)
Zoom Meeting with Mark Kerry
Talking about Junipers
For further details email:
ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com

As and when you arrange a speaker for a physical or zoom meeting and you want to increase the audience, please advise us and we can advertise your night.

Notice Board

UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1May21 UKBA membership stands at a total of 1621, expanding daily.

3Jul21

UK Bonsai Association
Car Boot / Auction
Hare Hatch Sheeplands,
London Road, Hare Hatch,
Reading, Berkshire. RG10 9HW.
Adm: £3. Times 1000-1400.hrs
Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201
Email: ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com
(Sellers close off date 26Jun21)

25Jul21

Staverton Bonsai Table Top Sale
39 Staverton, Trowbridge,
Wiltshire. BA14 6PA.
Adm: Free. Times: 1000-1600.hrs
Contact: Chris Jefferys 07954.820970
email: jefferyschris@hotmail.com
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk/
staverton-bonsai-group
(Sellers close off date 18Jul21)

Jun21

Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Show
Cancelled

29Aug21

Bonsai Shed Car Booty & Auction
Hill Park Rose Centre,
Wood Stock Lane North,
Thames Ditton, Surrey. KT6 5HN.
Adm: Free. Times: 0900-1200.hrs
Demo: Will Baddeley & Nacho Salar
Ctc: Andrew Barber 07590.595538
Email: foodsmithltd@gmail.com

5Sep21

East Anglian Bonsai Show
A kind invite has gone out to all other clubs if they would like to put on a display at this show, please contact Dave Fryer at Ipswich Bonsai Society daveafryer@aol.com.
17Oct21
Heathrow Bonsai Show
Cancelled

Bonsai Centre

With immediate effect Clive McIntyre announces he is no longer trading from his previous location at Vineries Garden Centre and has moved to a new location. Visitors are by appointment only.

Ctc: Clive McIntyre 07740.203602
Email: admin@thebonsaicentre.com

Monthly Tasks

Below is a list of bonsai tasks to be carried out during the month of May, it must be adapted to your localised conditions and is meant only as a general advisory list of tasks for the bonsai enthusiast.

Bonsai in May

Spring is in full flow, albeit some frosts in some areas with still fairly cold nights but hopefully all your bonsai trees have come through the winter and are coping with the cold nights here in the UK. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in May but for individual species check out some of the other species-specific posts.

Watering

In the UK it has been a fairly dry winter so continue to check your trees daily and water as required but start to increase your watering with the buds now pushing and leaves opening. Water in the mornings ideally to avoid the colder temperatures at night. Spray any repotted trees to ensure they do not dry out. It has been a fairly dry start so ensure to water well as the leaves are developing and particularly flowering trees.

Re-potting

You should now have completed your spring repotting for most species so keep an eye on the trees you have repotted.

For any trees that you are not repotting still remove the top surface and re-top dress to remove any crusting on the surface to improve airflow and drainage down through the soil. Plus clean the pots of the trees if they have got green algae forming on them.

Feeding

For broadleaved trees, start feeding any trees that are now out in leaf that you did not repot while do not feed those repotted in April / May yet, wait till the end of May. Start increasing the feeding of evergreen trees as they start to show more signs of stronger growth.

Tropical trees and Evergreens can continue to be fed with a low nitrogen feed to maintain health and vigor at the onset of spring. Feed flowering trees that have not been repotted yet like Forsythia, Chamomiles, Cherry, Akebia etc.

Ideal feeding at this time is liquid feed as the watering regime has picked up and you can feed with each watering, and the general rule is little and often.

Pruning

Species to avoid pruning in Spring due to potential for sap bleeding would be Acer, Betula, Carpinus, Carya, Juglans, Magnolia, Morus, Populus and Tilia.

Remove unwanted branches and look for dead branches now that you can see the new buds swelling and clean out any dead branches before the leaves fully flush. Prune back any

branches that are too long to a suitable live bud pointing in the right direction. Seal any large wounds with cut paste. Younger trees that are being developed can have unwanted branches removed and for older trees check that callus wood is forming on old wounds and if necessary re-cut or carve to promote callus wood formation.

De-candling

This is the time to de-candle or cut in half the candles on 2 needle pines.

Trimming

Now that the leaves are present continue to maintain the shape through regular trimming and remove the terminal shoot in some species to aid with creating a more compact form. Continue to prune tropical trees to maintain their shape and trim the new shoots.

Where too much growth is expected and buds are well advanced, removal of unwanted future twigs may be anticipated by pinching out buds now. Where density is required of foliage, pinch or remove the terminal bud to promote side buds to develop. This is also a good opportunity to check buds to see if they are viable. Leaf cutting or full defoliation is applicable for some species like maples but ensure that they are vigorous and healthy before you carry out a full defoliation and it may be more suitable to do a section of % at anyone time.

Root pruning

This is not applicable at present unless any trees are being repotted but for the majority of species they should already have been done.

Insects and pests

Check for the newly emerging bugs and pests like green and black fly, red spider mite, scale insect, mealy bug as well as vine weevil beetles. With the onset of warmer weather insect pests can start to emerge and are more likely to appear on the new shoots and leaves.

Watch out for the on set of mildew and prune out any damaged leaves or treat any infestations if found.

Moss and weed control
Continue to keep this in check and treat or remove unwanted moss and remove any newly forming weeds.

Wiring

Wiring can be started on some of the larger branches.

Protection

Continue to protect from late frosts as it is still not very warm outside and ensure to harden off leaves before moving your trees out from a cold greenhouse.

Assessment

Continue to update your bonsai records and photograph your trees to record their progress.

Tools

This is something everyone should do each time they use their tools but often it is not easy to do depending on how often

you are using your tools. However, it is good practice to clean and sharpen your tools after use and this is a good time to go through your tool kits and clean them up before the start of the pruning season.

Display areas

If you have trees out in display areas check that they are not drying out or getting too much sun and ensure they have shade if required as the temperatures during the day currently are fairly hot whilst the nights are cold. Also check for wind protection and stability of trees

Propagation

This is the time to take conifer cuttings.

**Collectables
Pin Badges**

Please check out the pin badge section under collectables on the website, if you have any badges we have not listed, please send us an image of the badge and we will add it to the section. Thank you

This month we are highlighting pin badges from the Australia, see website for more badges.

Australian Badges



Megumi's Bonsai Kai Sydney
Image supplied by Dan Barton



AABC Bonsai 2000
Image supplied by Jim Gould



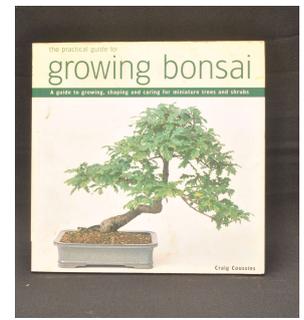
Bayside Bonsai Club
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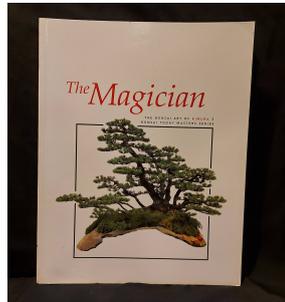
Goshu Bonsai Australia
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Books

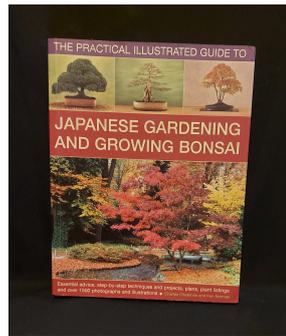
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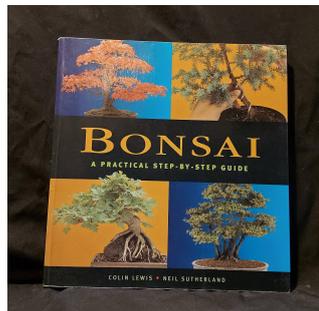
Craig Coussins
Growing Bonsai
Published: 2001
ISBN: 184092330X
Image supplied by Mark Moreland



Bonsai Today
Magician Bonsai Art Of Kimura 2
Published: 2007
ISBN: 9780976755043
Image supplied by Simon Tudor



Charles Chesshire & Ken Norman
Japanese Gardening & Growing Bonsai
Published: 2011
ISBN: 857233548
Image supplied by David Swinhard



Colin Lewis & Neil Sutherland
Bonsai Practical Step By Step
Published: 2002
ISBN: 1901683036
Image supplied by Simon Tudor

May21 Quiz
word Sudoku using
BONSAI GUY

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Answers to Apr21 Quiz

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| 9 GREECE | 4 JAPAN |
| 12 SOUTH KOREA | 5 CANADA |
| 13 CHILE | 6 SPAIN |
| 14 GEORGIA | 7 EIRE |
| 15 BHUTAN | 8 BELGIUM |
| 17 USA | 10 PORTUGAL |
| 18 MONGOLIA | 16 UK |
| 19 ITALY | |

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