

UK Bonsai Association

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Bulletin Dec20

The last month of 2020 and what an extraordinary year it's been, one like we have never experienced before.

Firstly may I take this opportunity to wish everybody in the bonsai world a Happy Christmas and a plea to everybody to celebrate the festival season in a safe manor.

Secondly, this year will go down as the year nearly all physical club nights and shows have had to be cancelled, something that has never happened in the history of UK bonsai before. These challenging times have led to one or two new developments, helped on by the corona virus pandemic and the ever need of the bonsai community to come together. Some clubs reluctantly have had to put all club nights on hold, but some have successfully moved meetings to virtual gatherings in the form of internet Zoom meetings, with mixed results up and down the country.

This year saw the first Virtual UK Bonsai Show which, surprisingly for the first attempt, has been a positive move, filling a complete vacuum of no shows and ticking a lot of boxes.

The most welcome news recently is that a vaccine may be available in the new year, allowing us all to pause and communally give a sigh of relief. The transitional period from a period of chaos back to some sort of normality, may unfortunately also be a prolonged period. Club nights can start up pretty quickly but shows take a little bit longer to organise. Both virtual meetings and the virtual Show will be vehicles to take us through this period of adjustment back to normality, but both have been so successful in their own rights that these platforms will in one way or another continue into the future. In keeping with the above statement if you are organising a zoom meeting and want to open it up to a wider audience, please send us the details and we will pass the information onto the membership via the monthly bulletin.

Virtual UK Bonsai Show 2021

Following the success of this years Virtual show we hereby launch the show for 2021, please start sending in your entries as soon as possible. Due to the continued prospect of bonsai shows in the UK being cancelled possibly well into the new year of 2021, we will still include entries of trees who's pictures were taken as far back as 1Jan19 at old shows. So pictures can have been taken anytime between 1Jan19 and 25Nov21, for the 2021 show, but not previously entered in the 2020 show. Trees do not always look their best on the day of a conventional show, one of

the great advantages of a virtual show is you can show your tree in its beautiful autumn colours or whenever it's looking it's best. We therefore ask that if you have a tree now looking beautiful in autumn colours, or a tree showing off its bare winter structure with no foliage, please send your entries in. Virtual show, like anything in life, is going to develop and hopefully meet the ever changing expectations of the association's membership. It has been suggested that we introduce certain size categories into the show. This will allow Mame and Shohin enthusiasts to have a section all of their own and not be out shone by their bigger companions. So in keeping we will introduce for this years coming show the following size categories:

Mame tree (upto 12cm)

Shohin tree (12-22cm)

Chuhin tree (22cm Plus)

Also suggested was the idea of high-lighting UK pot makers, so if you have physically made a pot yourself as far back as 1Jan19, please send us your entries, this is open to hobbyists and professionals alike, see website for full criteria. We will run this along side the tree show with very similar criteria and again divide the pot show into three different size categories:

Mame Pot

Shohin Pots

Chuhin Pots

You can enter up to a total of 3 trees in any of the tree categories and/or up to a total of 3 pots in any of the pot categories. When entering a tree and/or pots into the show please see website for further guidelines.

Each category will appropriately have their own Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, voted for by the membership 1-19Dec21 Results being announced in the bulletin Jan22.



- Species: Maple (Acer Palmatum Dissectum)
 - Origin: U.K.
 - Category: Chuhin
 - Style: Cascade
 - Height of Tree: 17"/43cms
 - Potter: Natural Lava boulder hollowed out by owner
 - Stand: homemade
 - History: Grown from seed collected from another dissectum bonsai in 1989, germinated 1990 and grown in a rockery for 14 years and was potted up in 2004. Put into the rock container in 2009. Length reduced by 2/3rds in 2011, as it was becoming unmanageable. The leaves are green throughout the rest of the year.
 - Date: 20th.October 2020
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Bonsai Events

Unfortunately no events scheduled in Dec20.

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

Bonsai Event Reports

Unfortunately no events in Nov20 to report on.

Club Speaker Nights

As and when you book a speaker for a physical meeting or organise a zoom meeting, please advise us and we can advertise your night.

Notice Board

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Thanking you for your support, today total UKBA membership stands at 1241, expanding daily.

Nebari TV – Claud Jackson

Nebari Tv is the first and only media outlet delivering Bonsai content in this format. Providing insight into the beautiful world of bonsai in a way of which has never been done before. Bringing more awareness to the fascinating living art to those who practice it.

This month Nebari tv features footage of Alex Hammonds Amazing Bonsai collection.

We interview Faisal Waheedy and discuss his fascinating Bonsai journey so far.

We talk Bonsai with José The Spanish Gardener.

In depth interview with Tony Tickle. As well as a sneak peek into Bill Bakers Beautiful Bonsai collection and his journey so far.

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<https://instagram.com/nebaritv>

You can also connect with us on Facebook at

<https://m.facebook.com/NebariTV/>

For more information please do contact us and we will forward your details on.

Southampton Trees

Southampton Trees with immediate effect will be known as Collette's Bonsai with a new phone number: 07867.688614 and a new email: bonsaitrees@live.com trading from a new address, by appointment only.

Lost And Found

Please don't forget if for any reason your trees go missing, the UKBA website has a lost and found section. At the same time we will publicise the information on the bulletin, therefore maximizing your chances of tracing the lost trees.

Bonsai Club International Magazine

Bonsai & Stone Appreciation 2020 Q4
 Contact: www.bonsai-bci.com
 Latest edition highlighting:
 Anita Bajpai from India talks about making Penjing.
 Danilo Scursatone from Italy working on a Mugo from the Graian Alps
 David DeGroot from USA displaying Shohin.
 Gudrum Benz from Germany visiting Tiger Hill Penjing Garden in China.
 Marco Tarozzo from Italy working on a pine.
 Martin Englert from Germany talks pots.
 Roland Schatzer from Italy talking air layering.

Bonsai Focus 2020 Nov/Dec 167/190

Contact:www.bonsaifocus.com
 Latest edition highlighting:
 Andrew Sellman from Australia visits the Gafu-Ten Japan show and talks shohin.
 Harry Harrington from UK talking Autumn tasks.
 Jerome Kellerhals from USA talking styling and caring for a jade tree.
 Maria Jose Gonzalez from Spain talks about the balance between function and beauty in her pots.
 Manuel Germade from Spain deals with a Buxus.
 Martin Nielsen from Denmark talks us through a case history a Larch.
 Sergio Cuan from USA talking about his passion for naked trees.
 Report on the 45th Gafu-ten Bonsai Show in Japan held 10-12Jan20.

Monthly Tasks

December (Early Winter)

Introduction

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

All trees will have completely slowed down with deciduous trees going completely into their dormancy period, care must be still taken and a watchful eye given to excessive rain over wetting pots, coupled with high winds and the occasional frosts.

● **Watering**

Check each tree individually for water requirements, water sparingly preferably in the morning and never water soil that is frozen, also keep a careful eye on trees under winter protection for drying out.

● **Feeding**

No feed to be given to Deciduous trees but one light chemical feed application can be given to evergreens.

● **Pruning: None required**

● **Wiring**

Deciduous tree are now dormant and therefore very brittle, it is not a good time to bend or wire branches.

● **Re-potting: None should be done**

● **Location**

Deciduous trees out of leaf trees may require winter protection including some fleshy rooted evergreens.

● **Pests: No spray**

● **Propagation**

Not a good time for any propagation or wild tree collection ground often frozen.

● **General**

Make notes in your diary of all up and coming shows you might attend next year

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 United States, see website for more badges.

United States Badge



Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies 1999



Valvannis Tour 1999



Wildwood Gardens



Wonderful World Of Bonsai 1987

Books

If you can personally recommend a book, old or new and we don't have it listed on the website, please send us an image and the details

Dec20 Quiz

Tree Troubles

This month's quiz requires a small amount of knowledge about pests and diseases, which as bonsai enthusiasts we should all be well aware. The questions describe some of the pests and diseases seen in bonsai. Fill in the answers into the first grid then transfer the letters into the second grid to reveal a useful phrase.

- 1) Unhealthy bronzing of leaves with fine silky webbing. (3,6,4)
- 2) White powdery patches on leaves in dry weather. (6)
- 3) Adults cut out notches on leaf margins. Grubs eat roots. (4,6)
- 4) Adults suck sap. Protected by hard shell. Stay in one place. (5,6)
- 5) Branches covered in white waxy fluff to protect these sap suckers. (6,5)
- 6) Grubs produce irregular shaped blisters or tunnels within the leaf, particularly holly. (4,5)
- 7) White woolly tufts seen on and between leaf scales of conifers. (8)
- 8) Crusty dark bands with cracked or sunken areas of bark.. Branches die if encircled. (6)
- 9) Fungus produces thickening and unsightly swelling in leaves of azaleas. (6,4)
- 10) Large colonies of this honey dew producing sap sucking insect can be a serious pest. (5,3)
- 11) Leaves start with red/brown spots followed by distorted ragged brown-edged holes

Answers to Nov 2020 Quiz

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