

UK Bonsai Association

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Bulletin Nov20

Even with the coronavirus now in its second wave, turning many of our lives up side down, whether in your back garden or on a country walk, the wonders of the natural world in the form of Autumn have been amazing this year. I am astonished sometimes how different and varied the experiences can be depending where you are located in the UK. A maple can be in full summer foliage in one location and at the same time, in another place, completely out of leaf along with everything in between, especially this year with the weather we have been experiencing.

The British are renowned for talking about the weather but this year has seen a few records broken. We have had the wettest February on record, followed by May giving us the sunniest calendar month on record, followed by August temperatures above 34c for six days in a row for the first time. 3Oct20 giving us the wettest day for UK wide rainfall since records began in 1891. These new extremes of weather we are experiencing look likely to be an ongoing dilemma we will face for many years to come. As we all know the trickiest and hardest skill to master is the skill of correctly watering our trees. Many of us have experience of this to our detriment. It looks therefore that the art of watering, and use of correct soil mixes, is going to become an even more essential skill for all of us to master for the sake of our trees. There's no easy formula, the guidelines set out in our monthly task list are exactly what they say 'guidelines', it's up to individuals up and down the country to disseminate information and apply it to their local conditions as they feel fit. Knowledge is always adjustable, never set in stone, so if you have any constructive comments for the monthly task list you would like to share please let us know as soon as possible, thank you.

It's with great pity this month that we have to advise of so many show cancellations for next year, we all know why, but its still depressing news.

difficult to appreciate trees on a virtual platform but especially at the moment in these times of no physical shows it successfully fills a gap.

Choosing your five favourite trees seems an easy task, but as many of you probably experienced it's not so straight forward as one thinks.

For the sake of fairness in the voting process we have not mentioned the tree owner's names. Everybody was voting purely for their favourite trees and not any bonsai personalities. And also, in keeping with protecting their names, we will not divulge the winning trees owner's names publicly, their names will only appear on their certificates. This is purely for security reasons and hopefully to encourage more people worried about privacy to come forward with possible exhibits next year.

We have decided in the spirit of inclusivity not to have all out winners but to recognise excellence by awarding the top ten voted for trees with a gold award certificate. The next ten will be awarded silver award certificates with the following ten with bronze award certificates. We hope this captures the spirit and importance of taking part and not that of winning all the time.

In the last bulletin I asked the question: I wonder if anyone will be able to correctly guess the top five trees? Well in keeping with all of the above I can confirm six people managed to predict four of the top ten trees. One vote from Clive & Enid Jones of Solent Bonsai Society and Chichester Bonsai Society stood out, four of their favourite trees came in the top ten with a total of 14 points, followed by one person with 13 points and another four people with 12 points. Well done all of you but a special well done to Clive and Enid.

In no particular order below are the images of the winning trees



A087 Mountain Maple



A090 Juniper



A044 Hinoki

Gold Awards



A085 English Yew



A023 Blackthorn



A016 Hawthorn

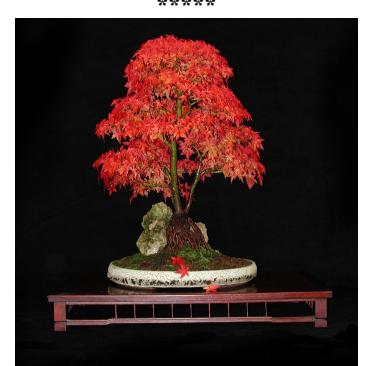
Virtual UK Bonsai Show 2020

Well it's come to a finish, the first Virtual UK bonsai Show organised by the UK Bonsai Association. We would like to thank both those who entered trees and everybody who sent in their votes. We were so pleased to see some trees that have never been previously exhibited at any show in the UK. Obviously it's more

Silver Awards













A011 White pine.



A118 Juniper



A030 Larch



A069 Stewartia



A091 Shrubby Honeysuckle



A093 Coral bark Maple



A062 Hawthorn



A009 White pine



A033 White Pine



A115 Ginko



A075 European beech

Virtual Show 2021

Following the success of this years Virtual show we hereby launch the show for 2021, please start sending in your entries immediately. Pictures must have been taken between the 1Oct20 and 19Sep21. 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 its looking its 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, 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 into the show please see website for further rules.

Each category will appropriately have their own Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, voted for by the membership next Oct21

Bonsai Events

15Nov20 (11Aug20 Cancelled)

Stourbridge Bonsai Winter Show

The Bonded Warehouse,

Canal Street, Stourbridge. DY8 4LU.

Adm: tba. Times: 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Rod White 07780.653905

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Bonsai Event Reports

Unfortunately no events in Oct20 to report on.

13Sep20

Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Car Boot Sale

Eaton Bray Village Hall, Eaton Bray,

Dunstable, Bedfordshire. LU6 2DJ

27Sep20

Doncaster Car Boot Sale

Markham Grange Nursery, Longlands Lane,

Brodsworth, Doncaster, DN5 7XB.

27Sep20

Flit Bonsai & Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Car Boot Sale

Community Tree Nursery, Clophill Road,

Maulden, Bedfordshire. MK45 2AF.

Club Speaker Nights

As and when you book a speaker, please advise us and we can advertise the night.

Notice Board

1Sep20

Thanking you for your support, today total UKBA membership stands at 1170, expanding daily

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31Jan21 (13Oct20 Cancelled)

UK Bonsai Association Auction

In conjunction with a

Suiseki / Saikei / Mame show

Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane,

Harlington, Middlesex. UB3 1PB.

14Feb21 (21Oct20 Cancelled)

Swindon Bonsai Society Winter Image Show

Stratton Leisure Centre, Grange Drive,

Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4JY.

11Apr21 (13Oct20 Cancelled)

Expo Bonsai UK

Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane,

Harlington, Middlesex. UB3 1PB.

9-11Jul21 (19Oct20 Cancelled)

British International Bonsai Show

Incorporating

The European Bonsai Association Show

British Motor Museum, Gaydon,

Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ.

19-20Feb22

Trophy Bonsai Show,

Genk, Belgium

13-16Oct22

9th World Bonsai Convention

Perth, Australia.

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 form while delivering educational information to those who practice it. Interviews this month include.

Alex Rudd of

European Bonsai Potter Collective.

Peter Warren of Saruyama Bonsai.

Bill Baker.

Harry Harrington of Bonsai 4 me.

Steve Kitchman of China Mist.

Alex Hammond.

Peter Chan of Herons Bonsai.

Blake Lewis.

For more information on Nebari TV or if you would like to feature on an episode please do contact us and we will forward your details on.

Foundations Of Bonsai - Harry Harrington

We have been advised the new 2nd edition of Foundations Of Bonsai book by Harry Harrington is immediately available at bonsai4me.com/shop. This book has been updated with 60-70 new images and 16 new pages, reflecting the very latest in bonsai techniques for the beginner or for the long time enthusiast. ISBN: 9789535651550

Monthly Tasks

Introduction

November (Late Autumn)

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

This month signals the end of Autumn. You will see your trees gradually losing their magnificent coloured foliage and showing off their bare structure, a very important time to carefully assess the year's branch growth. Days have become shorter and temperatures lower, most deciduous trees will now be completely bare of foliage, time to think carefully about what trees may need protection through the winter period, expect more rain and possible frosts.

● Watering

Check each tree individually for water requirements, water sparingly and only where necessary and do not water soil that is frozen

● Feeding

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

● Pruning

Remove all leaves from deciduous trees including fruit, berries and seeds, except beech and some oak. Good time to prune out of leaf deciduous trees to shape.

● Wiring

Once the deciduous trees have lost their foliage its a good time to wire or adjust/remove wire.

● Repotting

None should be done

● Location

Deciduous trees out of leaf may require winter protection

● Pests

Wash/Spray deciduous tree trunks and branches with 30:1 lime sulphur solution to kill/prevent insects/their eggs from overwintering.

● Propagation

Wild trees can now be prepared for collection in the coming spring from open ground.

Hardwood cuttings can now be taken from leafless shoots of dormant trees

General

Photograph trees in their winter image.

Clean all pots

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 Japan, see website for more badges.

Books

We would like to thank two members for recommending two books that we have added to the website list:

Modern Bonsai Practise
by Larry Morton & Walter Pall
ISBN: 9780692521397

And
Understand Bonsai
by Pieter Loubser
ISBN: 1412058953

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

Japan Badges



Bonsai Saitama Japan 2017



Kunio Kobayashi



Omiya Bonsai



Takamatsu Bonsai (2)

Quiz

Bonsai Sudoku

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Info:-

Using the letters
ELM BONSAI
try and work this sudoku.

Answers

to Logistic Puzzle Oct20

- A Somerset 5th Juniper
- B Cornwall 4th Pine
- C Dorset 1st Larch
- D Devon 2nd Elm
- E Wilts 3rd Maple

--- Geoff Conybear

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