

EBS Newsletter
August 2019



From the Chairman:

Dear EBS Members

A few evenings ago, I was making homemade mayonnaise-not that I have a vendetta against tangy mayonnaise.

Crosse and Blackwell has its place but (1) when you want to raise a dish to new culinary level or when a subtle taste is required, homemade is the way to go:

Basic Mayonnaise recipe(450-650ml)

(2) Round bottomed glass or stainless-steel bowl (warmed and dried), folded cloth to prevent bowl slipping, large wire whisk

(3) 3 egg yolks

(4) Beat egg yolks 2 minutes till thick and sticky.

(5) 1 tablespoon lemon juice/vinegar, half teaspoon salt, half teaspoon dry mustard

(6) Beat a further 30 seconds

(7) Half or three-quarter pint olive oil (room temperature)

(8) Add oil drop by drop and don't stop beating till sauce has thickened. Be sure that egg yolk absorbs all oil till sauce thicken to a heavy cream.

(9) Add 2 tablespoons water-this is anti-curdling insurance (10) Taste, add salt, white pepper, mustard if needed.

(11) Enjoy your labour

(12) This basic recipe can be applied to other sauces in the Mayonnaise family like:

Mayonnaise Verte, Sauce Riviera, Sauce Tartare (basis of hard-boiled eggs), Sauce Remoulade (anchovies, capers, pickles), Sauce Aioli (garlic Mayonnaise) or

(13) to the warm sauces of the Hollandaise family that uses butter rather than oil (beaten over slight heat) including

Sauce Mousseline (with whipped cream), Sauce Bearnaise, Sauce Charon (with Tomato), Sauce Colbert (with meat glaze) and many others.

NO-I haven't gone totally mad. I realise this is the EBS newsletter and not Classic French Cooking 101, but Mayonnaise and Bonsai have more in common than one might think:

(1) Homemade is mostly better than shop bought

(2) Basic tools are needed

(3) Basic ingredients-nursery stock/ plants grown from cuttings.

(4) Boring labour-like wiring

(5) More items needed-maybe tape, growing pots, growing medium, sealing paste.

(6) More labour-wiring, pruning, re potting

(7) Fertiliser

(8) Long steady work-clip and grow, pruning, ramification

(9) Spare sacrificial branch-insurance

(10) Refine, adjust potting position, pot up

(11) Display and enjoy your tree

(12) The basic tools and techniques used can be applied with appropriate tweaking various indigenous or

(13) Exotic trees.

July Meeting

Different techniques are shared and presented by members of our club and visiting demonstrators as we were honoured to have at our July meeting. The highly knowledgeable Kathy Steyn not only gave advice and critted club members trees but worked for nearly 3 hours non-stop demonstrating her masterly carving skills.

Safety tips

Kathy wont worked on a wired tree- tools can get tangled in wires.

She always anchors tools in some way –against her body or pot.

Always have both hands on the tool at all time.

Wear denim rather than fleece etc- easier to remove wood chips.

Wear peak cap, protective eye wear and gloves.



Small leaf Privet

Kathy showed Ligustrum raft style where central trunk died-there was no space for grinder, and she indicated Dremmel will do the job

Red Ivory- Anthony

Central thick trunk was cut and started sprouting on all sides. Kathy wired newly sprouted trees away from trunk to allow space to work. Take straight central trunk and shape it as if stump was broken (by Elephants perhaps) with a smashed top. The straight trunk had movement created and bits hollowed out. “work with what tree has and enhance it” Kathy suggests using cold water glue diluted by half with water to seal carving rather than lime sulphur-it gives a more natural look. Reseal once a year.



Next up was a **Ficus** group with several dead trunks.

Not a good candidate for carving. A very fibrous tree-you cannot preserve dead wood. Stumps just rot away.

Use hand tools/Stanley knife and cut dead wood away until you get live wood. Hollow out trunk with knob cutter. Seal with cutting paste. Cambium will roll over. You cannot do jin or shari on figs. They can have hollow trunks.





Yesterday, Today Tomorrow- Kathy T

Lovely material from a garden urban Yamadori. Chalk lines show where trunks to be cut and Kathy showed how planting angle will change look of tree. Can't be a slanting tree as Yesterday Today Tomorrow has an upright growth pattern like Celtis. Kathy suggested that dead part of tree be sealed with pond sealer or undiluted wood glue before being planted underground.

Chines Maple –Kanti

Only cut when COMPLETELY dormant. If sap still runs wounds won't seal. Cut behind extended buds and tree will bud back. This tree is not a bush so show as a natural tree and show trunk. Within 2 years will be ready to show.



Semi cascade-Lynn R

Back branch and apex died. Carve dead wood to add interest. Heavy base so if planting angle is changed it won't look if tree is falling out of pot. Feed, feed, feed.



Fig –Gina R

Pot is too small. No drainage. Trunk has nice taper. Base to be planted deeper.



Thank you Robbie



Celtis – Linda M

Use Funginex or Rosecare with brush to get rid of black residue. Kathy created shari down front and thinned a main branch to look more natural.

KATHY STEYN SOIL MIX

Use a 5liter bucket as measure

- 5 Bucket compost
- 1 Bucket seedling soil
- 1 Bucket potting soil
- 1 Bucket garden soil
- 3 Bucket stone
- 1 Bucket fine charcoal
- 2 kg bone meal
- 1kg bloodmeal
- 1 kg agricultural lime.

Mix well. Keep damp in closed bags till using

KATHY'S CUTTING MIX

Equal parts river sand, vermiculite, fine charcoal. Put in container that you are going to use for cuttings. Water well. Punch holes for cuttings dipped in root hormone with chopstick. Press soil down well. Cover with plastic. Don't water for 2 weeks. After that water when needed. When cuttings are strong, open completely.

Thank you to all members that brought so many trees that it filled 3 tables and some. It shows how interested everyone is in carving and dremmeling and taking their trees to next level. We will definitely invite Kathy back soon.

Kathy has recently been on 2 visits to Eastern Province Bonsai Club to share her skills. Just see what type of carving can be achieved after 2 workshops.

BIRTHDAYS

To all July Birthdays

Jeanette on the 5th, Kappi Paulse 20th and new member Melissa Massey on the 30th. Hope you were all spoilt rotten and wishing you a great year ahead.

AUGUST DEM

The highly knowledgeable Lynn R will show and tell...all about repotting. The perfect time for you to re pot.

BONSAI TALK

We urgently need a club member that is prepared to do a talk at a ladies group in Randburg. "Why Bonsai as a hobby." Half an hour to three quarters of an hour. There is a small payment. Please give me a call if you can assist.

*Happy potting...Until next time
Anthony.*

Rafael Torres Spain

International speaker at ABC5 Bonsai Convention

Rafael Torres, instructor of the Spanish Bonsai Association and owner of 'Bonsaisense' in Mallorca, has a bonsai school with more than 50 students.



One of the challenges was to create an international bonsai school with Bjorn Bjorholm and Rafael Torres as instructors.

Rafael Torres has participated in several demonstrations nationwide and he is planning to continue participating in several international and national congresses throughout the next years, also as a bonsai professional he works for a large number of private collections of Spanish and European collectors, in addition to offering workshops and classes for both amateurs and associations

AFRICAN BONSAI CONVENTION (ABC5) 24-27 October 2019

To be held at Safari Garden Centre in Lynnwood, Pretoria. PROGRAM

Three international artists will be in attendance, over and above several local artists and promises to be an exceptional experience. Please visit the website for more information

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

08:00-09:00 Registration
09:00-09:15 Welcome speech
09:15-09:30 Opening
09:30-10:00 Tea Break
10:00-12:00 Demonstration (Rafael Torres)
12:00-13:00 Lunch break
13:00-15:00 Demonstration (Rafael Torres)
15:00-15:30 Tea break
15:30-17:00 Demonstration (Vian Herbst and Mack Boshoff)
17:00-18:00 AGM
18:00-21:00 Welcoming party (Cocktail)
[13:00-17:00 New Talent Competition](#)
[Thursday Workshop](#)
[10:00-15:00 Workshop \(Mauro Stemberger & Robert Mahler\)](#)

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019

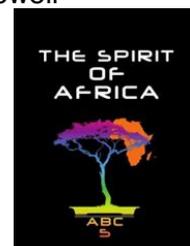
08:00-08:30 Registration
08:30-10:00 Demonstration (Rafael Torres)
10:00-10:30 Tea break
10:30-12:00 Demonstration (Rafael Torres)
12:00-12:15 Raffle
12:15-13:00 Lunch break
13:00-15:00 Demonstration (Mauro Stemberger)
15:00-15:30 Tea break
15:30-17:00 Demonstration (Mauro Stemberger)
17:00-17:15 Raffle
17:15 onwards Braai and prize giving
[Saturday Workshops](#)
[08:30-12:00 Workshop \(Mauro Stemberger & Robert Mahler\)](#)
[13:00-17:00 Workshop \(Rafael Torres & Robert Mahler\)](#)

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

08:00-08:30 Registration
08:30-10:00 Demonstration (Mauro Stemberger)
10:00-10:30 Tea break
10:30-12:00 Demonstration (Mauro Stemberger)
12:00-12:15 Raffle
12:15-13:00 Lunch break
13:00-15:00 Demonstration (Robert Mahler)
15:00-15:30 Tea break
15:30-17:00 Demonstration (Robert Mahler)
13:00-17:00 Workshop (Rafael Torres & Mauro Stemberger)
17:00-17:15 Raffle
[Friday Workshops](#)
[08:30-12:00 Workshop \(Rafael Torres & Robert Mahler\)](#)
[13:00-17:00 Workshop \(Rafael Torres & Mauro Stemberger\)](#)

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

09:00-09:30 Registration
09:30-11:00 Demonstration (Viky Petermann & Brett Simon)
11:00-11:30 Tea break
11:30-13:00 Presentation on how to show trees (Robert Mahler)
13:00-13:15 Raffle
13:15-14:00 Acknowledgements / Farewell



General:

Workshops

The club offers a workshop every meeting and members are encouraged to bring trees for working on and advise.

Remember bonsai is best supported through doing.

EBS on the web

Website: <http://www.ebs.org.za/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/easternbonsaisociety>

Shop

The Club shop will be open from 11:30 - 12:30hrs, preceding a club meeting, at Hospice.

Library

The library will be open from 11:30 - 12:30hrs preceding a club meeting, at Hospice. Please note books are taken out on a monthly basis. Kindly return books on time.

Brat News

2019		
31 August	Shibui	Top 10
24-27 October	Pretoria	ABC 5 Convention

Brat attendance fee is R120, which includes tea and lunch.
Brat Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Brat.page>

Cake Roster

Name

Month

Fred Oudmayer
Gerhardt Buchner
Lynn Reynolds

August
September
October

Contact Kathy T

Every meeting is a mini show

Lucky draw on all trees brought by members to work on. Prize R50 voucher for EBS shop.

Raffle table

Any of those trees or pots that are in your way could find a happy new owner via the raffle table. Any bonsai or non-bonsai related items are welcome.

Thank you to people who brought items for the raffle table. It is highly appreciated. Raffle tickets are still R5.00 each. The raffle table will have plenty of items available- support the club and buy raffle tickets.

Things to do for August

- Check for scale and white fly.
 - Complete winter pruning on all species except ficus and acacia. Wait for November.
 - Repotting of swamps, celtis, elms, privets, oaks, beech etc. (Tvl) starts now just before bud breaks. Watch carefully.
 - Repot young trees every two years and mature trees every five years.
 - Repot wisteria as they start budding.
 - Conifers can be repotted now.
 - After repotting put in shade for 6 weeks without fertilizer.
 - Water twice daily in berg wind conditions (Cape).
 - Plan Yamadori digs.
- Take root cuttings from deciduous e.g. wisteria, serrisa, elms, celtis etc.

*Conditions differ from region to region. Consult with local club.

Cups and teaspoons

Should any member have spare coffee/tea mugs and teaspoons at home that they would like to donate to the club it would be much appreciated. Hospice crockery and cutlery is not always available and polystyrene cups and plastic teaspoons are really only for emergencies.

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Next committee meeting is on Saturday 10 August 2019, at 11:00hrs.