



EBS Newsletter

December 2019



From the Chairman:

Dear EBS Members

“Like sand through the hourglass, so is the days of our lives”

The hourglass has always been seen as the “perfect female form” but in Bonsai it could be seen as “inverted taper”.

Apologies if I sound like the well-known TV soap opera... but how true it is.

Another year has whizzed by and all our trees are a year older, a year more developed, a year more refined, and we are a year more mature and wiser. And what a year it was; with its ups and downs, challenges, highlights and achievements.

Several members of the Bonsai fraternity, including our own Dave W were diagnosed with cancer. Not only did Dave survive, but emerged victorious from the battle. Our positive thoughts and prayers are with those that are still fighting this disease.

Eleven times President of EBS, Errol Rubin, passed away in January this year.



New Members

The following new members were welcomed to the club:

Husnudeen Isaacs
Ismail Sallie
Sadie Kukkuk
Melissa Massey

Vaughan Brenchley and our newest member
Nelle van der Linde.

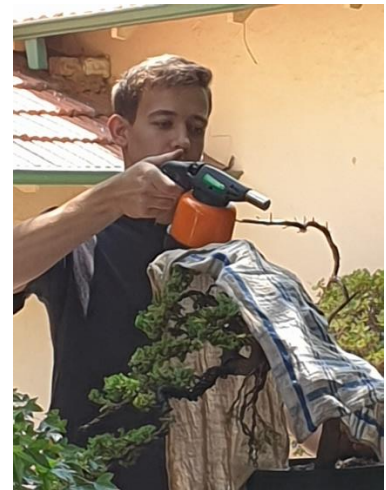
Judith van Dingelen were also welcomed back to EBS.
We welcome you to the EBS family.



November Meeting

Shaundre gave feedback of the ABC5 Convention and showed the Junipers that he worked on during the workshops with Mauro Stemberger, Rafael Torres and Robert Mahler.

Shaundre demonstrated how to use a blow touch on a juniper.



EBS had a stand at Garden Shop in Parktown North during October this year, and so successful was the event that they have approached us to do for events with them in October 2020. Thank you to all that was involved. We are looking into doing a similar event in the Eastern part of Jozi soon.

The ABC5 Convention held in Pretoria during October was a huge success.

Demonstrations/Talks

We are awaiting confirmation from Attie Louw for our January meeting. Talk on Acacias.

Please give us topics that you would like to have discussed or demonstrators you would like to see so that we can finalise our 2020 programme.

SABA news

To all new members; Our club is affiliated to SABA (South African Bonsai Association) as well as BRAT (see below) Part of you EBS membership fees go to both these associations. Both these associations present various Bonsai events which members attend at a reduced price. SABA AGM was held in October and a new committee chosen.

Congratulations to new president Org Exley (Pretoria) and Vice President Ben-Herman Pieterse (Cape). Membership fees to SABA will remain the same. Congratulations to Vicky Petermann that received a Lifetime Achiever award.

SABA is currently in the process of reviewing the Bonsai Photo completion and once we receive the new rules and regulations, we will forward them.

Mini Bonsai Convention to be held in Durban the first or second week of November 2020.

BRAT (Bonsai Regional Association Transvaal) news

The following BRAT days are scheduled for 2020:

To all the new members: BRAT days are a one day event hosted by a club with 4 demonstrations as well as a Bonsai show. These days are highly informative and cost R120 including teas and lunch. Please support these clubs. A great deal of effort and hard work goes in to these days.

29th February- Bonsai Addicts- Pretoria

30th May – Our own EBS-Johannesburg

29th August-East Rand Bonsai Kai-Johannesburg

31st October-Suikerbos Bonsai Kai- Heidelberg

December Birthdays

-Congratulations to all. May you have a blessed day.

1st December Husnudeen Isaacs

7th December Nelle van der Linde

12th December Linda Matz

24th December Gerhard Buchner

December meeting Saturday 14th December

Beginners course 11-12.30 Session 5

Bonsai styles. Brief history of Bonsai. Position of Bonsai in garden.

Committee meeting 11-12.30

Year-end function 12.30 onwards

Please notify me if you are attending for catering purposes @ 084 3577 348. We will braai Boerewors rolls R25 each. Please bring some snacks and something to drink. Tea and coffee supplied

Bring a tree to our last workshop of the year

Bring a favourite tree or a tree decorated for Christmas to stand a chance to win R50 shop voucher



To those not coming to the December meeting, please travel safely and have a reliable Bonsai sitter. My committee and I wish all members a happy and peaceful festive season.

Looking forward to seeing you and your Bonsai next year.

Best wishes Anthony

2019 Photo calendar from March

Hobby X



March Hobby X Exhibition



March BRAT Talk on cascade style



April- Andre de Cahna- Root over rock demonstration



May-Yatish Ponee with Mame dem



June- Winter exhibition



July Kathy Steyn with carving dem



August- Lynn Reynolds with repotting demonstration



September Judith van Dingelen with Azaleas demonstration



Garden Shop Parktown nursery exhibition and public engagement



October Maples information by Kathy Sen



November-Shaundre provides feedback on ABC5



December- End of year workshop

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.

Every meeting is a mini show

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

Cake Roster

Name	Month
Volunteer needed	December
Khanti	January
Volunteer needed	February
Volunteer needed	March

Contact Kathy T

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.

BRAT Events

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Things to do for December

- Check for pests and diseases. Remove weeds.
- Water twice a daily in hot weather.
- No fertilizing if too hot. Reverse osmosis occurs.
- Repotted of ficus and evergreens continues.
- Summer pruning and styling on all trees.
- Shoot pruning all pines – single and multi-flush.
- Defoliate bougainvilleas. Prune and style.
- Check wire bite and remove where necessary.
- Check all cuttings, air layerings and root cuttings for development of roots. Repot into suitable containers.
- Swamp cypress and Wisteria need extra watering.

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

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.

Banking details
ABSA Bank
Branch Sandton
Account holder name- Eastern Bonsai Society
Account number -711951156

AUTUMN BONSAI FESTIVAL 6

01 May to 03 May 2020
 Pine Lodge Resort, GEORGE
 HEADLINER
David De Groot
 "INSPIRATIONAL BONSAI INTERACTIONS"



Program

DATE	TIME	
FRIDAY 01 May	14h00 to 14h30	David De Groot - Introduction
	14h30 to 15h30	David De Groot - Demo / Lecture
	15h30 to 16h00	Tea
	16h00 to 17h00	Cindy Rodkin - Bonsai inspiration
SATURDAY 02 May	09h00 to 10h30	David De Groot - Tree Critique, Exhibition trees
	10h30 to 11h30	David De Groot - Demo / Lecture
	11h30 to 12h00	Tea
	12h00 to 13h00	Tobie Kleynhans - New Bonsai material
	13h00 to 14h00	Lunch
	14h00 to 16h00	David De Groot - Demo / Lecture
	16h00 to 16h30	Tea
	16h30 to 17h30	Hennie Nel - Branch structure of Mame & Shohin
	18h00 to late	Spilthraai
SUNDAY 03 May	09h00 to 10h30	David De Groot - Demo / Lecture
	10h30 to 11h00	Tea
	11h00 to 12h00	Antony Smith - New Bonsai Techniques
	14h00 to 17h00	David De Groot - Workshop 50 Cj Langenhoven street - Only 8 Spots - R500 pp

Committee Members:

Chairman	Anthony Bosman	084 557 7348
Vice Chairman	Dave Wilson	082 923 2538
Secretary	Kathy Tinney	072 999 9672
Treasurer	Alan Russell	082 766 0670
BRAT Representative	Dave Wilson	082 923 2538
New members & Membership	Jennifer Georgeson	082 336 5425
Website	Naseem Ebrahim	084 401 2379
Raffle & Tree Sales	Yatish Poonee	
Committee member	Clive Cosser	083 876 4581
Committee member	Gerhardt Buchner	082 805 2037
Committee member	Vaughan Brenchley	
SABA Representative	Hansie Bekker	082 820 4306
Facebook	Annetia Russell	

Next committee meeting is on Saturday 14 December 2019, at 11:00hrs.