

EBS
Newsletter
June 2019



From the Chairman

Dear EBS Members

Recently, I found this picture in a magazine and I photographed it.

It shows a calm, serene scene with a perfect balance of water (reflecting tree canopy above and large expanses of sky above), of cooling shallow water with a mirror like finish, surrounded by healthy trees and rustic man made wall and lovely stone lantern at the end of a path hinting at what lies beyond. A beautiful picture with great composition, colour and, wonderful tactile texture in tree trunks and stone wall. Truly an art piece.

The picture for me represents Bonsai in a way: calm and relaxing. Suggesting rather than just telling. Allowing our mind to create a story, a fantasy... Heaven. Man. Earth. And beyond that stone lantern, beckoning us to explore further. in my mind's eye is a beautiful well composed Bonsai en.

In reality, sadly the approach to my bonsai area is across a lawn, past the washing line, no beautiful pavers or stone lantern. One can dream, however.



The days are getting shorter and the nights colder, so please protect your trees. I have noticed quite a lot of yellowing leaves on my figs as the tree that protected them last winter has recently been pruned and they are feeling the chill.

May meeting

Our May meeting went well with Yatish doing a great presentation with a large group of his Mame's. See the article and photos in this newsletter.

One thing that I realised, with Andre (April demo) and Yatish in May, is that our members have a treasure trove of knowledge to share with us and we hope that in future each and every member gets a change to share their knowledge.

June Yearly show

Our Yearly show is on 8th and 9th of June and we are all looking forward to a different show than our normal October one.

Also remember our New Talent competition as well as our AGM taking place during the show. Cost of trees for those who are competing is R150.

Farewell

Angela Laughton has been a long-standing member of EBS for more than 20 years but has bid the club farewell. She has other hobbies and would like to travel more and therefore has stopped doing bonsai. Angela has systematically been reducing her trees and has kindly donated some pots for our July raffle table. We wish Angela well.

Articles.

Articles for our EBS newsletter are urgently needed and greatly wanted.

You do NOT have to be an advanced member to send in a contribution.

We always need fresh material.

Please do not leave it up to somebody else, because they are depending on YOU to do it, so get those photos and articles rolling in.

Until next time.

Anthoney.

Annual exhibition

Exhibition times - Saturday 8 June 09:00 - 16:00hrs

Sunday 9 June 09:00 - 15:00hrs

Club events- Friday	12:00	Set up
Saturday	10:00 – 11:00	AGM.
Sunday	10:00 – 13:00	New Talent Competition.
Sunday	15:00	Take down

Please send a list of trees for exhibition to Anthoney, Jennifer or Kathy T -Common name, Botanical name, Style of Bonsai, Date when styled as a bonsai, for tree labels to be made timeously.

Members will be required to assist in the running of the event, kindly volunteer.

Tasks	Member to assist
Friday set up	
Saturday- Entrance tickets Shop Tree hospital Member tree sales Talk to visitors about EBS	
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Mame Talk by Yatish Ponee



Thank you Yatish for an indepth talk on creating and caring for Mame bonsai.

The starting point to create mames is often from cuttings when pruning other trees such as elms, junipers, paper bark, burt davyi, cotoneaster, box wood and scented myrtle. These cuttings are placed in a flat tray(kept on pebbles in the shade) that is always on hand when working on trees. At times cuttings are planted in Cultera seedling mix, however his experience is that cuttings take faster if one uses "stale" soil (Seedling mix that have been lying around in your potting area for a while). Rooting hormone powder such as Dyna root is used. Yatish has had success with Elm root cuttings which can be tied together to create 'very curvy trees'. Remember to plant the roots the correct side up!

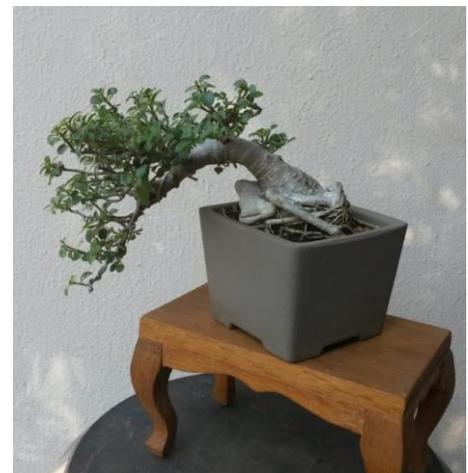
Fertilizer is used as on all bonsai such as- Seagrow, Nitrosol (in summer only), Bounce Back, pellet organic fertilizer can be ground down to powder and put on soil and now in Autumn Epsom salt can be used.

Mames are to be kept out of direct sun, especially maples, to prevent sun damage to leaves. Morning sun for 3 hours , 6-9am is perfect. The mame pots can be housed ideally on a geyser tray filled with river sand or pebbles to create a microclimate and create moisture around plants.

Mame are watered with a fine spray. Moss is used to retain moisture in the small pots. It keeps the soil in the pot as rain/hosepipe watering splashes it out. Do not over water.

Repotting is only addressed when the Mame is root bound, sometimes as long as once in 10 years.

The opportunities to create Mame are numerous, however a large amount of patience by the grower is needed as some species take many years to establish roots. All bonsai styles can be achieved with the same techniques as used on larger bonsai. Yatish showed us many beautiful examples of Mame in different style: forest planting, root over rock and broom to name a few. The plant types: Chinese elm, juniper, paper bark, burtt davyi, serissa, small leaf privet.



Ficus

The lasting impression from the talk was that creating Mame is achievable and starts with growing cuttings and continues with the care and insight of the grower to achieve these mini gems.



Serissa



Cotoneaster



Elms



Ficus



Paper bark

Article

Philippines passes new law

The Independent in the UK published an interesting article:

Gary Alejano that represents the Philippines' Magdolo Party announced that the government passed a law that to graduate each student have to plant 10 trees. With 12 million students graduating from elementary school and nearly 5 million students graduating from high school, and 500 000 graduating from college each year, this initiative, if properly implemented will ensure that at least 175 MILLION trees would be planted each year.

"In the course of one generation no less than 525 BILLION trees can be planted under this initiative"

Even with a survival rate of 10%, this would mean an additional 525 MILLION trees would be available for the youth to enjoy. The trees will apparently be planted in mangroves, existing forests, military ranges, abandoned mining sites, some protected areas as well as some urban areas.

The species selected for the planting will be appropriate to each location, topography, area and climate. There will be a preference for indigenous species.

Besides the immediate carbon absorbing impact of the trees, it is hoped that this legislation will bring environmental understanding to future generations and further ecological initiatives.

The Department of Education and a Commission on higher education will together implement and ensure compliance of the bill.

The Philippines is one of the world's most deforested countries. Their total forest cover has dropped 70% to just 20% during the 20th century. Illegal logging remains a huge problem for the country. The lack of trees in some areas has increased the risk and impacts of landslides and floods.

This article has made me think of what a huge difference a project like this will make for our country. Whilst we in Johannesburg live in the biggest man-made forest in Africa, there are huge parts of our country that is dry and with few trees. Imagine what a difference hundreds of thousands of water-wise Spekboom (Portulacarea) and Euphorbia and thousands of Boababs will make to places like the Karoo.

AFRICAN BONSAI CONVENTION (ABC5) 24-27 October 2019

To be held at Safari Garden Centre in Lynnwood, Pretoria

To highlight the pricing:

Full convention early bird available until 31 July is R1975 per person.

Daily registration is available too, at R600 per day (4 days in total, so the early bird registration offers a saving of almost 20%)

Workshops are to be booked additionally at R500 per workshop (2 on Thursday, 4 on Friday and 4 on Saturday)

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

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Dorlan Fourle - Master of Ceremonies

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

- 08:00-09:00 Registration
 - 09:00-09:15 Welcome speech (Org Exley Committee Chairperson & Jonathan Cain ABA President)
 - 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 continued (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
 - 10:00-15:00 Workshop (Mauro Stemberger & 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 continued (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 continued (Robert Mahler)
 - 17:00-17:15 Raffle
- 08:30-12:00 Workshop (Rafael Torres & Robert Mahler)
 - 13:00-17:00 Workshop (Rafael Torres & Mauro Stemberger)

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 continued (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 continued (Mauro Stemberger)
 - 17:00-17:15 Raffle
 - 17:15 onwards Braai and prize giving
- 08:30-12:00 Workshop (Mauro Stemberger & Robert Mahler)
 - 13:00-17:00 Workshop (Rafael Torres & Robert Mahler)

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

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

THE SPIRIT OF AFRICA



24 – 27 OCTOBER 2019
SAFARI GARDEN CENTRE,
LYNNWOOD ROAD, PRETORIA
REGISTRATION:
CONVENTION FEE- R2500
EARLY BIRD-31 JULY- R1975
www.abc5.co.za

The Selection Committee is looking for world class trees to show;

Each paid up SABA individual may show up to 10 trees, any size or species. Deadline to submit photos is 1 AUGUST 2019. Photos to be accompanied by name of artist, tree species, size, height, width, depth and estimated age. Please email all submissions to hannesthel@gmail.com

General:

Brat News

2019

29 June	Midway	AGM & New Talent
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
Kathy S (AGM)	June
Keith	July
	August
	September

Things to do for June

- Check for mildew and fungus.
- Start winter pruning of swamp, celtis, elms, maples, etc.
- June/July repot swamps.
- Winter styling and branch structure wiring starts now.
- Be careful when bending /wiring azaleas, bougainvillaea, fuchsias and maples. They are very brittle. Use raffia.

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

- Check winter protection against frost, snow, etc.
- Check pots for damage.
- Clean and sharpen tools.
- Collect suiseki (Stones and pebbles).
- Water carefully.

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Next committee meeting date to be advised, after AGM.