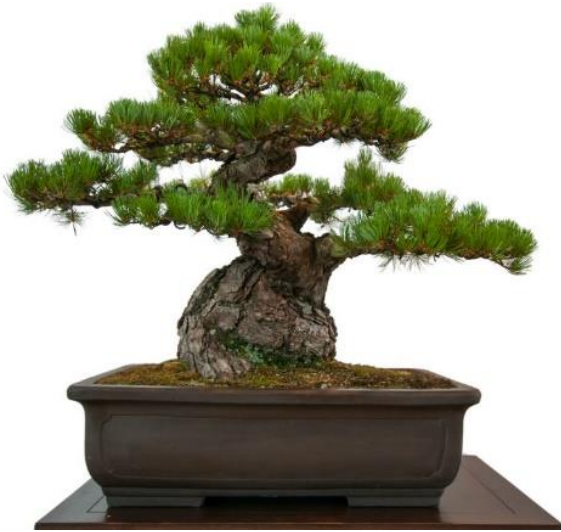


EBS Newsletter May 2019



From the Chairman:

Dear EBS Members

March is the start of autumn, normally a warm month with very little rain. This March and April has been very wet, and the temperature has dropped significantly. The result is that our bonsai soil is waterlogged/ very wet and we here for have to feed our trees, a bit more this autumn, as all the nutrients have been drained from the soil. Also remember to start protecting the sensitive ones from cold spells.

April meeting

The 18 people that attended our April meeting, experienced an entertaining and yet highly informative demo done by Andre De Cahna, the King of Rock (and Roll) rock planting, in his personal fun style. He brought several trees in Root over rock, root in – and on-rock styles to show and 6 tree and rock plantings that he worked on in an hour!

It was so informative that I want to share it with the members that couldn't make our meeting.



This rock(above right) came from Cape Town and has been in pot for 2 years. Points that Andre pointed out: new roots cling to rock where as old ones don't. Plant the tree on a crevice as if a seed fell there and germinated.



Andre used thick cork that is used to isolate a cold room and drew lines on it to look like a brick wall. It looks like a double wall with a cavity between 2 layers in to which he planted Juniper Procumbens Nana 3-5 years grown from cuttings. Andre grows these in flat tray to encourage one sided ling root. Please note how one side of "wall" opens to re pot.





A little tree grown from cutting. Planted a month on rock. Andre adds moss for detail and to keep soil from being washed off when watered (wrap roots and moss in cling wrap).



A Burt Davyi collected 20 years ago at Kaya Rocks next to path. Here Andre fits rocks around and underneath roots.



Here is an Olifantsfontein rock that had a hole in its side that Andre enlarged. In the hole he planted a Fig from Dikhololo with slightly pointed leaves. This planting Andre generously donated to the raffle table and we sold 20 raffle tickets.



Tips

If rock is not stable in pot, then glue rock to a tile and place in pot. Do NOT glue rock to pot as you can't re pot. Choose a tree that fits the rock and that is stable on/ over rock.

Natal Fig has smaller roots but bigger than Burt Davyi that gets big strong roots and small leaves (leaves also reduce well).

You can also use an air layer with small roots-it will grasp root. Once again, when planted, wrap clingwrap around tightly over tree, rock et al. Then plant rock and tree wrapped bundle in big pot and fill space between clingwrap and outside pot with river sand or gravel to push roots against rock. When watering, water inside this cling wrap.

Andre's demo was truly inspiring and of such quality as one would expect to see at BRAT meetings.

Truly a great meeting with lovely weather. Eats supplied by yours truly and a great milk tart supplied by Hansie's wife.

Shop

New pots, wire and turntables have arrived with a large variety of pots suitable for groups and forest plantings. Prices vary from R45, to only 4 of the pots over R500. All the new pots have been loaded on website by Naseem for viewing.

May meeting

- Shop will be open as per usual.
- Two short Dems/ Talks by our club members.
 - Yatish will talk on cultivation and care of Mame, with some examples from his collection.
 - Kanti will do a "show and tell" with his pomegranate bonsai.
- Please bring a list of all your trees that you will show at our Winter in June show. We need the botanical as well as common name. Style of tree and Year styled as Bonsai. Kathy T would like to start preparing labels for the show.
- Young talent/ New talent will take place from just after committee meeting. **TIME TO BE ADVISED.** Participants to bring own tools and wire. The allocated time is 3 hours, judging will take place thereafter the winner is announced. A short critique on each tree will be given.

Birthday Wishes.

April birthdays: Andre de Canha on the 15th and Fred on the 20th. We hope that you both had a great day and that you were spoiled by your loved ones.

May: Keith on the 1st, Keshlin on the 6th and Gina on the 14th. Wishing you all a blessed day.

June Show

REMEMBER our show is on 8 and 9th JUNE with setup 7th of June. This change, on month, is due to ABC 5 Conference being held in October.

We don't only need deciduous trees showing fine ramification (the public might think the trees have all died) but also the evergreens for colour and foliage texture.

There will be a table to sell trees with normal commission to EBS.

Remember as a club, this is our main chance to raise money, so if you have extra pots, bonsai or garden books etc. that you no longer need, please donate them to the club sale table.

Please guys and girls, let's build on last year's success (Last year we had more people attending our show on Saturday alone than we had the previous two years together) and have an even better show.

See you all on the 11th of May.

Process of styling a bonsai tree for the New Talent Competition by Fred and Shaundre, December 2015 on Juniper Chinensis

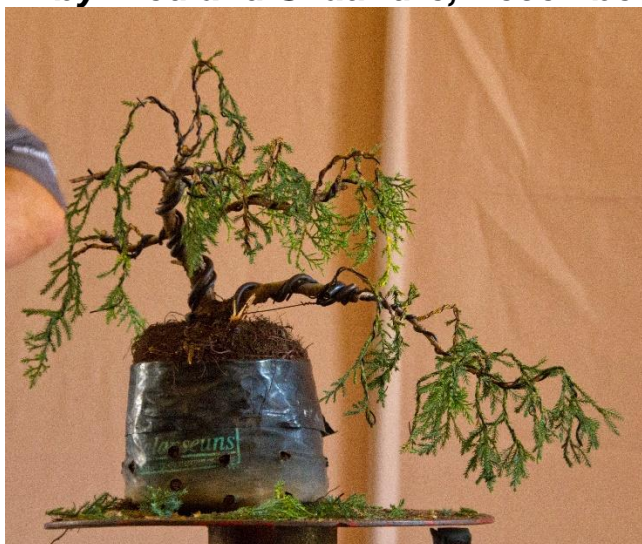


Photo by Gina

- Investigate the **nebari** on tree
- Remove excess foliage
- Determine the front of the tree
- Determine **trunk line**
- Determine style.
- Cut/ trim/ **Branches/** wire/ style
- Include a gin or shari

Design a three-dimensional, naturalistic tree.

Keep wire the same colour.

Bend the ends of wires back (looks tidier).

Do not cross wires.

Mix cut paste with soil to seal.

Wire all branches then place.

Notes from Kathy T

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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:

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 Club library will not be open due to New Talent Competition and Winter Show in June.
In July 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 | | |
|---------------|----------|------------------|
| 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 |
|-------------|-------|
| Gina | May |
| Winter Show | June |
| Keith | July |

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 May

- Check for pests and diseases. Remove weeds.
- Check for scale on oaks, mallus etc
- Last month to fertilize
- Feed flowering, fruit trees 3:1:5 for winter.
- Branches of deciduous trees, elms, Celtis etc., must be cut back to one / two nodules
- Final pruning on flowering fruit species, wisteria, erythrina, citrus, pomegranate, quince etc.

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

- Do needle reduction and equalization on all pines – single or multi flush.
- Bottlebrush, mountain cedar and coral trees need less water.
- Stop watering Baobabs until October.
- Plan next season's repotting and styling.
- Apply Lime sulphur to deadwood.
- Plan for frost protection.
- Water carefully.

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Next committee meeting to be advised, shortly.