REDLANDS BONSAI

Newsletter of the Redlands Bonsai Society

March 2023

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President's Message

Hello folks,

Our annual show is just around the corner and preparations are in full swing. If you are displaying a tree this year, you will need to send your paperwork to karen.freeland@outlook.com
We will need our usual supply of helpers in the sales area and display area on the Saturday for set up. If you haven't assisted before, but want to help, that's fine we will be able to find you a job.
We have ordered a lovely trophy for the novice category and encourage our newer members to give it a go and enter a tree. Three years' experience and less is considered a novice.
We will be having our own judging team for this year. A group of our most experienced senior members lead by Steve will be choosing the shows winners. We will invite Glenis Bebb to give out a BCI award.
Looking forward to another great show with some amazing trees.

Karen 😀

Upcoming Events 2023

- **RBS Annual Show 26th March**
- **Bonsai Foundation Program**
- **Bimer Bonsai Society – Show May 6&7**
- **AABC – National Convention - Perth WA May 19 - 22**

Bonsai Foundations program

We now have sufficient bookings to proceed with the Bonsai Foundations program this year. Venue bookings have been made and we are all set to start straight after the show. The dates are:

- April 2, 23
- May 7
- June 11, 25
- July 9, 30
- August 6, 27
- Sept 10

If anyone is interested in participating in this great training program who has not yet registered, please contact Steve Cullum directly.

Club Purchase Information for Members

The club has taken delivery of 3 pallets of soil mediums for your convenience. Details below:

- Diatomite bags (Kleensorb) for $39 per bag.
- Zeolite 2.2+ mm size for $25 per bag
- Scoria 5mm size for $22 per bag

Please see Karen if you are interested in purchasing any product.

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In My Garden – February 2023

Nearly show time again. Picking show trees is hard enough but then comes picking what to sell.

Normally I can ruthlessly muster quite a lot but this year the 'sellers' bench is fairly light on, only 10 or so. As is the case in most years, at this time of year my benches are over full with not enough space between the growing masses. I really need to make space.

And yet I find myself caught between being unable yet to part with so much of what I have and at the same time attracted to the idea of only growing a limited number of small number of species. I really will do it one day. I can feel it getting closer. I've already bought into the idea of 'going native'; well except for the 4 junipers and three swampy's and don't mention the elms. Their day will come just not yet please.

One could just grow Melaleucas and nothing else, but they are just the start of it. I guess we all can fall into the attractive trap of being tree (species) collectors as well as bonsai enthusiasts, but then you find with our natives that these things align and the collection grows and the benches bulge!

Well, that hasn't really helped. If anyone has the answer, please let me know. Meanwhile I'm going outside to build a new bench.

Happy bonsai,

Steve

Trees from last year's annual show

EXHIBITORS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Forms for exhibition trees will be attached to this newsletter.
Please supply the trees information to Karen - karen.freeland@outlook.com so that the layout of the display can be planned.
When preparing your trees, please place a removable ID tag with the same information supplied to Karen, so they can be easily matched with the prepared label, and include your initials as ID. All accessories, stands and accents should have name of owner written somewhere underneath.
Trees will be displayed in their size classes.
If you are entering the Novice class, please write this on the tag as well.

SETUP:

Setup will be from approximately 1pm on Saturday March 25th and show trees to go into the hall from approximately 3pm. Trees can be marshalled in the foyer while we set up. Please can we have as many people as possible to help with setup.

The Exhibition will run from 9:00am to approximately 4pm on Sunday, March 26th. Clean up and pack up will be straight after closing. Again, many hands make light work, please help where you can.

The successful operation of the show needs everyone to take a share of the many tasks, from front desk, to sales, as well as keeping an eye on the exhibition area.
We'll do what we can to keep the rotation of jobs happening so no one gets bored. Last exhibition we had a great response from members, and we are relying on your support again this time to allow us to have a successful exhibition.

SELLERS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

All financial members are invited to provide items for sale. Commissions to the club will be 20% this year, however if you exhibit a tree, the commission will be discounted to 10%.
Plant sales will be in the same room as previous years. For those members with items to sell, please register your availability to assist on the day with Karen. We will need at least four people on the checkout and more for rotation throughout the day.
A copy of the Sales Inventory Sheet will be attached with this newsletter. If you want to sell anything at the show, please fill out this form and give it to Karen on the Saturday.
Sellers are asked to attach price tags to each item. The tag should contain three items of information, one your price, the item number, and your initials. The tag is removed on sale and retained to determine distribution of proceeds.
No tag means no sale. Tags are readily available at most newsagents, or you can make your own. You should have other appropriate descriptive information on the sale item as well. (Species/age etc if it's a tree, for example.)
For security this should be in a form that is not able to be removed or shifted to a different item. Masking tape is the preferred material to use for this since it's difficult to re-attach once it's been peeled off.
Pricing advice: For small items please keep prices to round dollars. Anything over $30 make the steps in $5 jumps.
For established bonsai consider the following guide: The likely nursery price for a tree of that height, plus $10 for each year of age, plus the cost of the pot. You can then adjust this for the quality of the bonsai.
If you want to change a price of an item during the day, you will need to replace the fixed tag, the sales tag, and edit the sales inventory form. One change in three places, so be prepared.

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR TREE:

Please see below how to measure the height and width of your show tree.
Height - Measure from the rim of the pot to the top of the foliage.

Width – Measure the widest point of your show tree. Please note this may be either the pot or the foliage.
Please measure in millimetres.

RBS Meeting February 2023

Our February meeting was used to workshop our trees and several trees were critiqued by our senior members before entering into our annual show.

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RBS Members Trees displayed Feb

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RBS Meeting Protocol

Our meetings are held at the **Wellington Point Recreation Hall,** 347-371 Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point QLD 4160, unless otherwise noted. Our annual show is generally held at the Donald Simpson Centre in Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. You will find the yearly program on the last page of our newsletter. Watch this space for the 2023 program calendar or check out the website.

The hall will be open at 11am for members and visitors' meetings, with committee meetings to be held from 11am before each normal meeting.

Foundations Development Program

This is a course of 8 x 3hr lessons, please talk to Steve C if you wish to join in this program.

Learners' Group

The group is designed for informal tuition and coaching from 11am to 12:00 pm on meeting days when a demonstration or presentation is scheduled. Senior members will be available to offer advice and support. Please check program calendar at end of newsletter for dates.

Workshops

Meetings generally consist of workshops and/or demonstrations. Tables will be provided for members to work on their trees.

Bring trees that need work, or trees for which you would like some advice. More experienced members are encouraged to share their accumulated knowledge with the newer members.

Name Badges

Name badges are provided by the club, and we hope that you wear them at the meeting, so everyone can converse freely.

Door Prize / Raffle

At each meeting there will be door and raffle prizes drawn. Members displaying trees will be given a free raffle ticket. Do not forget to let the people on the front desk know you are entitled to a free ticket if you have brought a display tree.

Annual Fees

Fees for 2023.

Our membership fees for 2023 will be $40 for a single and $50 for a family. We will be removing the monthly $2 entry charge. There will still be a raffle for those who want to participate. Fees are due by the end of this year (2022).

Banking details for online renewals as follows:

Name: Redlands Bonsai Society Inc – BSB

633000 – Account 169724416

Fee arrangements are as follows:

- Annual fees are payable from the date of the AGM in November, for the following calendar year.
- For members, fees unpaid on 31st March in the year make the member unfinancial and no newsletter or other club services will be available until membership fees are paid.
- New Members who join the club in the first 6 months of the calendar year pay full membership rates.
- Members joining after 30th June pay ½ fee for that year. They will thereafter be required to pay a full year fee from November for the following calendar year.
- Participation in exhibiting in the annual show, selling product at the show or at meetings, receiving the newsletter and voting at the AGM are not available to non-financial members

Workshop Meetings

Workshop Meetings are scheduled as outlined below in the yearly calendar.

The purpose of these workshop meetings is for both novice and experienced members to work on and discuss their bonsai trees in an informal environment. Experienced bonsai artists are available to answer and assist with any queries and questions. Please reach out to any of these members. Always remember advice comes with many opinions so weigh up all the information provided and follow the advice you are most comfortable with. What story do you want your trees to tell?

Your Committee Members for 2023

President: Karen F.

Vice President: Heather L.

Treasurer: Nick J.

Secretary: Noreen C.

New member greeter: Julie B.

Newsletter: Rod C.

Member: Mel B.

Member: Julie B.

Member: Sandy C.

Member: Ryan

Please consider joining the committee to help add your voice to the operation of the club. It is always good to get feedback and suggestions and your input is always welcome to advance the club experience.

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REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY - PROGRAM FOR 2023				
Month	**Date**	**Day**	**Meetings and Workshops**	**Additional activities**
January	**28**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Foster tree return / Show raffle tree rework with Steve	Learners group from 11am
February	**25**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			AGM 2022/2023 Prep your trees for show / Workshop	From 12pm
March	**25**	**Sat**	Show Setup	
	26	**Sun**	**Annual Show**	
April	**22**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Forest trees bring back and forest making demo	From 1200
May	**27**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Talk on Minis with Tony Watt and arvo workshop	Learners group from 11am Meeting 12pm
June	**24**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Ugly Tree day Problem tree advice session	From 1200
July	**22**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop / Deciduous tree wiring and pruning	Learners group from 11am Meeting 12pm
August	**26**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Jeff Bray from Gold Coast Tweed Club	From 1200
September	**23**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
October	**28**	**Sat**	RBS Market Day	
November	**25**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Native Tree bring back and native workshop Q&A	From 12pm
December	**9**	**Sat**	Christmas Party	

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