

Seminars

Before we started our annual Conventions we held Seminars in Sydney - Melbourne – Brisbane every two years. International demonstrator went from one city to another over a 3-weeks period.

1982 Sydney / Brisbane / Melbourne - Khan Komai

1984 Brisbane / Sydney / Melbourne - Yuji Yoshimura

1986 Melbourne / Sydney / Brisbane - Hawaiian Team – Papa Kaneshiro / Ed Nishida/ Mike Ueno

Past Annual Conventions

In 1987 the first annual convention was held in Sydney and since that date each year a convention has been held in different locations across Australia, following is the historical record of these events.

1987 Sydney

Host Club Bonsai Society of Australia

Demonstrations

Grow your trees thicker, quicker - Max Candy (NSW)

Group planting on slab - John Marsh (NSW)

Grafting to repair or rebuild a bonsai - Jeff Ackland (VIC)

Rock planting - Lindsay Bebb (QLD)

1988 Brisbane

Host Club Bonsai Society of Queensland

Demonstrations

Miniature bonsai - Jan Laussohn and Tony Bebb (QLD)

Raft sinuous - Dorothy Koreshoff (NSW)

Growing and improving bonsai - Jack Tripovich (VIC)

Saikei - Lindsay Bebb (QLD)

1989 Melbourne

Host Club Waverley Garden Club - Bonsai Group

Demonstrations

101 Techniques of Bonsai - Ted Poynton (VIC)

Bending techniques for large trunks - Jack Tripovich (VIC)

Juniper literati - Lee Wilson (NSW)

Tray landscape Penjing - Jeff Ackland (VIC)

Pot selection - Ron Anderson (NSW)

1990 **Adelaide**

Host Club **South Australian Bonsai Society**

Demonstrations

Grafting techniques - Jeff Ackland (VIC)

Olives - Janet Sabey (SA)

Rock settings - Lee Wilson (NSW)

Pines - Mick Ryan and Errol Mizon (SA)

Mane - Jan Laussohn (QLD)

Surprise topic - Dorothy Koreshoff (NSW)

1991 **Canberra**

Host Club **Weston Creek Bonsai Group**

Demonstrations

Japanese black pine - Mick Balzary (ACT)
Group setting - John Marsh (NSW)
Styling large Japanese black pine - Joe Micaluff (ACT)
Multiple rock planting - Lindsay Bebb (QLD)

1992 **Penrith**

Host Club **Nepean Bonsai Society**

Demonstrations

Driftwood style trees - John Marsh (NSW)
Handmade clay pots - David Terry (NSW)
Group planting of Japanese junipers - Glenis Bebb (QLD)
Penjing styles in China - Val Allan (NSW)
Literati style - Lee Wilson (NSW)
Pines - Steve Colangelo (VIC)

1993 **Brisbane**

Host Club **Bonsai Society of Queensland**

Demonstrations

Shohin bonsai - Jan Laussohn (QLD)
Penjing - Lee Wilson (NSW)
Windswept - John Marsh (NSW)
Re-designing and refining - Lindsay and Glenis Bebb (QLD)

Presentations

Secrets and techniques - Ted Poynton (VIC)
Bonsai in New Zealand - Robert Langholm (NZ)
The American National Bonsai Collection

1994 **Melbourne**

Host Club **Waverley Garden Club - Bonsai Group**

Demonstrations

White pine - Steve Colangelo (VIC)
Windswept - Richard Salvado (VIC)
Australian penjing - Brian Sampson (NSW)
Carving - Mark Brace (VIC)

Forest landscape - Lee Wilson (NSW)

Presentations

Rock penjing in Trays - Jeff Ackland (VIC)

Individual trees - Georgina Kretschmar (NSW)

1996

Darwin

Host Club

Darwin Bonsai Club Inc

Demonstrations

Cascade with a twist - John Marsh (NSW)

Grafting - Chris Nathanael (NT)

Nebari - Graeme Herridge (NT)

Landscape - Brian Sampson (VIC)

Tropical Bonsai - Sani Arshad (NT)

Mystery Tour - Lee Wilson (NSW)

Presentations

Olives - Janet Sabey (SA)

Round Robin of various artists using local materials (without notice).

1997

Coffs Harbour

Host Club

Tokonoma Bonsai Society Coffs Harbour Inc

Demonstrations

The Art of Contrast - Tony Lea (NSW)

The Growing and designing of Australian natives - Dorothy Koreshoff (NSW)

Grouping of trident maples - Chris Smedley (NSW)

Cedrus Deodara Aurea - Mick Balzary (ACT)

Presentations

Fertilisers - Graeme Herridge (NT)

Joint Critique - Lindsay Bebb, John Marsh and Lee Wilson (NSW)

Creating the impression of age in bonsai - Glenis Bebb (QLD)

1998 **Adelaide**

Host Club **South Australian Bonsai Society Inc**

Demonstrations

Group planting of olives - Bob Smith and James Johnson (SA)
Using driftwood - John Marsh (NSW)
Ash trees - Janet Sabey (SA)
Beside the sea - Lee Wilson (NSW)

Presentations

Mallee rots in relation to bonsai - Marie Petersen (SA)
From foam to stone - Keith Walter (SA)
Bonsai Design - Glenis Bebb (QLD)
Joint Critique - Lindsay Bebb (QLD), John Marsh and Lee Wilson (NSW)

1999 **Wagga Wagga**

Host Club **Wagga Wagga Bonsai Society Inc**

Demonstrations

A local native in bonsai (Callitris) - Richard Newland (NSW)
Cascades - Val Allan (NSW)
Traditional Chinese Penjing - Jim Webb (ACT)
Carving and forming in Bonsai - Brian Sampson (VIC)

Presentations

Useful use of pest marine animals in Bonsai - Bob McFarland (Charlie Carp products)
Photographing your bonsai - John Egan (NSW)
Ceramics in bonsai - Fran Greal (NSW)

2000 **Sydney**

Host Club **Bonsai Society of Australia Inc**

Demonstrations

Origins of Penjing - Master Hu Yunhua (CHINA)
Nature in the European Tradition - Nick Lenz (USA)
Nature as Pure Form - Nick Lenz (USA)
Contemporary Penjing - Master Hu Yunhua (CHINA)

Presentations

Suiseki - A Brief History - Richard Kong (NSW)

Condensing Time - Dorothy Koreshoff (NSW)

Ancient, Traditional and Contemporary Ways of displaying Bonsai - John Marsh and Val Allan (NSW)

2001 **Perth**

Host Club **Bonsai Society of Western Australia Inc**

Demonstrations

The benefits of creating your own stones – Nigel Atkinson (NSW)

Creating a landscape setting – Kym James (NSW)

Creating a bonsai from an Australian native tree – Ernie Kuo (USA)

Critique on some display trees – Ernie Kuo (USA)

Presentations

Directions in Bonsai – Jan Burrows (NZ)

The current state of Bonsai around the World – Ernie Kuo (USA)

The use of artistic principles in general design in relation to Bonsai – Arthur Robinson (WA)

2002 **Brisbane**

Host Club **Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc**

Demonstrations

4 Simultaneous Demonstrations, “Shaping a Juniper” – Glenis Bebb (QLD), Ian Lawson (QLD), Ian Glew (QLD), John Forrest (Qld), Tony Bebb (QLD)

Create Driftwood Style Bonsai – Chase Rosade (USA)

Ficus Approach Grafting – Master Chiu Chang Chiang (TAIWAN)

Rock Planting - Lindsay Bebb (QLD)

Create Bonsai Using Trunk Splitting -Chase Rosade (USA)

Ficus In-arch Grafting - Master Chiu Chang Chiang (TAIWAN)

Presentations

Overview of Bonsai in Taiwan – Mr I.C Su (TAIWAN)

2003 Melbourne

Host Club Waverley Garden Club – Bonsai Group

Demonstrations

Reduction of a large black pine growing on its side to an upright tree shaped from one branch – Roy Nagatoshi (USA)

Planting trees upon shaped cork and growing Trident maples together through ply wood bases to obtain thick trunks – Paul Sweeney (VIC)

New wiring techniques and structure of foliage pads for conifers – Juergen Zaar (GERMANY)

Messing about with mallee roots – Saikei and false trunks – Janet Sabey (SA)

Reduction of Mugo pine with carving techniques to obtain jins and bending trunks using raffia – Juergen Zaar (GERMANY)

From Classic to Contemporary – use of slate, rocks and Australian native trees to form Saikei plantings – Brian Sampson (VIC)

Creation of bonsai juniper with sharies and jins – Roy Nagatoshi (USA)

Presentations

Interesting facts about junipers, including mite control and grafting – Leo Koelewyn (VIC)

2004 Canberra

Host Club Canberra Bonsai Society

Demonstrations

Australian Native material – sticky wattle – Roger Hnatiuk (ACT)

Styling Hawthorn from dig - Walter Pall (GERMANY)

Bonsai with an African flavour – Louis Nel (SOUTH AFRICA)

Heavy bending Techniques – Grant Bowie (NSW)

Japanese red pine as literati – Mick Balzary (NSW)

Australian native in African style – Louis Nel (SOUTH AFRICA)

Carving and bending a black pine – Walter Pall (GERMANY)

2005 Sydney

Host Club Bonsai Society of Sydney Inc

Demonstrations

Various restylings including Cedrus Deodar, African Olive, Red Pine and Carving an Olive - Mr Kimura (JAPAN)

Presentations

Figs, their history, propagation and identification - Megumi Bennett (NSW)

50 years of Bonsai in Australia - Ron Sebbons (NSW)

Australian Naives - Dennis McDermot (NSW)

2006 **Gold Coast**

Host Club **Gold Coast Tweed Heads Bonsai Society Inc**

Demonstrations

Group Setting, Japanese Buxus - Robert Steven (INDONESIA)

Juniperus Sq., Informal Windswept - Robert Steven (INDONESIA)

Photographic presentation of Private Garden and Bonsai - Robert Steven (INDONESIA)

Ficus, Initial styling of nursery stock - Budi Sulisty (INDONESIA)

Group Setting , Juniperus Sq. - Budi Sulisty (INDONESIA)

Buxus, Informal upright - Budi Sulisty (INDONESIA)

Large Forest Planting of Swamp Cypress - Lindsay Bebb (QLD)

Carving a large Bougainvillea - Roger Lunt (QLD)

2007 **Melbourne**

Host Club **Bonsai Northwest Society Inc**

Michael Persiano (USA)- conducted two demonstrations the first creating a Juniper and the second showed some extreme bending techniques and styled a pine.

Marco Invernizzi (Italy) – styled a number of trees over two demonstrations including an Olive and a pine.

Brian Sampson (Melbourne Australia) – Created a huge group planting and used artificial man made rock for the display.

Arthur Robinson (Western Australia) – Satsuki azalea discussion.

2008 **Adelaide**

Host Club – South Australian Bonsai Society Inc

Three South Australians – Trevor Morrison, Brian Osborn and Andrew Ward with their chosen assistance doing group plantings.

Tony Bebb – Styling a Juniper

Tony Bebb and Mick Balzary – critique

Janet Sabey – Jade

Mick Balzary – Pines

Tony Bebb – Olive

The three Amigos – **Lindsay Bebb, Lee Wilson and John Marsh** creating three settings that became one.

2009 Brisbane

Host Club – Bonsai Society of Queensland Inc

Demonstrations

Tony Bebb – Juniper

Bill Valavanis - Japanese's Black Pine

Ian Lawson and Chris Di Nola – Simultaneous demonstrations on junipers.

Ian Glew – Mark Harris - Peter McCloskey - Bruce Sullivan, Four simultaneous demonstration on junipers. – Bill Valavanis facilitating

Bill Valavanis – Group Planting.

Lindsay Bebb – Juniper

Presentations

Bill Valavanis – Presentation - History and Influence of Japanese on Bonsai

Brenda Parker – Suiseki

2010 Sydney

Host Club – Illawarra Bonsai Society

Demonstrations

Grant Bowie

Salvatore Liporace

Jamie Milner, Janet Selby and Brian Watson

Chris DiNola and Clinton Nesci

Presentations

Salvatore Liporace

Grant Bowie

2011 Western Australia

Host Club – Western Australian Bonsai Society Inc