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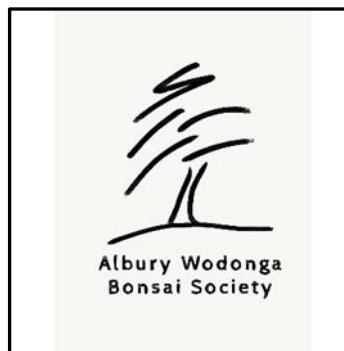
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www.facebook.com/groups/alburywodongabonsai/



Albury Wodonga Bonsai Society meets 4th Tuesday each month (except December) at [North East Trades and Labour Council](#) offices at 1/7 Thomas Mitchell Drive, Wodonga. Click on the link for a map.

Next Meeting:

October 22, 2024 @ 7:30pm

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Defoliation is a technique all beginners seem to find fascinating but there's a lot of misinformation and myth surrounding removing leaves. Hopefully we can dispel some of those myths and point members in the correct direction at this meeting.

As usual, please feel free to bring in any examples of defoliation or pruning. Members are also welcome to bring a couple of trees to show off or to ask for advice.

Last meeting: We had some quick tips on what can make your bonsai stand out at a show then looked at how grafting can be used in bonsai with demonstrations of different methods and techniques.

Business:

Remember the local shows coming up where there's the opportunity to show off your trees or promote the club and bonsai to members of the public.

Myrtleford show Saturday Oct 26 2024

Albury show - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November 2024

Club calendar for 2024

Meeting date	Topic
January 24	Figs and other summer tasks
February 27	Watering systems
March 26	Creating jin and shari
April 23	Wiring and wiring technique
May 28	Pests & Disease/ What to look for in nursery stock
June 25	Potting media
July 23	Collecting wild trees.
August 27	Club Workshop night
September 24	Grafting/ Preparing for a show
October 22	
November 26	End of year social function and planning for the coming year

Bonsai Events:

October 26th 2024 – Myrtleford Ag show, includes bonsai display and competition.

November 2nd and 3rd 2024 – Albury Show. Competitive bonsai classes and our club display. This is one of our best opportunities to promote bonsai to our local community. Please consider contributing some trees and/or some time over the weekend.

November 8,9,10 2024 – Newcastle Bonsai Society annual exhibition at Club Macquarie, Argenton.

May 16th – May 19th 2025 – 37th National Bonsai Convention. Hosted by Canberra Bonsai Society. Canberra Rex Hotel. Registrations now open [2025 Bonsai Convention](#)

This month at Shibui Bonsai:

Typical changeable Spring weather means it is hard to get into a watering routine. Keep checking to see if the potting mix is dry and water as required. Be aware that light rain may not be enough to wet your pots properly so check even if it has rained a bit.

After an early start we've returned to cold nights with a couple of below zero nights this month. Fortunately, not cold enough to harm any new shoots but cool enough to slow growth a little and delay flowering in the species that have not opened yet.

Wisterias started flowering here in mid October. Some of the lighter coloured flowers have been damaged by petal blight but the smaller flowered Kurumes seem to resist it and still look good. My best azalea got a bit dry while in full flower so all the flowers wilted early though it did not seem to affect the new shoots. I should still have one flowering azalea for the Myrtleford show. It may or may not hang on until Albury show.

Canberra Bonsai Society annual show was spectacular again this year. Shibui Bonsai sales were good again, aided by the new range of hand made timber bonsai stands.

Here's a couple of photos from the display trees



Left: Azalea 'Saotome'

Below: Grevillea rosemarinifolia

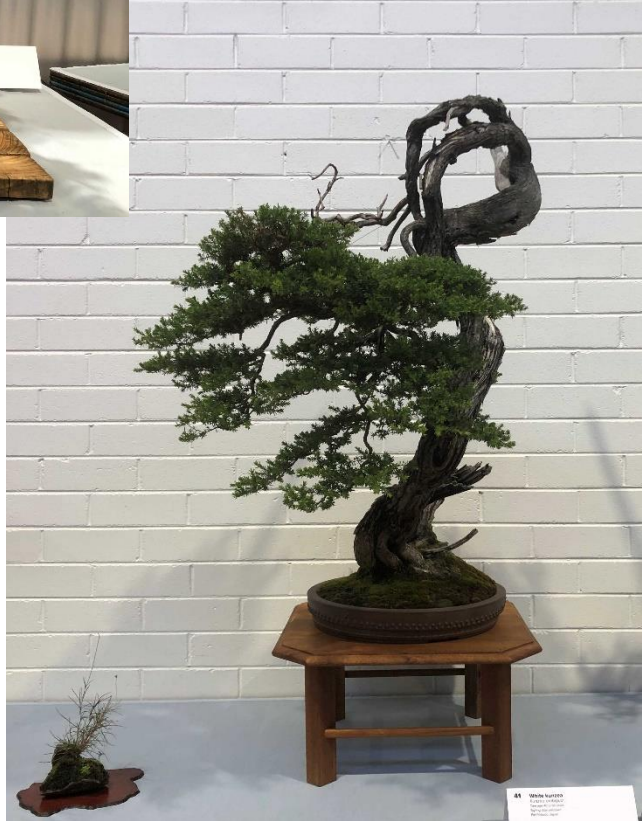


Left: Juniper 'Shimpaku'



Left: another shimpaku as raft style arching across a creek.

Below: Kunzea



And the Shibui Bonsai sales tables:



Including some of the new bonsai stands I've been making



A brief update on the white pine grafts showed in the previous newsletter.



The scions are still healthy and green after 3 weeks so looks like success.

No sign of growth from the demo graft I did at the club meeting but I'll keep you posted when something happens.

You'll see in the photo (right) that the parafilm grafting tape has already started to break down in the sun. Parafilm is easy to apply but I've noticed it has this tendency to fall apart a bit too soon. I've rewrapped that graft with the older style PVC grafting tape. Fingers crossed - even though a graft is not needed on that trunk, it would be nice to see that what I did at the meeting worked.



Looking forward to the Myrtleford show on October 26, especially the bonsai display. If anyone is interested in entering a bonsai, here's the link to the show schedule - [Myrtleford 2024 schedule](#). There's even a novice bonsai class. Hope to see a few club members there.

If the link doesn't work just search Myrtleford show 2024