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Jo-da Bonsai Distributors

For full details of stock, prices of bonsai in pots or bags and all types of accessories

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Free Bonsai Advice

At Brandmuller's Garden Pavilion in Vereeniging
Saturday 7th March 9.30 to 15.30

If you have questions or a query re your bonsai, or it requires attention, Please bring it in.

Advice is free. For attention a quote will be given first for labour and materials used.

April Holidays.

Jo-da Bonsai in Dunnottar will be open all public holidays, but closed 13th to 17th April.

My Visit to Jo-da Bonsai Nursery:

Going to their nursery is like entering a little bit of bonsai heaven in the middle of Gauteng. For me, it is never just popping in quickly. Nothing happens quickly and I always need a ten ton truck with all the trees, pots and tools that I buy

The name Jo-da is a acronym of the owners' first names John and Freda, which amazingly is a name given to many companies internationally as found on the internet. The nursery which opened in 2000 forms part of their uniquely styled house, also designed and built by them in 1971.

Their entry into Bonsai, as a hobby, started in the mid 1980's after being given a few as gifts. Thereafter "the bug had bitten" resulting in them creating it themselves, joining the local Bonsai clubs, participating in club exhibitions etc. This escalated into selling and importing tools and accessories from Japan and China. Highlights were exhibiting, selling and demonstrating at major Garden Centers, Shopping Malls and at the annual National Flower shows and the "Gardenex Exhibitions".

Including the first and second African International Bonsai Conventions held in Pretoria and Cape Town respectively.

The Japanese theme, possible more a Chinese theme Bonsai nursery, due to the availability of decorations, was built following their private and business trip to China visiting their son and his family who worked for several years and their suppliers in Japan. Having seen and experienced the eastern culture inspired them to design and build the nursery on the Japanese theme. They tried to include the Feng Shui principals, but had had to split up the nursery into separate areas because of their premises layout to obtain the right atmosphere, tranquil mood and energies. You enter through the "Zen Garden" area

To be continued in next newsletter

**Acknowledged with thanks
Caroll Dewar Hermann**

Were to find them.

The Japanese Bonsai Nursery" is situated on the Far East Rand, Gauteng, South Africa. Some 50 km from the Johannesburg International Airport now renamed the O.R. Tambo International Airport. Customers visit from all over South Africa especially since the new "Tonk Meter off ramp" on the N17 toll road was build. The nursery is now only 18 km from the Dalpark Toll Plaza and Carnival City (See map on website for directions).

For your Interest, Services we offer.

After Sales Service and or call out.

Should you have a problem with your bonsai take the following steps. As a pre request you must have read our newsletter titled "Bonsai in a Nutshell" on our website www.jodabonsai.co.za.

First: Phone or e-mail advising problem. We will try our best to advise what to do.

Second: Arrange to bring your bonsai into the nursery or just visit wanting free advise.

Third: Should it require work e.g. re-potting, styling etc the minimum charge is R65/bonsai.

For larger bonsai requiring extra work, soil, accessories etc, a quote will be given.

Fourth: Should you require a call out, weekdays only, or you want advise at your home, arrangements must be made.

Labour cost including traveling time Rx/hour.

Half rate if at nursery.

Traveling cost plus toll fees. Rx/hour.

xRates on request

What to do During March and April.

I do not know what your bonsai are looking like, mine are dreary, leaves hardened up and moss dull green with black algae spots

Yes we are going into Autumn, but the main cause is the last few weeks of extremely hot days with low humidity.. Your tasks for now are to remove, only nearly dried-up and damaged leaves, cut out dead wood, fix landscaping by cleaning-up the moss, removing weeds and loosen up the soil around the pot edges. Continue fertilizing regularly until the end of April.

Fertilizer used should be low in nitrogen. You do not want to stimulate new growth which will full or be frosted during winter. Rather stimulate root growth, by applying a high Phosphorus (P) – the root maker and Potassium (K) the flower and fruit maker for the next season. Typically 2-3-0 or 2-3-4

Note: Most people use Nitrosol, then they must reduce their fertilizing cycle until the end of April.

Don't forget to water



BRANDMULLER'S
Garden Pavilion

Passionate about Gardening

Autumn is a great time for planting as roots tend to establish very well now and are then rearing to grow in spring. One gains almost a season by planting trees & shrubs in Autumn. Obviously, this does not apply to frost tender plants.

Make sure the garden beds are well mulched not only for the current heat but also for the cooler months that lie ahead.

The garden can be fed for the last time with 3:1:5 which tends to strengthen the cell walls for the winter. It can also be used as a last feeding for the lawn.

Perennials & seedlings can be fed with Multifeed to prolong their show.

The Conifers will need to be treated for the Italian Cypress Aphid. The treatment should be continued up until August.

Start thinking about the frost cover and getting it ready. The mornings are already getting cooler so the signs of an early winter are certainly there.

Why not sign up for our e-news which keeps you up to date with gardening advice and our special offers. Send a mail titled enews to us & we will add you to our data base.

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To maintain Bonsai you must have the "Know How", tools, facilities and time to care for them.

A Bonsai is a "living entity" thus it's continuing well being and growth is entirely in your hands from the time of purchase.