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Important Notice.

The Bonsai Nursery and shop in Dunnottar will be closed between Thursday the 6th and Saturday the 15th February.

Bonsai Workshops – Vereeniging.

Saturday 15th February 2014.

Topic: Session (2) - Bonsai Beginners – Workshop: Practical preparation, styling, wiring and potting, of a bonsai.

Important: Participants must please have beforehand familiarised themselves with “Bonsai in a Nutshell” to be found on our website www.jodabonsai.co.za under Newsletters. Leaving more time for practical work,

Saturday 8th March 2014.

Topic: Session(3) - Refining and ongoing care and crit of your bonsai created during session (2).

Following in the afternoon for those who wish to create another bonsai or more. Assistance and free advice will be given, only paying for the pot, bonsai and consumables chosen and used.

Times and costs.

Session (2), 9h00 to 12h00 and 13h00 until finished to 16h00 (15 minute break morning & afternoon).

Cost R180/p plus R20 for registration. You will be given a potential bonsai in a nursery bag, a bonsai ceramic pot with consumables necessary to create and pot your bonsai to take home, plus literature.

Session (3), 9h00 to 12h00 (15 minute break) After lunch 13h00 create another bonsai or more.

Cost R50/p includes handouts.

General: Each workshop will be “self contained”, but can be individually attended, however for continuity in the creation and care of a bonsai all three sessions would be beneficial.

All session: refreshments included, being served mid morning and mid afternoon as applicable.

Session (2): To save time during the morning refreshment break lunch for 12h00 can be ordered and bought.

Registration: Extended to 11th February 2014, can be made at Brandmullers Garden Pavilion 016 428 3351 or with John & Freda 083 742 2238.

What's New.

Japanese Snow Lanterns: concrete for the garden – large, height 60 cm @ R475, small, height 25 cm @ R260.

Japanese White Pines: (Pinus Parviflora), stunning imported bonsai from R3950 also Yellowwood (Asian Podocarpus) from R3450.

Brushes: set of three R45 or individually sold R20, stainless steel, brass and nylon, for cleaning deadwood (Jins & Sharis), moss off butteries roots, trunks, pots etc.

Moss for your bonsai: now sold in punnets @ R45 each.

Bonsai Books: Master Bonsai by Rudi Adam. also available in Afrikaans, Bonsai, Bemeester die kuns @ R350. See review on our website.

Growing Bonsai in South Africa by D. Hall & J. Haw @ R195.

Many other specialist bonsai books also in stock.

A Stunning Bonsai in Pots: All sizes and Species from R145 plus professional expensive one's.

Chinese figurine: all types and sizes from 1 cm to 10 cm starting at R10 each.

Solar Jars: A lantern with a bonsai feature inside, emergency light when Eskom switches off the electricity @ a special price of R275 less 25%.

Glass Fibre Planters. See our website for pictures, sizes and prices of these large bonsai pots.

What to do during February.

Rain, rain and more, high humidity making the days even hotter, ideal for your bonsai. As I have heard the same weather over most of South Africa. It's Mid Summer season when growth is in balance and at its peak, or should be! Enjoy these days admiring your bonsai (Hard Work), refining the foliage here and there, sometimes correcting this or that branch. Oh!, but always having to clean up and pull out those pesky weeds. Shortly you will have to consider a lower nitrogen fertilizer to strengthen root growth for the coming winter. Nitrogen (N) – the leaf-maker. Phosphorus (P) – the root-maker. Potassium (K) – the flower and fruit maker for next season.

Did you Know?

TREE OF THE YEAR.

Family: Heteropyxidaceae, Common names: Lavender tree, Laventelboom(A), iNkunzi(Z)

SA Tree Number: 455

The family Heteropyxidaceae, is a small family with only two species in southern Africa. Emits a pleasant smell when crushed. The flowers are small and inconspicuous. A medium to large deciduous tree that grows to about 10 metres high.

CHAMPION TREES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Champion Tree Project of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries RSA* is the only one of its kind on the African continent.

In January 2013, an international team of tree climbers scaled some of the largest and oldest Champion Trees in the South Africa.

The aim was to raise awareness about the Champion Tree Project, launched several years ago to list and protect individual trees and groups of trees of national conservation importance.

To list a few findings.

1. Tallest saligna gum tree (Eucalyptus saligna), State Forest near Tzaneen. Standing at 81.5 meters, officially the tallest tree in South Africa.

2. Largest indigenous tree is the Sagole baobab (Adansonia digitata) of the Limpopo Province, a trunk circumference more than 33 metres.

3. Oldest tree, a Baobab near Hoedspruit was carbon-dated to more than 1 840 years old.

4. Historic importance "Post Office Tree" Mossel Bay, a sprawling milkwood (Sideroxylon inerme) covering half an acre of land.

* Acknowledgement, Total SA

.FOR YOUR INTEREST.

Chinese New Year: 2014. The year of the horse, Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4712 begins on Jan 31, 2014. Chinese months are reckoned by the lunar calendar, with each month, beginning on the darkest day, New Year festivities, traditionally start on the first day of the month and continue until the fifteenth, when the moon is brightest.

Historically it is unclear when the exact beginning of the New Year celebration in China started.

Normally, it was said from the year end religious ceremony in the Shang Dynasty (1766BC – 1122 BC). A few say that it started from as early as Emperor Yao and Shun (2300BC) and so forth.

According to tales and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the "Year". The "Year" looks like a ox with a lion head and it stays in the sea. On the night of New Year's Eve, the "Year" will come out to harm people, animals, and properties. Later people found that the "Year" is afraid of red colour, fire, and loud sound. Therefore, for self protection, people form the habit of posting red Dui Lian in front of the house, launching fireworks, and hanging a lantern at year end.

Legend has it that in ancient times, Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on Chinese New Year.

Twelve came, and Buddha named a year after each one came. He announced that the people born in each year would have some of that animals personality. Those born in horse year are cheerful, skilful with money, perceptive, witty, talented and good with their hands.

The lantern festival is held on the fifteenth day of the first lunar month.

The highlight of the lantern festival is the dragon dance. The dragon which might stretch a hundred feet long.

Caring for Bonsai demands, is as a baby except it's left at home!!

Don't forget to water!!

PLEASE NOTE SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS 9H00 TO 16H00
OPEN SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.
CLOSED EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH