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STUNNING**

Jo-da Bonsai Distributors

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Availability List – Potential Bonsai

These plants have been selected and styled specifically for bonsai. They are available in “cut back – half height” black nursery bags, mostly 4L to 8L plus a few 10L to 20L size. Prices range from R45 to R400 each. *Subject to prior sale, stock moves fast during spring, so don't miss out!!*

Acacia (Forgot them last month)

Note:

The list remains as October's newsletters. In certain species the stock quantity has been reduced.

**Caring for Bonsai, demands attention like
a baby except it's left at home!!**

Don't forget to water

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WHAT'S NEW AT JO-DA BONSAI DISTRIBUTORS DUNNOTTAR.

The fiberglass oval forest planters are moving fast, however the rectangle large and medium pots, not as fast.

You do need a pretty large bonsai to pot into them, but their prices are half that of ceramic pots and less than half the weight. We still have two very large ceramic pots in stock.

Outside sizes:

1 @ 30 deep x 90 x 57 cm @ R1280.

1 @ 19 deep x 100 x 62 cm @ R1180

Japanese Flowering Cherries:

These Yamodori stock have taken well and their leaf and buds are opening very fast, looking good!

Chinese ceramic pots:

More stock arrived, glazed and unglazed at very competitive prices.

**PLEASE NOTE SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS
9H00 TO 16H00**

**OPEN
SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY**

OTHER DAYS BY APPOINTMENT

WHAT TO DO DURING NOVEMBER.

The very hot days are here, but very little rain. No humidity, so subject to where you maintain your bonsai in the garden you might have to water twice a day. Especially the ones in small containers. In summer before 9h00 and after 17h00 every day. Never in the heat of the day between these hours, it will damage the leaves and flowers, should you be lucky enough to have flowers.

Maintenance pruning will also be one of your main tasks. That is, remove all those long shoots and big leaves, maintaining the original style. It is still the ideal time to create and pot new bonsai, improving your collection. Hail storms, you must protect our bonsai, maintaining them under an evergreen tree or on your patio.

Yes! Of course fertilize regularly. Previously, I have covered fertilizing bonsai however there still seems to be some confusion in this regard. There are many fertilizing regimes/programs, brands and types of fertilizers. For the beginner with **commercial** bonsai, make it simple, use one of the liquid organic fertilizers, nitrosol etc or a balanced general purpose water soluble fertilizer e.g. 2.1.2 throughout the season, that is starting in Spring (September) once the leaves have unfurled, through to Autumn (April). Many of the specialist bonsai enthusiasts with **professional** bonsai follow the same regime and type of fertilizer. **Do not fertilize in winter.** Whatever type of fertilizer you use, apply it exactly as prescribed on the container label. Mix only a sufficient quantity for the number of bonsai you have. Only fertilize after you have watered. Never fertilize a dry or sick bonsai. Organic fertilizer cakes or granular can also be used. Place the prescribed quantity of cake/s or pellets on the top of the soil. Never bury in the soil – worms will appear. Being a slow release fertilizer they will gradually dissolve into the soil over a few weeks time. Allow at least a week thereafter before applying more. There are one or two imported fertilizers specifically available for bonsai which can be used throughout the growing season, normally balanced fertilizers.

Now for the bonsai specialist with **professional** bonsai. These old, expensive, stunning bonsai normally have attained their superiority through a special fertilizing program. Typically as follows:- In spring, September – November they apply a high nitrogen fertilizer to stimulate growth e.g. 6.1.3 even 8.1.3. In mid-summer, December – February a balanced fertilizer e.g. 2.1.2, then at the end of the season, March – April high phosphorous and potassium fertilizer e.g. 3.1.6 Or 2.3.0 maxi-root. During winter, for their evergreens, a 0-10-10, zero nitrogen fertilizer is used, but not essential.

Note: Nitrogen (N) – The leaf maker, Phosphorus (P) – The root Maker, Potassium (K) – The flower and fruit maker.

It is very important to note if the fertilizers used do not contain micro elements, apply Trilmix – micro elements separately during the spring season. Certain species of bonsai require specific nutrients, for example: Azaleas, besides an acid compost with peat moss added to their soil, use a high nitrogen fertilizer. After flowering once new leaves appear, apply trilmix and iron chelate to prevent chlorosis – browning of their leaves. To avoid early yellowing and spotting of the White Stinkwood leaves apply Potassium Sulphate SOP regularly. There are many other remedies for bonsai that will improve their quality and prevent certain ailments.



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TIME:- 9.00 FOR 9.30 THEN UNTIL YOU HAVE POTTED YOUR BONSAI.

VENUE:- BRANDMULLER'S GARDEN PAVILION – VEREENING

DATE:- SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER,

BOOKING & PAYMENT CLOSE WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

VENUE:- JO-DA BONSAI – DUNNOTTAR



DATE:- SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER,

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NOTE:- IF INSUFFICIENT BOOKINGS ARE MADE, WORKSHOP WILL BE CANCELLED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AND PAYMENTS REFUNDED.

This will be the last workshop for 2014