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Shows & Other Business

SHOWS

The IAoS has been approached about doing a show in Suffolk at Greenlawn Bonsai. The council have decided to attend if the opportunity arises.

We will be looking for Saikei to take along these can be old or new Saikei as we are trying to give the general public an incite into Saikei.

There may also be a demonstration of Saikei by our own

David Penny who will probably do something dramatic.

The council would like to know about other shows that we could attend.

COUNCIL MEETING

A council meeting is being scheduled for sometime in September and we would be interested to hear ideas from the members about the future direction of the IAoS.

POLICY, ORGANISATION & RULES

There will shortly be a Policy Organisation & Rules (POR) for the association this is due to the need to formalise the arrangements for the running of the IAoS, as required by law and for the benefit of members.

IAoS In Essex

The associations Managing Director David Penny recently gave a demonstration and talk on Saikei at the Summerhill garden centre in Essex. The demonstration was greeted with great enthusiasm by all spectators and resulted in 3 new members for the association.

The manager of the garden centre has already expressed an interest in a return event so watch this space.

The garden centre is located at Pipp's Hill Road North, Arterial Road, Billericay, CM112UJ and is well worth a visit as there is an abundance

of interesting rock and trees. The garden centre is also stocking a number of Bonsai related items.



www.summerhillgardencentre.co.uk

Web Site & Representation

Web Site

The IAoS are starting to look into a web site if anyone has any thoughts on this please let a councilor know.

We are hoping to be able to include pictures and a page with educational documents that you can download.

Obviously we are having to do this on the cheap to avoid the need to charge for membership and therefore if anyone knows any cheap hosting can they let us know.

Representation

We are still looking for representatives in Countries and in areas within the UK for the IAoS. The workload is quite low being more a support role feeding back local concerns to the IAoS Council.



Saikei Workshop Lowland Style

I am going to start this article series on Saikei Styles with Lowland Style the reason behind this is simple the lowland style is one of the easiest to create this is because the composition concentrates on movements in the soil rather than impressive rock formations.

To start a lowland Saikei you will need to get a variety of small trees and plants I often find that looking at pictures of lowland scenes helps in the arrangement stage. Try to focus on certain elements in the scene that will create harmony and naturalness.

Begin by placing netting over the holes of the pot, then introduce the stones into the composition. The stones provide visual anchors to the composition so be very careful about the arrangement.

Bed the stones with either sand or natural clay to avoid excessive movement in the pot. Then add a layer of soil avoiding the parts where you will be adding aggregates to represent water.

Now start to place the plants starting with the largest first and then reducing to the moss. Then gradually add soil around the trees and plants and contour the soil to give a

natural impression. Use plants like thyme to represent shrubs in your landscape and use light moss in the spaces and dark moss under the trees and shrubs. This will give a better impression of light and dark contrast in the landscape. Remember in lowland styles there should not be a dramatic rise and fall in surface levels but use the soil and mosses to vary the level in small amounts.

David Penny



Bedding the stones during a demonstration

Saikei Supplies

Downsview Bonsai,

126 Wannock Lane, Eastbourne, BN20 9SJ ☎ 01323 485656 🌐 www.downsviewbonsaitreenursery.co.uk

Green Lawns Bonsai,

Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Nr Sudbury, CO10 5JH ☎ 0870 034 7765 🌐 www.greenlawnsbonsai.co.uk

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