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Quick News and Board Activity

Board News

Editor

The Board met on the 14th of November 2010. We had a very good meeting and managed to get through the whole agenda. The board wishes to thank those members that wanted to raise issues and provided these to David Penny prior to the meeting.

If you would like anything considered at the next board meeting or need a copy of the minutes please feel free to email David Penny or Brian Dale.

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Around the World

Editor

We are still looking for regional directors in the following country:

- USA

The regional directors main function is to act as a contact point for the region and also to be active in the recruitment of new members.

Please contact Membership if you are interested in these positions:

brian.dale@saikei.co.uk

Learning Opportunities News

Learning Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Mark Knoop has achieved his Award in Saikei AiS, Well done Mark from the Board and Members of the International Saikei Association.

We are just putting the final touches to the Award documentation for delivery outside the UK so if you are interested in delivering the ISA Learning Programme in your region please register your interest with Brian Dale.

Events and Shows

Eastleigh Bonsai Show July 2011

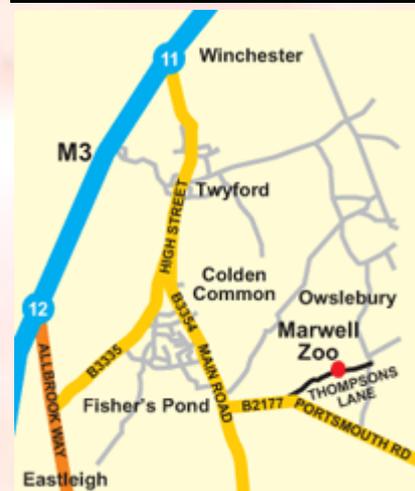
Events Coordinator

The Association has been invited to attend the Eastleigh Bonsai Group show at Humbee's Garden Centre which is almost directly opposite Marwell Zoo near Winchester.

The Association will be putting on a display of Saikei and members will be creating a few Saikei under the watchful eye of the president of ISA. There will also be around 90 bonsai on display.

The show will be open from 10.00—16.00

Thompsons Lane Owslebury



Other Shows

Events Coordinator

If you are involved in a society which has a show and you think there might be interest in hosting a stand from the Association please contact me through the VP membership.

Slanting Style in Saikei

David Penny

What Constitutes a Slanting Style

Using the standard formula the slanting style has:

- A sloping trunk,
- Evenly spaced branches that are slightly longer on the windward side,
- Radial roots with stronger and thicker roots on the windward side.

The slanting style should never appear to be imbalanced and it is for this purpose that the branches and roots extend strongly to the windward side of the tree. By this simple visual aid, it counteracts the leaning trunk and balance is restored.

Definition of Terms

- Windward – direction facing the wind
- Leeward – direction facing away from the wind.

Creating a Slanting Style From Nursery Stock

As surface rootage is such a predominant feature in this style the selection of a tree for Slanting style must start with the surface rootage, you must therefore search for trees with a strong surface rootage with powerful roots on the windward side of the tree. Branches must also be considered when looking for suitable material they must be pliable enough to be able to bend into the desired position especially on the windward side.

Creating a Slanting Style From Cuttings or Seed

This is a good way to start with this style as a very natural movement can be created early and then maturity developed whilst it is in the Saikei planting. Start by gently arranging the roots of the tree in a radial pattern and then plant the tree in a pot with the trunk slanting at an angle, I have found that if you position the tree towards the leeward side of the pot this will give the roots on the windward side room to grow and will consequently give them a head start on thickening. Once the branches are sufficiently grown wire to reflect the angle of the trunk.

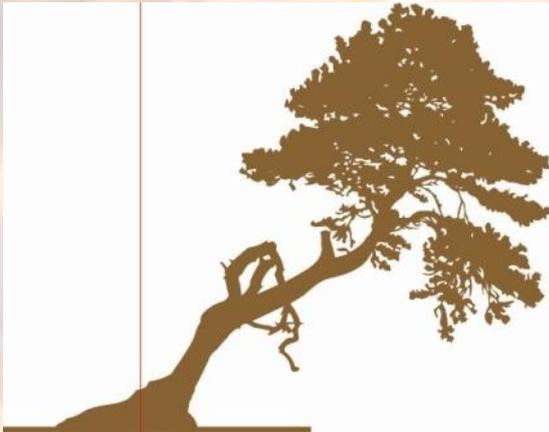
Roots

As previously mentioned roots are an important part of the slanting style and as such must be encouraged to grow in the correct direction to provide stability. In Saikei it is important to ensure that the roots provide visual stability to the tree otherwise a sense of balance and harmony will not be achieved. The roots must grip the soil on the windward side to avoid the feeling of falling over.

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Trunk

The elements of roots, trunk and branches are intensively linked to create a good image in the style. In the picture below you can see a common slanting style, notice how far the tree is away from the centre line and how the branches and roots all add stability to the tree.



Branches

Ideally the branches should complement the trunk, therefore they should reflect the angle of the trunk on the windward side of the tree whilst those on the lee ward side should flow outwards providing balance to the branches on the opposite side. It is best to use your eyes when positioning these branches as you will be able to see when the tree is balanced.

Foliage

The foliage can be full on this style of tree as this style could have been created in a number of ways like soil collapse or moving away from an object to get to light as well as climatic conditions. The amount of foliage required will depend on the style of the landscape and your imagination as to the elements and events that have caused the landscape.

Views from a Lens

send your photos to brian.dale@saikei.co.uk



Name: Un Named

Created: 2010

Keeper: Craig Jurd (Australia)



Name: Moorland Outcrop

Created: 2009

Keeper: David Penny (UK)



Name: Un-named

Created: 2009

Keeper: Bruce Scrivens (UK)



Name: Un-named

Created: 2009

Keeper: Colin Hampton (UK)

Photos can be of Saikei, other tray landscape arts or inspirational landscapes.



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Clubs

Dai Ichi Bonsai Group (Essex)

Meets at Shenfield Village Hall, 1st Monday of each month call 01277 625 298

Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club (Sussex)

Meets Hellingly Village Hall, 2nd Monday of the Month, call 01323 731 369

Eastleigh Bonsai Club (Hampshire)

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