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Shows and Humble Apologies

Firstly I would like to say a heartfelt sorry to David Paget of Green Lawns Bonsai. It would appear that I failed to check the last newsletter correctly and failed to spot my mistake regarding Green Lawns Web site address it should have read:

Again I can only apologise most profusely for the mistake and recommend that you all visit the nursery soon.

Please note the dates of the shows which the IAOS will be attending next Year.

Shows 2009

Green Lawns Bonsai
6th and 7th June 2009

Sussex Show (Hove)
8th and 9th August 2009

Green Lawns Bonsai, Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Nr Sudbury, CO10 5JH
Phone: 08700347765
Email: enquiries@greenlawnsbonsai.co.uk
Website: www.greenlawnsbonsai.co.uk

Newsletter goes Monthly!!!

Following a recent meeting of the International Association of Saikei Executive it was decided that the newsletter should go monthly to meet the requests from some members.

The newsletter will include some new features such as a challenge each month to create a Saikei based on a theme. We will be aiming to include pictures that people

send in of their completed Saikei.

Those Saikei or pictures can then be included in our shows.

We would welcome articles, letters and problems from members, so get scribbling.



Executive Meeting

On the 8th of November the Executive met to review the progress made so far and the direction of the association.

As from the 1st of January the subscription rates will be:

- Full membership £5.00
- Junior/Student £3.00

Anyone who joined before the 1st of January 2009 is classed as a founder member and is therefore exempt from the subscription rate in accordance with the terms that they joined under. The Executive has decided that voluntary donations will be accepted from founder members if they wish.

shows, instructional DVD's, internet presence and other general items.

If you wish to see a copy of the minutes they can be obtained by contacting the Membership Secretary.

brian@bonsai-club.co.uk

Other items discussed included the up coming 2009



November Challenge

David Penny

What you will need

You will need to obtain:

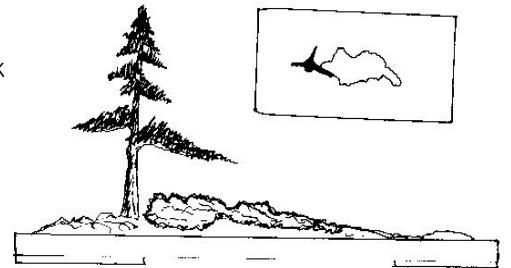
- 1 tree
- Moss & Soil
- 1 rock
- 1 pot

The Style

This is the basis of Saikei and the way in which I teach my students. The most fundamental form in Saikei is the single tree single rock style. When you are combining the rock and tree bear in mind the flow or direction of the tree and the flow direction of the rock (these must harmonize). With regards to the style it's up to you. You can do alpine, coastal or lowland with equal ease.

The Instructions

1. Prepare the pot (cover the drainage holes with greenhouse net shading)
2. Put soil into the pot
3. Place the rock on the center line
4. Place the tree in a harmonious position with the rock
5. Fill in the soil
6. Place the moss and water
7. Get camera
8. Take picture
9. Send to: david.penny@saikei.org.uk



You will find that 3&4 will be repeated a number of times before you achieve a good composition.

Good Luck & Have Fun!!!

Suppliers

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Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club (Sussex)

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