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GENERAL NEWS

On the 16th of June we attended the Eastbourne and Wealden bonsai show at Stones Cross Hall Eastbourne. We had a great day and met a number of potential members. If you were not able to attend this year I would strongly recommend putting the date in for next year when it is released.

BOARD MEETING

We are seeking to firm up a meeting of the board in July. So if you have anything you would like to raise please contact David Penny david.penny@saikei.co.uk

Currently the agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Progress of actions from last meeting.
3. Membership report.
4. Financial report.
5. Website
6. Membership development and fees.
 - International membership development
 - Local representative responsibilities
 - Membership benefits
 - Membership fees
7. Events and shows.
8. Action plan for 2012-14
9. AOB

DEMONSTRATORS LIST

Further to last months' notice 'As part of our website development we are seeking to create a page to provide information on demonstrators of Saikei. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has or intends to demonstrate Saikei. Please contact myself or David Penny to be added to this list'.

We will need the following information:

Name

Country

Contact

Fees

SHOWS

We have been invited to display two shows this year and we have included the details. If you are aware of any shows concerning Bonsai and Saikei we will be delighted to hear about these and we will of course put them in the magazine so that all members are aware. In order to enter an event we only need to know the name of the event, where it will take place, dates and times and contact for further information.

Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery 2012 Show

Hadleigh Road, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JH
01787 210 501
1st of September 2012
Bonsai, Saikei, Bonsai Related Items for Sale, etc...

Your Event Name Here

Where
When
Description

Your Event Name Here

Where
When
Description

YOUR LETTERS

I was fortunate enough to have recently travelled to Japan, most specifically to Tokyo and Kyoto and one thing that struck me was the care, love and understanding the Japanese have with regards to trees and landscapes.

In Toyko and Kyoto this love of trees and the enhancement and beauty of their shape and form shows itself in the shaping of trees everywhere from parks to roadsides to tiny gardens. The vast majority are pines but also include Ginkgo Bilbao (often used as roadside avenue trees) In Photo 1 you will see how carefully trees are looked after



As we travelled from Tokyo to Kyoto the landscapes varied but photography is a little tricky at speeds of 150 to 180mph!!!!

However, it is easy to see how inspiration can be obtained from such views as that in Photo 2 – Shosenkyo Gorge near the city of Kofu and of that in the last photo



Bruce Scrivens

SHOW REPORT

EASTBOURNE AND WEALDEN BONSAI SHOW JUNE 2012

BONSAI ON SHOW

Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club held their annual show at Stone Cross village hall. The members again came up with really high quality trees, from miniature trees, only centimetres high but several years old to landscapes with rocks representing mountains. The many visitors enjoyed admiring the trees and voting for their favourite.

Their choice, a group planting entered by Neil Osborne.

Entertainment didn't stop there. David Penny, president of the International Saikei Association gave a demonstration of planting up a Saikei (shown in gallery). David also gave a demonstration of martial arts with Bruce Scrivens a 7th Dan in the art of Iaido. To maintain the oriental theme Derek Brooks demonstrated Chinese brush painting.

Downs View Bonsai had small trees for sale for those inspired to grow their first tree or to add to their collection. Items connected with Japan and bonsai were donated by members and could be purchased from a display. Indeed something for everyone, including refreshments and a raffle.

Certificates were awarded for;

- Best in show – Kevin Fletcher,
- Runner up - Nick Holt.
- Best Broadleaf – Kevin Fletcher.
- Best Conifer – Paul Alpress.
- Best Flowering – Neil Osborne.
- Best Shohin (under 22cms) – Lal Ratnayake.
- Best Mame (under 15cms) – Neil Osborne.
- Member's choice – Paul Alpress. Public's choice – Neil Osborne.
- Several members were awarded with Certificates of Merit.

New members are always welcome to the club which meets at Hellingly village hall.

www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk

Iris Brooks

BACK TO BASICS

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.

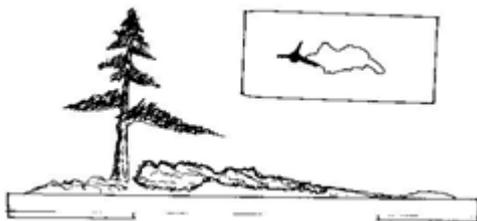
THE INSTRUCTIONS

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

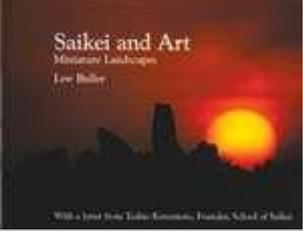
Send to david.penny@saikei.co.uk

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

Good Luck & Have Fun!!!



IN THE WORKSHOP - BOOKS PART 1

Title	Saikei and Art, Miniature Landscapes	
Author	Lew Butler	
Publisher	Lew Butler	
ISBN	0-9772443-0-X	
<p>The development of Saikei within the context of an individual's national comprehension is well illustrated in this book. It is a well presented modern journey of discovery that takes the Asian syntax of our art and translates it into a western US context.</p> <p>While some of the Saikei illustrated are very twee, the development of principles and the horticultural information is first class. The identification of plant material shared adds to the pool of knowledge available to the Saikei student.</p> <p>This is a useful addition, if not a priority, to add to your bookshelf.</p>		

Title	Saikei: Living Landscapes in Miniature	
Author	Toshio Kawamoto	
Publisher	Kodansha International Ltd	
ISBN	0-87011-048-9	
<p>This is the definitive English definition of Saikei written by Toshio Kawamoto as a framework for the development of what was then an emerging art form. While the presentation may be of the '60s, the artistic and technical content still stands at the forefront of our art.</p> <p>A huge amount of information well presented and structured to inform the student of Saikei as they develop their understanding. It develops the students understanding of the elements of composition and the balance necessary to create and maintain Saikei of substance.</p> <p>This book belongs on the bookshelf of every student of Saikei.</p>		

VIEWS FROM A LENS—GALLERY



David's Demo with 1 yrs. cuttings



Members Saikei



Conifer Stream



Pen-Jing

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CLUBS

Name	Telephone	Address	Day of Meeting	Website
Dai Ichi Bonsai Group (Essex)	01277 625 298	Shenfield Village Hall	1st Monday of each month call	
Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club (Sussex)	01323 731 369	Hellingly Village Hall	2nd Monday of the Month	www.bonsai-club.co.uk
Eastleigh Bonsai Club (Hampshire)	01489 789 962 or 07795 187 632		2nd Monday of the Month	

If you would like to have your local club details added to this list please contact the newsletter team by e-mail newsletter@Saikei.co.uk

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