



## 2009 Programme

- 28 Jan. AGM. And Photo Competition
- 8 Feb Repotting Workshop 9am to 1pm.
- 25 Feb. Repotting Workshop.
- 25 Mar. Demonstration on Maples  
By Ken Norman.
- 29 April General Workshop.
- 27 May Demonstration  
By the Lady Members.
- 24 Jun. Demonstration on Azaleas.  
By Lee Verhorevoort.
- 18 Jul. Wivelsfield Village Day
- 22 Jul. Preparation of show trees.
- 26 Aug. Styling Workshop.
- 23 Sep. Demonstration Olive trees  
by Graham Potter.
- 28 Oct. Demonstration Winter prep.  
by Ray Ward.
- 25 Nov. Celebrating 30Years of the  
Sussex Bonsai Group.

## SHOWS FOR 2009

- 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Swindon Winter Image Show  
Stratton St Margaret SN3 4HR
- 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Show at South Downs Garden  
Centre – Hassocks BN6 9LY
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Show at High Beeches Gardens –  
Handcross RH17 6HQ
- 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> June (to be confirmed.)  
Show at Patching Village Hall as  
guests of Koi Club BN13 3UT
- 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> August  
**Sussex National Bonsai  
Show**  
At Hove Town Hall BN3 4AH
- 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August  
Show at Garden Pride  
Garden Centre Ditchling BN6 8TP

## Jobs for the next couple of Months. LATE WINTER

This is probably the coldest time of the year and it is wise to keep deciduous trees a little on the dry side while never allowing them to dry out completely, this can be achieved by placing your outdoor trees under an overhead cover thereby controlling the moisture they receive. Conifers can be susceptible to drying out if rootballs become frozen for more than five days therefore in cold spells you need to monitor them to prevent this.

If trees show signs of buds swelling, then repot before they begin to break bud. Following repotting they may need some frost protection, as cut root ends are very vulnerable.

Some heavier pruning can be dealt with now, as the new growth is beginning and wounds will heal fairly quickly.

## EARLY SPRING

As the days begin to lengthen, many trees will begin to come out of their dormant period. This will be evident in the swelling of buds, although some bonsai will not start any new growth yet. Keep a close watch on all trees from now on, and repot when each tree is ready. Why not come along to our Sunday morning repotting workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Most trees will not need larger pots because, once their roots have been pruned, they will fit into the same pot, as long as it is still suitable for that tree. Before repotting, allow the tree's rootball to dry out a little, as this will help when removing old soil and adding new.

Watering may need to increase as the weather warms up, but be careful not to overwater.

## Club Nights.



October we had an interesting demonstration by John Trott from Mendip Studios on Techniques With Evergreens.



November we held the last meeting of the year the subject of the evening was a winter preparation workshop.

## **HELP REQUIRED HOVE SHOW.**

*We are still looking for sponsors to offset the cost of our National Show to be held at Hove Town Hall on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August. Suggestions from anyone would be welcome*



*Has anyone access to a large van that could be used over the weekend of the show for transporting trees and stands?*



*Do you have any unwanted Christmas presents that could be donated to the club as we are still collecting prizes for the Tombola any donations would be gratefully received.*

