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Welcome to BCI Ambassador's Newsletter for 2013!

BCI Australia in coming up FAST August 2014!

*We want to thank Kathy Coffman for all of her hard work
as the past Treasurer of BCI!*

NEW BCI 50th Anniversary Photo Book!

Frank Mihalic – BCI Ambassadors Newsletter Editor:

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BCI Excellence Awards



“The BCI Excellence Award” is to be awarded to an outstanding Bonsai Tree and/or Outstanding Suiseki Stone in Bonsai shows around the world attended by BCI board members. Each board member has been given a few of these prestigious awards to present as they travel the world attending/speaking at Bonsai & Suiseki shows. BCI Board Member **Guillermo Castano**.

THANK YOU! Guillermo for all of your help and support of Bonsai Clubs International. These Awards are likely to be a coveted addition to any Bonsai Artist's collection.

We have Just received a NEW Shipment of these Medals so keep your eyes open for them when you attend your next Bonsai Show!

BCI - Fundraisers

*PLEASE Help BCI by sponsoring a fund raiser,
and have some Bonsai Fun while doing it!*

**It is not easy financing a Non-profit organization like
Bonsai Clubs International.**

We are encouraging all BCI members, friends, and ambassadors to help raise money to support Bonsai Clubs International. Any thing you can do to support BCI is GREATLY APRECIATED! We are discussing many projects to help celebrate Bonsai Clubs International's **50th Anniversary** in **2013!**

Message to all Ambassadors:

We encourage all BCI Ambassadors and their clubs to share your experiences with us. We are always looking for articles for the Ambassadors Newsletter and for the BCI magazine. If you have some thing good going on, let us in on it.

*Please Join Us and send in your stories and we will try to share them with
all of the BCI members and Ambassadors, Thank You*

Anything exciting going on in your corner of the Bonsai world?

*Contact the Editor**
At Mihalicf@yahoo.com*



Coming up Soon!

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12-15 September 2013: For the Love of Bonsai: ABS Learning Seminars hosted by the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY.

<http://www.loveofbonsai.com>

23-24 August 2013: Redwood Empire Bonsai Show, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, Ca. Contact Bob Shimon, Shimon@mcn.org

25-27 September 2013: WBC 2013 at Jintan, China. Details at <http://www.wbff-2013.org/indexaction!pbviewbyid.action?pbclid=213>.

12-13 October 2013: Ashville N.C. Bonsai Show, held at the North Carolina Botanical Gardens

24-27 October 2013: 2013 Biennial South African Bonsai Association Convention hosted by the Eastern Bonsai Society at Johannesburg, South Africa.
bonsai@pixie.co.za.

31st Oct-3 November 2013: Golden State Bonsai Federation, Annual Bonsai Show
2500 north Hollywood Way, Burbank, ca, 91505 www.GSBF-bonsai.org

November 2013: Shuga-ten exhibition held at Ueno Green Club in Tokyo
Tel: 03-5685-5656)

November 2013: 34th Taikan-ten bonsai exposition in the Kansai (west Japan) area held at Miyako-Messe in Kyoto

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13-14 September The 4th US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION, in Rochester, New York.
More in for contact www.Internationalbonsai.com

22-25 August 2014: BCI 201: BCI will be held at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.
Details <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

NOW AVAILABLE!

BCI 50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ALBUM

BCI's limited edition publication, *Best of BCI: 50 stones, 50 trees, 50 years*, includes the finalists from the BCI 50th Anniversary Bonsai & Stone Photo Competition.

Order your copy now!

Best of BCI: 50 stones, 50 trees, 50 years.

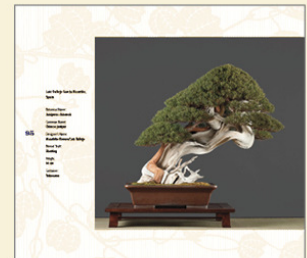
Hard cover, 120 pages, full color, limited edition, 9.25" x 8.25" / 23.5 x 21 cm, \$49.95 USD + S&H. S&H: Domestic/International; 1-3 books; \$5.00 / \$9.00. 4-5 books; \$12 / \$26. 6-9 books; \$18 / \$62. Contact BCI Business Office for other quantities.

The judges provided scores for each tree and stone entered in the BCI 2013 Photo Competition and those with the highest scores were selected for publication. The bonsai vary from deciduous to tropical trees originating from diverse countries, while many beautiful stones originate from different regions in the world.

The judges for stone appreciation were: **Song Jae Sun**, President of Indonesian Suiseki Association, Jakarta chapter, who is an expert in Korean, Japanese and Chinese stones; **Maria Rosa Bonet Balaguer**, a talented suiseki expert from Spain who served as a judge in several suiseki exhibitions and is familiar with the beauty of stones from China, Japan, Korea and Europe; and **Duc Tam Bui**, a stone expert from Vietnam with much knowledge on stone appreciation.

The judges for bonsai were: **Koji Hiramatsu**, the Director of All Japan Shohin Bonsai Association, the headliner in ASPAC Takamatsu, Japan and also in All India Bonsai Convention in Baroda, India; **David Benavente**, a talented artist from Spain who had demonstrated in many places in the world and writer in many international magazines; and **Jose Luis Rodriguez Macias**, a talented bonsai artist from Puerto Rico, also a specialist in tropical bonsai as well as the headliner in ASPAC 9 in Bali.

Starts Shipping May 2013 while quantities last



Discounts and Promo Codes

BCI50A-P: Contest participants: 20% off the retail price.

BCI50A-C: BCI member bonsai clubs: 20% off retail price for 6 or more copies delivered to one address.

BCI50A-V: Volume discount of 30% for orders over 25 copies.

Reseller discount of 40% for qualifying retailers. Please contact the BCI Business Office.

Advance Orders will start shipping in early May 2013. Orders after publication will ship within 7 days while quantities last. Shipping times vary but are approximately 7-14 days. Shipments to non-US destinations may incur customs documentation fees which are not included in our charges. Shipping and handling costs for 1 to 3 books: \$5.00 Domestic orders, \$9.00 International orders. Four to five books: \$12 Domestic, \$26 International. Six to nine books: \$18 Domestic, \$62 International. Contact BCI Business Office for shipping costs on other quantities.

Orderform with PayPal is available on the home page of BCI website, www.bonsai-bci.com.



Order by phone or post: For BCI members who do not wish order over the Internet, please contact BCI Business Manager, Carole Roske to reserve your copies.

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Email: bcimanager@visn.net

**BCI 50th Anniversary Photo Book. ,
Review by Russell Goodchild.**

The photos in this book are a very impressive collection of viewing stones and bonsai from around the world. The variety of the stones and bonsai are a clear indication of the widespread effect of BCI on the dissemination of information on the art of collecting and displaying and creation of these subjects.

The photos of viewing stones, many of them from China and Indonesia, are very impressive. I have not seen such a wide selection of stones before, and never so many as BCI has displayed in their magazines, much more than any other book I have seen. I was a little surprised that there are no Chrysanthemum stones, but the selection contains such a vast selection of stones from around the world that one is sure to be extremely pleased.

The photos of the bonsai and penjing are much varied, both in terms of foliage and style. Some of these trees have no foliage which I think detracts from the overall effect, and some have close foliage from top to bottom which prevents the appearance of “birds flying through”. Even so, this is still a wonderful collection of bonsai and penjing from around the world and I appreciate that.

Thanks to BCI the information and education of bonsai and stone appreciation have been disseminated not only to clubs but to individuals to many countries of the world.

NOTE:

These books are selling fast, if you want to own this small piece of BCI history, don't hesitate to get your Now!

President's Message to BCI Ambassadors Issue 3, 2013

Copies of our newly published *Best of BCI: 50 Stones, 50 Trees, 50 Years* were mailed in early June to people and clubs who placed pre-publication orders. I am pleased that our initial sales were strong and resulted in the sale of nearly half of our total press run. Several of our clubs have placed orders for multiple copies of our book, thus, taking advantage of the 20% discount from the retail price. This lowers the price individual members have to pay by \$10.00 when ordering books through their clubs. This BCI club membership discount offer is being extended so more of our clubs can take participate in this opportunity. Why paid \$49.95 for the book, when your club can purchase copies for you at \$40.00 each.

If your club is interested in taking advantage of this membership benefit, please contact our Business Manager, Carole Roske at bcimanager@visn.net and let her know how many copies your club would like to purchase at one time. Shipping multiple copies to one address saves on the shipping costs.

Finally, it is not too early to begin thinking about the 2014 convention in Australia. Take advantage of the convention to take a vacation in this beautiful country and, possibly, a side trip to New Zealand. They are great places to vacation and English is spoken, albeit with an accent.

Tom Elias, President

Please contact Tom Elias at tselias@msn.com and let me have your comments and recommendations.



There are just a few of these wonderful collectable pots left,
Don't miss this unique opportunity!

It would be a magnificent piece of art for any bonsai club/schools, to give as an award, to be placed on a bonsai display table or to be used as a commemorative gift.



These were hand made by **Pauline Muth** to mark the 50 years that BCI has woven friendships and bonsai together across the world.

Each little pot is unique, handcrafted, and can be used as a “companion pot” or Kusamono.

With the pot, you will receive the instructions by **Young Choe**, as to how to create your own unique Kusamono. **Young Choe** is a highly recognized new Kusamono artist.

These pots can be ordered @ Pauline@pfmbonsai.com

*Each pot will include shipping and can also be ordered on line at the BCI website. **Cost of pot in the United States \$36.00***

Cost of pot anywhere out side of the United States \$47.00

Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd
Invites you to the
Bonsai Clubs International Convention 2014



'Sunrise on Australian Bonsai'

21 – 24 August 2014

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

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Convention Program

***Thursday -
August 21, 2014***

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	BCI Board Meeting
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	AABC Executive Meeting
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Convention Registration
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception

***Friday-
August 22, 2014***

7:30 am – 8:30 am	BCI Delegates Meeting
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening Ceremony
9:00 am – 10:00 am	International Demonstrator Round Robin starts
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Tea
10:30 am – 12 noon	International Round Robin finishes / Chen Wenjuan demonstration starts
12 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Chen Wenjuan demonstration finishes/ Australian Demonstrator Round Robin starts
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Australian Round Robin finishes
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Jewellery Making Workshop #1

***Saturday –
August 23, 2014***

7:30 am – 8:30 am	BCI Annual General Meeting
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Zhao Qingquan Demonstration
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Tea
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Suiseki Display Critique with Tom Elias
10:30 am – 12 noon	Zhao Qingquan Demonstration
12 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	International Team Bonsai Styling Contest
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Suiseki Presentation #1 with Tom Elias
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Bonsai Presentation #1
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Jewellery Making Workshop #2
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Banquet / Awards / Country Karaoke Night / Auction

***Sunday-
August 24, 2014***

7:30 am – 8:30 am	AABC Annual General Meeting
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Shinichi Nakajima Demonstration
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Tea
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Suiseki Display Critique with Tom Elias
10:30 am – 12 noon	Shinichi Nakajima Demonstration
12 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Suiseki Presentation #2 with Tom Elias
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Bonsai Presentation #2
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	BCI 2015 Presentation / AABC 2015 Presentation / Closing Ceremony
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Optional BBQ

Details correct at time of printing. For all Convention information, visit www.aabcltd.org

Registration Form

Registrations closes - 10 August 2014

First Name _____ Surname _____ Title _____
Address _____
State _____ Postcode _____ Country _____
Telephone (____) _____
Email _____
Affiliated Club _____

- Please fill out a separate form for each registrant (Photocopies are accepted).
- **Full Registration** includes: All demonstrations on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, entry to Exhibition and Sales area, lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the 3 days and Convention kit. **Day Registration** includes: All demonstrations on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, entry to Exhibition and Sales area, lunch, morning and afternoon tea on chosen day and Convention kit. Each registration incurs a \$20 non-refundable administration fee in the event of cancellation. Information provided on this form will be used only for purposes of the Convention.
- Cancellation after 10 August 2014 will also incur catering costs.
- The Convention, including Welcome Reception and Convention Dinner, will be held at:
QT Gold Coast Hotel, 7 Staghorn Ave, Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217 Australia.
- Dietary considerations (A \$4 per meal surcharge applies, so for the 3 days a total of \$12 extra payment required):
☐ Diabetic ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Other (Please specify)

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REGISTRATION (please tick)			Fee	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Full Registration (before 1 February 2014)			\$299	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Registration (after 1 February 2014)			\$335	
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Registration (Friday)			\$195	
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Registration (Saturday)			\$195	
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Registration (Sunday)			\$195	
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (partners welcome to participate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Welcome Reception			\$79	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Dinner			\$110	
Workshops				
Jewellery – Frank Mihalic	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 (Fri 3.30 - 5.30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 (Sat 3.30 - 5.30pm)		
Suiseki Critique – Tom Elias	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (Sat 10.30 - 11.30 am)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (Sun 10.30 - 11.30 am)		
		Dietary supplement payment		
			TOTAL	\$

Method of Payment (please tick):☐ **PayPal to bonsai@aabcltd.org**

☐ **Direct Deposit:** Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd
 BANK: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
 BSB: 062295 Account No: 10221650 SWIFT CODE: CTABAAU2S
 (Please use your Surname and Initials as reference, so we can match your

deposit)

Please mail this registration form, plus a stamped self addressed envelope, to:

BCI 2014 Convention

PO Box 513, Ascot Vale, Victoria 3023, Australia

Receipt and confirmation letter will either be sent via return mail or e-mail where available.

Contact Glen Bebb – 0427 739 025 / glen@bonsainursery.com.auVisit **www.aabcltd.org** for all convention information and forms.



Japanese Yew- Before Styling



Japanese Yew – After Styling

Ohio Great Lakes Bonsai Club

A Good Bonsai should rival nature, here is a Zelkova Bonsai that was Purchased in 1979 at Susumo Nakamura's fathers nursery in Japan. It was 6" high when purchased, with a pencil sized trunk.



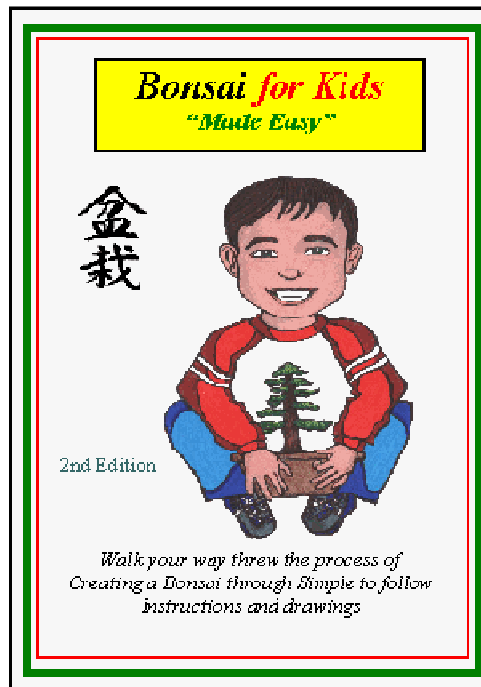
I think this Robin, Liked my Zelkova?



***Frank Mihalic Teaches new Bonsai students from a local High School
at the American Bonsai Society Show Saratoga , NY***



(Photo by Steve Miller)



By: Frank J. Mihalic

Ten Tips for Bringing Indoor Bonsai Indoors

By: Joan Greenway

In Canada, our indoor bonsai have enjoyed a vacation outside during our spring and summer. Their trunks have thickened, leaf growth has increased and many have flowered profusely.

Outside, our bonsai have received more light and higher humidity than they ever did indoors. The indoor bonsai have adapted to 20 degrees in fluctuations in temperature and have been fed and watered fairly regularly throughout their summer stay in the garden.

Conditions change rapidly for a tree that has to be taken indoors. In a short time, with less light, less humidity, smaller fluctuations in temperature, as well as a reduction in water and food, the bonsai will start to rest.

Indoors the bonsai may show signs of stress such as yellowing, parching or dropping leaves. If the stress is too great the indoor bonsai may die. Here are ten tips to help with the transition.

- 1 Plan where the bonsai will be placed indoors. Avoid direct cold drafts or hot air vents.
2. Consider light conditions, a north or south facing window is best. North is for the bonsai that can tolerate lower levels of light.
3. Put them where pets are not for protection of both species.
4. Keep them in the same pots they were in all summer.
5. Inspect soil, bonsai pots, especially underneath, for pests and other insects. Put aside the trees that are infected on a plastic table.
6. Cut away any dead, damaged or rotting leaves and remove any moss, then disinfect your tools after each tree to avoid transfer of any diseases to other plants.
7. Do not prune heavily as this encourages growth rather than resting.
8. Scrub the outside of all the pot with mild soap and water. A nylon scrubber or brush is useful here and do not forget the underside of the pot.
9. Shower each bonsai with garden spray or mister. Then spray leaves and trunk with Safer insecticidal soap spray.
10. Allow to dry out doors, then place in the house immediately.

If you have Grow Lights Wash down trays under the lights and sterilize them with small amounts of bleach.

Put up sticky fly traps.

Spray bonsai regularly with Safer's soap, every three days for two weeks after bringing them indoor.

Sprinkle cinnamon on soil if flies appear in the soil.



Pyrocantha root over rock, displayed by Frank J. Mihalic

at the ABS Bonsai Show in Saratoga, NY

(Photo by Steve Miller)