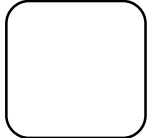




Evergreen Bonsai Society
5730 Battle Point Drive
Bainbridge Island, Wa 983110



This month's meeting will feature a demonstration by David De Groot the curator of Weyerhaeuser Company's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. He will style a tree which will be raffled off at the end of the meeting.

David De Groot has been studying and practicing bonsai since 1972. His first experience was as a hobbyist, because in America there are very few opportunities to become a bonsai professional. Like most Americans, he studied informally, taking classes with American artists John Yoshio Naka and Yuji Yoshimura when they would visit his city from time to time. Despite few opportunities, David worked hard, began writing articles for American bonsai magazines, and began to teach other hobbyists. After 15 years, he quit his career as a symphony orchestra musician and began working for bonsai customers.



In 1989, he was chosen to be curator of Weyerhaeuser Company's new Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. Today, his written articles have been published in eight countries, he has lectured throughout the United States and in Brazil, Canada, England and Venezuela, and his book *Basic Bonsai Design* is in its fourth printing. David knows he still has much to learn, so he

currently takes classes in satsuki cultivation from Mr. Tatemori Gondo of the Eishin Shiyoji Company, Ltd., and travels to Japan once or twice yearly to study with Sensei Yasuo Mitsuya of Tokai-en in Toyohashi.

This year's show at the mall was a great success. Lots of people came through the exhibit. We handed out about 150 flyers promoting the club. Everyone who came through the exhibit was



impressed by the quality and diversity of trees we had on display. Many thanks to everyone who brought trees and helped out at the mall!!

Please note the change in location of this month's meeting!!

This month's meeting will be held at Olympic College in the auditorium of the Math Bldg. on Friday May 23rd 7:00 P.M.