



EVERGREEN BONSAI CLUB

<http://www.evergreenbonsaiclub.com> November '04

This month we will be “Turkey Tree” styling. Bring in that turkey of a tree you just don’t know what to do with and our local experts will help you style it.

This time of the year we can get a lot of rain so shelter those trees that are sensitive to excess rain, such as pines.

Now is a good time to begin needle thinning your two needle pines. If you thin last year’s needles by pulling, be careful to pull in the direction they grow. Otherwise, you will most likely lose the bud you are trying to stimulate. On strong, well developed pines, you can also thin this year’s needles by thinning to 5 or 6 pairs of needles in the top half of the trees and 7 or 8 pairs in the lower half of the trees. Don’t forget to clean dropped leaves off your soil surfaces since they can provide shelter for unwanted pests.

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Ten Commandments of Bonsai

by Bill Will

1. Thou shalt devise thine own potting mix Thou mayest seek advice and help from others but must formulate thine own mix according to thine

own microenvironment and watering and fertilizing regimen.

2. Thou shalt determine the ph of thine own water and adjust it to slightly acidic.

3. Thou shalt immediately, or as soon as possible, remove any new plant from its original potting mix and place it in thine own.

4. Thou shalt abhor, despise, detest and hate all such vermin as squirrels and mayest not go to the local feed store and buy the 50 lb. bags of corn to feed them because “they are so cute”.

5. Thou shalt take care of thy bonsai as though they were thine own children - for indeed, they art. Thou shalt water them, feed them, groom them, love them and keep them from all harm.

6. Thou shalt do thine own repotting and trimming. Thou mayest seek advice and assistance but must do the actual work thine own self.

7. Thou shalt not bow down and worship “The Rules” of bonsai and shalt recognize that they are naught but “guidelines” - albeit excellent guidelines Thou shouldst learn them and abide by them - when applicable and possible.

This months meeting will be held at Olympic College in Bremerton off of Lincoln Ave. in the shop area room 114. November 19th 2004 at 7:00p.m.

8. Thou shalt seek diligently for potential bonsai, they; being available whence and where found.

9. Thou shalt not covet they neighbor’s bonsai, nor his pots, nor his tools - lest ye be willing to pay him at least 10 times its maximum true value.

10. Thou shalt do everything in they power to promote the Art of Bonsai.

Upcoming Events

November 21 & 22 - PSBA Guest Bonsai Artist - Marco Invernizzi - 3 workshops: Sunday 1p.m. - 4p.m. & 7pm - 10p.m., Monday 1p.m. - 4p.m. and Demonstration: Monday 7:30p.m. - 10:00p.m.

May 28-31, 2005

World Bonsai Friendship Federation 5th World Bonsai Convention “The World of Bonsai: Bringing Countries Together Through the Art of Bonsai” at Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC.

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