



Federation of British Bonsai Societies
And
Friends of the National Bonsai Collection

NOTES FROM FOBBS – FEBRUARY 2022

We at FoBBS were determined to start this year, as the Covid restrictions were being lifted, to considerably raise our activity profile. We have certainly got off to a roaring start as some extremely exciting events are well into the development stages.

- Having been accepted to exhibit at both London RHS Shows, FoBBS would like to invite Society members who have bonsai of the requisite quality to submit photographs for consideration for their tree/s to be shown. Photos should in the first instance be forwarded to me, and then a FoBBS subcommittee will consider the entrants.
- We have been approached by the BBC to craft a proposal for them to film some trees to promote bonsai and in particular FoBBS participation at the RHS Show at Chelsea. The idea is to focus on a yamadori Hemlock that was to be destroyed on a landfill site, lifted, styled and is now part of the National Bonsai Collection. The tree would then be transported to London for display at the two RHS shows.
- As a reminder, we are advised by our underwriters that FoBBS is deemed a very low risk organisation consequently FoBBS can reduce the annual insurance premium to £15 with FoBBS membership fee unchanged at £25.
- Miroslav Kolar who won the Amateur Talent Competition at Heathrow in 2019, will represent Britain in the European final at the Bonsai Association Congress in Augsburg in June.
- FoBBS will also have a presence at the Bonsai Show Live at Telford on 1 & 2 October 2022, that promises to be a large and well organised show.

- Two events on the same date of 20 March 2022 and, at the same venue of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens:
 - ▷ FNBC Car Boot sale – 8:00 am
 - ▷ The FoBBS/FNBC AGM - 11:00 am

- FoBBS can now confirm that we will be hosting a major bonsai event in the South West of UK. This will be in the large 'Garden House' at RHS Rosemoor in North Devon. It is hoped to showcase many of the superb trees owned by members of the regional bonsai societies and attract traders selling trees, tools, pots, soils and every manner of bonsai related goods over the weekend. We may even have the Hemlock that is mentioned above. The date, Saturday and Sunday, **6 & 7 May 2023**.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Chairman

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