



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

NOTES FROM FOBBS – MAY 2022

The trees are looking spectacular in their new Spring bright green – I think we can say that winter is now behind us!

- Next Sunday, 8 May is the 3rd Expo Bonsai event at K2 Crawley Leisure Centre RH11 9BQ.

I would definitely be there but Ambion Bosai (of which I am temporary Chair) is putting on a display at Burbage Common Open Day LE10 3DD. This will be the first time our trees will have been shown in three years!

- On Saturday, 14 May we celebrate “World Bonsai Day”. As a thought, contact your (Bonsai) friends and invite them to see your trees to further spread the joy of Bonsai.
- The World Bonsai Friendship Federation (WBFF) was established by the revered bonsai master Saburo Kato to promote world friendship through Bonsai.

It was in 1990 that I was privileged to meet Mr Kato at his nursery in Omiya, Japan. His nursery is a collection of truly wonderful Bonsai. Mr Kato gave off an aura of calm strength making us very welcome, giving us tea etc’.

- The Chelsea Flower Show is our next event 24th to 28th May. Chris Durne and Tony Mackenzie are in charge of FoBBS display at Chelsea. I gather all is on track and would like to thank all the Societies who presented trees for consideration. A number of very good trees were selected to be on our Chelsea stand.
- The BBC contacted us wishing to explore the possibility of making a short film which will be shown during Chelsea week. Malcolm and Kath Hughes, Barry Walker and I were involved in the eight of hours filming which we gather will be edited into about a five minute film!

The following day, 22 April we all went to the Botanical Gardens for a further six hours of filming!

- The main point of interest by the BBC is on a yamadori Hemlock that was to be destroyed on a landfill site. It was saved, lifted and styled by Barry Walker and is now one of the trees in the National Bonsai Collection. This Hemlock will be transported to London for display at the two RHS shows.
- 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.
- The aim of FoBBS being at these prestigious events is simply to promote Bonsai. Nigel Wright has designed a contemporary new flyer for FoBBS that will be available from Chelsea show onwards to help with this aim.

Do enjoy your trees and hopefully some warm weather.

All the best

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