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Communicating with BCI members around the World**

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Editors Message

Welcome to BCI Ambassador's Newsletter

This has been a very busy Bonsai season world wide for the art of bonsai!

Our GOAL in this new year is to raise as much money as possible for BCI, so we can fund many new projects in 2012!

Please check out the New Website that Ian has been working on, it is Great!

There are many new and exciting things in the future for BCI so keep tuned in

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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.

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.

In this Issue of the newsletter we have received a correspondence from the Avadh Bonsai Association a member of BCI.

They are sharing with us their 2nd Free Bonsai Camp held on Feb 28th 2012.

They wanted to share their experience with all the other BCI members by sending us this report and photographs.

We would like to Thank K.K. Arora , Chief Advisor, Avadh Bonsai Association,
Lucknow

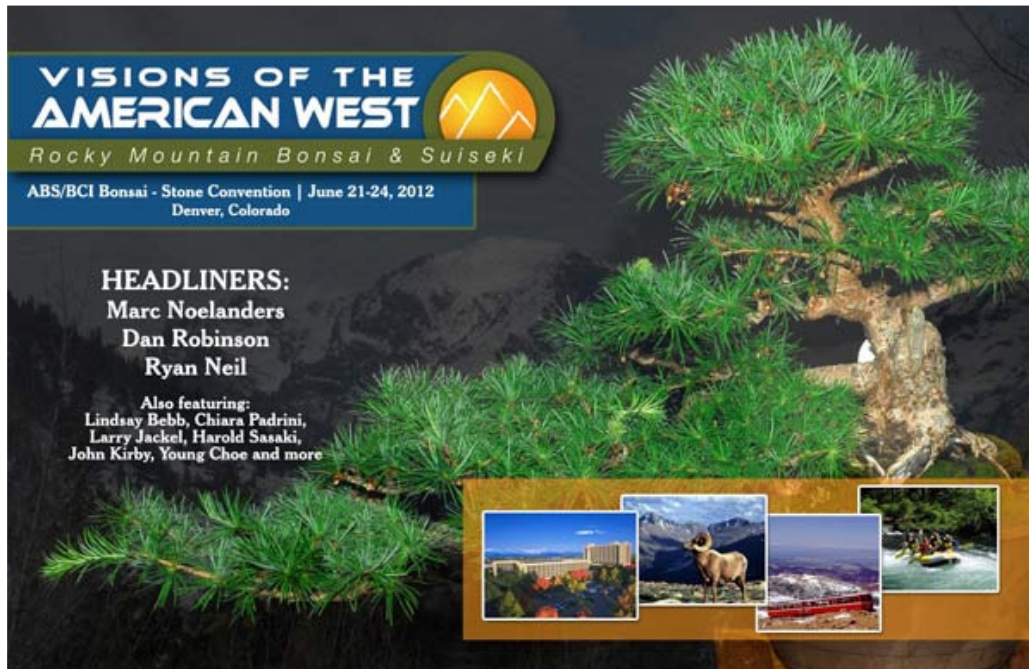
***Please Join Us and send in your stories and we will try to share them with
all of the BCI members and Ambassadors, Thank You***

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

Contact the Editor**
At Mihalicf@yahoo.com

Its almost time for the Upcoming Denver BCI/ABS Convention 2012!

Pick up the Phone and make your reservation at the Hotel and Airlines, don't pass up this Great opportunity to attend this convention in Denver, Co!



Bonsai in the Rockie's June 2012

The Details...

Convention

Registration \$295.00

The Hotel

Denver Marriott Tech Center

Room Rate: \$85

Hotel website:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dentc-denver-marriott-tech-center/>

4 Day Pre-Convention Tour

June 17-20

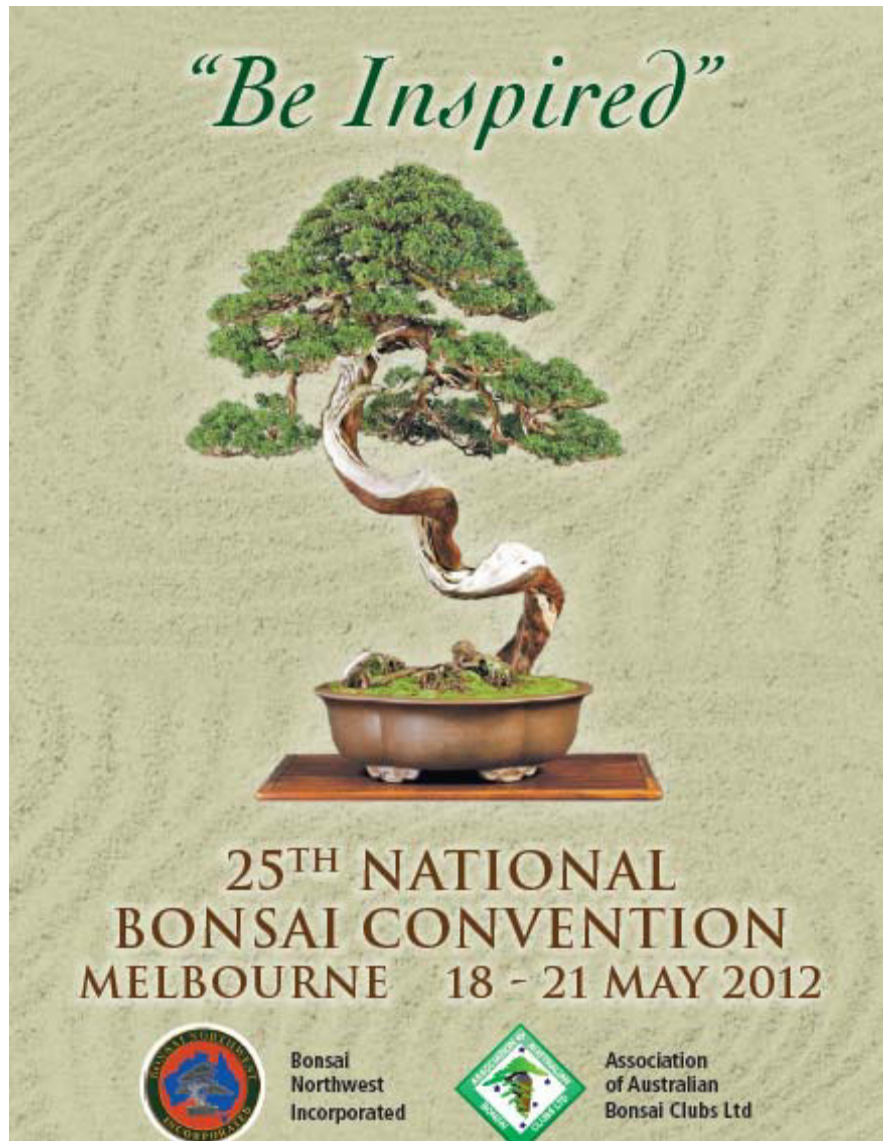
Cost: Approximately \$925

(not including hotel or convention)

Rocky Mountain National Park with lunch at the Stanley Hotel, High Country Jeep Adventure, Ancient Pine Grove, stone collecting, Pikes Peaks Cog Railroad with dinner at the Flying W Ranch, and more!

Info and Registration: <http://bonsai2012.org/>





For more details on this fabulous event and registration details the web site is below
www.bonsainorthwest.com.au

Coming up Soon!

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June 9-10, 2012: 3rd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, NY, USA. For details contact WNV@internationalbonsai.com.

June 16 & 17, 2012: Wildwood Gardens Bonsai weekend,
14488 Rock Creek rd, Chardon, Ohio wildwoodgardens.com
Featuring: Pauline Muth & Frank Mihalic

June 21-24, 2012: BCI-ABS Visions of the American West will be held in Denver, CO, USA.
Details TBA at <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

July 14 & 15, 2012: PFM Bonsai Open House
West Charlton, NY pfmbonsai.com
Featuring: Pauline Muth & Frank Mihalic

August 17-19, 2012: Mid-West Bonsai Show,
Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glenn cook, IL

September 14-16, 2012: PNBCA Bonsai Convention,
Vancouver, Washington

September 17-23, 2012: Crespi Cup
Milan, Italy

October 25-28, 2012: Golden State Bonsai Show,
Sacramento, California

-----2013-----

2013 April 13-14, 2013: BCI will be held in Yangzhou, China.
Details <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

-----2014-----

May 18-21, 2014: BCI will be held at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Details <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

Free Bonsai Camp by Avadh Bonsai Association, Lucknow.

A Report by Vidhi Bhargava and K.K.Arora



The art of Bonsai, in the City of Nawabs, Lucknow, has attained great heights owing to the untiring efforts of Avadh Bonsai Association, under the dynamic leadership of it's founder president, Mrs.Santosh Arora and it's competent Chief Adviser, Mr.K.K.Arora.

The resounding success of the First Free Bonsai Camp organized by ABA in 2010 and the earnest requests of all bonsai lovers of the city for another camp, led to the genesis of the second camp on the 28th of February, 2012, at the glorious Hotel Clarks Avadh.

The camp was inaugurated amidst a lot of cheering, by seeking the blessings of the lord of beginnings, Lord Ganesha. Lighting of the lamp by our very own Mrs.Santosh Arora, the light of ABA, was followed by chanting of the gayatri mantra.

Enthusiasm was in the air. On the one hand the reception counter was crowded with eager visitors registering their plants and on the other hand, our team of members, ready with their tools to give a make-over to the visiting plants. One plant per person was a rule to ensure that everyone gets a chance to interact with the experienced bonsai artists.



We had visitors from all walks of life, young and old, which reflects the popularity of the art of bonsai and ABA. Lots of first-timers were looking forward to the lecture-demonstration of the President, Mrs.Santosh Arora assisted by Mrs.Padma singh.

The hour long program, covering the basics for making an ideal Bonsai with practical demonstration, kept the audience spellbound.

The teams working on the plants comprised of 20 senior members bubbling with confidence to shape visitors plants. We had a few new faces among them at the work tables, working spiritedly as it was a new experience for them, working on someone else's plant.

The responsibility entrusted on them by their teacher, was very encouraging, and broadened their horizon.

A few bonsais were on display, all belonging to the members of Avadh Bonsai Association. We had almost 150 visitors and about 75 plants brought by them were shaped into bonsai.

The expressions seen on their faces were a good indicator of how satisfying was the experience of transformation of their ordinary looking plants into interesting and beautiful shapes.

The camp was once again a huge success .Many of the visitors requested if we could extend the Camp to another day so that they can bring more plants and also bring their relatives and friends.



A numbers of visitors also enrolled for future training classes a good indicator of the success of the pursuit of ABA to spread the Art Of Bonsai.



The road to success was paved with enthusiasm, dedication, team work, passion of the members of ABA and essentially the brilliant leadership of Mrs. Santosh Arora & Mr.K.K.Arora.

