

## GROUNDSEL...

(from page 6)

mediate application of Chlordane solved the ant problem. The plant, formerly about six feet tall and now only three, was taken back to base camp where it was potted and dosed with Superthrive.

Baccharis halimifolia, or groundsel-tree, was confirmed as the name. It is found in coastal marshes and nearby areas from Florida to Massachusetts. It grows nine feet tall and flowers in August and September, with small interesting fruit thereafter in late fall and early winter. The plant is dioecious, and if a male plant is collected, there will be no fruit.

Because there is no mention of this plant in bonsai literature, and because no one who has worked with it was found, there is no easy answer about its bonsai potential.

In one week, however, the collected specimen had grown vigorously and began budding back all over old wood. Yet to be answered is the tree's sex, and more importantly, its longevity. Although some specimens subsequently viewed appear larger and probably quite old, no record of counting tree rings to ascertain age is known.

Plants respond differently in pot culture than in the ground, and one can never tell how they will differ except by experience. If all goes well, the plant will become a bonsai in four or five years of training. Add another year to that estimate because it was left in Florida and will receive little attention for the first year.



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Even better and larger examples were dug after this first one. All survived transplantings. The remaining questions about this plant will be answered in the future. One question that should be made clear very soon: will it grow on the coastline of Maryland?

### The Bad Guys

This "Bad Guy" insect is a plant louse that sucks juices from living bonsai (and other) plants. They can be spotted by the honeydew they exude and the black mold that grows on it, also by the curled leaf and the distorted bud. To control, keep tree clean and spray with Malathion or Diazinon.



Japanese White Pine



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## Why A Show?

by JOHN HINDS  
Show Chairman

A public exhibition that flows smoothly and is a pleasure to the eye is largely taken for granted by the casual public visitor. Perhaps this is as it should be, for one of the great purposes of a show is to bring carefree pleasure to the beholder.

### The Cover

This lovely Japanese White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) appeared in last year's PBA Annual Bonsai Show. Its owner is a member of the Baltimore Bonsai Club. (Photo by Suniewick)

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But is that why the relatively few dedicated volunteers labor so long before, during, and after a show? The answer may be yes in part, but there are other important motivations.

One is bringing pleasure to those hav- personally-treasured trees with beauty they wish to share with others. Another is the sense of fulfillment so individually derived from working harmoniously in a cooperative effort.

But perhaps the ultimate reason is the hope that the effort will bring to all visitors a new experience which will add new and larger dimensions to their lives.

Will you join in the effort to make our Fourth Annual Show a success? Assistance is needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 25, 26, and 27. If you can help, please call me at 301-292-2914 after 6 p.m.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### ULRIC O. HUTTON

ULRIC O. HUTTON, PBA Founding Member and the Association's only Honorary Life Member, died February 9, 1975. Services were held February 12, and interment was at Woodside Cemetary, Brighton, Md.

He is survived by wife, Rose of Brinklow, Md., son Thomas, daughter Mary Papagiannis, three sisters, and five grandchildren.

PBA members desiring may contribute to Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Ulric's gentle manner and open generosity endeared him to all who knew him. Although advancing years kept him from active participation in the last few years, he remained a staunch supporter of PBA, and many stock plants from his Brinklow nursery fill bonsai pots in this area. They are living memorials to a man of the earth and a wonderful human being.

Newer PBA members who never had the opportunity to know him missed knowing a rare person. Those of us who remember him from the founding days of Washington bonsai will miss his quiet presence.

### GEORGE FUKUMA

It is with sadness that we also pass on the news that George Fukuma, long known for his bonsai teaching and support of American bonsai efforts, died in December 1974. A memorial to George will appear in the spring issue of the ABS JOURNAL.

## Constitution Changes

For the purpose of complying with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations for non-profit status, the following are changes recommended to the PBA constitution. Members will be asked to vote for or against these changes at the Annual Business Meeting in April. This article constitutes the required notice to members.

• In Article II, delete word "charitable" and substitute the words "social, recreational" in all sections.

• In Article II. J., delete "501(c)3" and substitute "501(c)7"; delete "(a)" and the phrase beginning with "or (b) by a Corporation..."

• In Article II. L., delete "501(c)3" and substitute "501(c)7"; delete the word "religious".

## Flipse Heads Northern Va.

David E. Flipse was named President of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society at their February 8 meeting. Dave lives in Vienna, Va.

Bud Ricucci of Fairfax, Va., was named to the second spot, Educational Vice-President.

Floy Flipse was re-elected to the post of Secretary-Treasurer.

In other action, the Society elected to establish a library, and voted \$100 to start acquisition of books. Earl Montgomery was named Librarian.

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## Show Time

by JOHN HINDS  
Show Chairman

The Fourth Annual PBA Bonsai Show will be held in the National Arboretum auditorium on April 26 and 27.

This year's Show Committee includes: Peter Abresch, Annapolis; Tory Pottberg, Baltimore; Molly Hersh, Brookside; Bill Craig, Columbia; Glade Krivoy, Forest Glade (Reston); Bill Merritt, Northern Virginia; and John Hreha, ex-officio as PBA President. Milt Kidd of Brookside, and last year's Show Chairman, is publicity director of the 1975 display.

Each PBA affiliate club will select its Show entries. Last year some 41 trees and about 20 mame bonsai were entered. At least 10 additional could have been accommodated comfortably. This year I have suggested some new guidelines to assist the clubs: Annapolis - 5 to 10 trees; Baltimore, NOVABONSOC, and Brookside - 15 to 18 each.

Trees are also solicited from Forest Glade and Columbia, but neither are assigned a specific number of trees because of the newness of these clubs' organization and status.

No limit is set on the number of mame trees which may be entered.

To facilitate submission of trees, the Arboretum auditorium will be open on Thursday evening, April 24, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to receive trees. On Friday trees will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arrivals after that time will be accepted only if prior arrangement has been made with the Show Chairman.

Two daily presentations of bonsai demonstrations will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Peter Abresch of Annapolis will demonstrate on Saturday morning. The afternoon performer will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Sunday morning's session will be conducted by John Hreha. Marion Gyllenswan of Nanuet, N.Y. will demonstrate a group planting at the Sunday 2 p.m. period using special stock selected for her by Jim Barrett, Bonsai Clubs International President. Mrs. Gyllenswan is a founding member and past-president of the Bonsai Society of Greater New York. She is an internationally-known bonsai stylist and protege of Bonsai Master Yuji Yoshimura.

### Columbia No. 6

The sixth PBA affiliate club officially joined the Association in January. The COLUMBIA BONSAI CLUB will regularly meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center on Old Montgomery Road and Tamar Drive in Columbia.

The new club is headed by a pair of Co-Chairmen: Dan Turner and Philip Remsberg. Educational Chairman is Bill Craig, Frank Cahoon is Secretary, and Tom Rainville is Treasurer.

Further information about the newest addition to the Association may be obtained from Dan Turner, 301-730-0243, or Phil Remsberg, 301-730-7473.

## Naka School Open

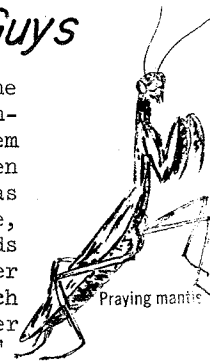
A few openings for the April 14-17 John Naka afternoon sessions remain. PBAers desiring to attend should call PBA President John Hreha immediately to reserve a space. Reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis. Call John at 202-296-1200 weekdays, or 301-253-4167 evenings.

Members already confirmed are asked to forward the \$65 fee immediately to PBA Treasurer Molly Hersh. Make checks payable to PBA.

All attendees are reminded they must provide one tree to work on, and may bring one in-training bonsai for advice. Bring your own wire, soil, and tools as well.

### The Good Guys

Depicted here is one of the "Good Guy" insects. Welcome them in your bonsai garden and protect them as the friends they are, as they prey on aphids and mites and other harmful bugs, which are shown in another series of "Bad Guys."



### Coming...

Part 2 of Khan Komai's "Bonsai Taught and Learned" will appear in the March issue.

## Annapolis Club Meets

A full program awaits members of the Annapolis Bonsai Club when they meet on March 21.

John Hinds, PBA Vice-President will talk about "Boxwood as Bonsai" and will display some of the many varieties of Buxus.

A workshop will be conducted concurrent with selection of trees to represent Annapolis at the PBA Fourth Annual Show in April. This will be a fine opportunity to bring your favorite trees for advice and assistance on preparing them for the showing. If you have none for show, then bring any tree to work on.

Nominating Committee persons Louis Gottlieb, Stephen Morse, and Joyce Pelletier will entertain suggestions for club officers. Any of them should be contacted if you wish to run or have another in mind. Nominations from the floor will be accepted meeting night for both officer and board positions.

Annual dues (\$13 single, \$15 a couple) are due and should be mailed to Mrs. Anne Day, 354 Memory Path, Route 1, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

### REDUCING NEEDLES

The needles of Pines will be reduced in size if repotting is done as late in the season as possible. Keeping Pines in a cold, shady spot through late spring will delay new growth for this purpose. Pines that have not put forth new growth candles may be repotted even as late as the end of April.

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## Tree of the Month

by CLIFF POTTBURG

This month we will deal with a plant that has not been proven of value as a bonsai. Perhaps by looking at such a plant, one not heretofore collected or used as bonsai, some generalizations can be made that will aid other PBA members when collecting unfamiliar materials. Many questions need to be answered before one can know such a plant will succeed as bonsai.

The plant to be examined is *Baccharis halimifolia*. It was discovered on a recent collecting trip in Florida. After literally stumbling over a plant of this species, the rest of the collecting group was called to take a look. The plant had a beautiful root system, rugged bark, small leaves, a strong trunk line, and low thick branches, one of which could easily be used as a new leader. The group agreed it should be dug, even though there were a few immediate problems - it was living over a Palm tree stump and a fire ant's nest.

First to be answered: what was the name of the plant? A botanist in the party thought it was *Baccharis*, but couldn't be sure of the species. He did note it was of the Composita, or Daisy, family. Another question, raised by the answer to the first, was whether or not the plant has a longevity necessary to bonsai.

Still another question, about the root system, was answered as digging proceeded - no tap root. Instead, a fairly

## Groundsel-Tree

fibrous root system, which posed the question: was this factor caused or retarded by its difficult soil environment? The answer to yet another question was left unanswered: would it survive the virtual bare - rooting required of that dig? No answer could be forthcoming for a few weeks at least.

Other considerations at the time were whether or not the plant's growth was fastigate (strongly upward growth habit) and therefore unsuitable for bonsai - (as it turned out, no problem there), and whether or not the plant would bud back from old wood or merely sucker from the base. A small sucker from the swollen base was evidence of past attempts to sucker, but no evidence of budding back was apparent.

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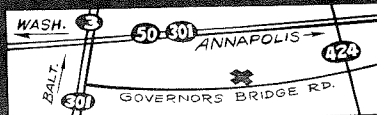
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## Activity Schedule

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| 8  | Northern Virginia - "Azalea Propagation and Maintenance," talk and slides by Arthur Frazer, area Azalea grower and expert; this is repeat of program presented at Brookside on Feb. 28  |
| 12 | Columbia - Styling Workshop; bring your own tree, or call Bill Craig, 720-0538, to make arrangements to get one. NOTE: meeting on second Wednesday for this month only  |
| 15 | Baltimore - Annual Business Meeting and Selection of PBA Show Trees   |
| 21 | Annapolis - "Boxwoods and Bonsai," talk by John Hinds, PBA VP; Workshop & Show Tree Selection; Election of Club Officers  |
| 21 | Brookside - Show Tree Selection, following short business meeting to elect BGB directors for coming term. Tree selection session will be open under the concept that learning why tree is accepted or rejected is an educational experience   |
| 22 | Forest Glade - Field Trip to Indianhead Highway, Md. Dig Site; bring shovel, plastic or burlap for rootball, string; PBA members will be on hand to help novices select and dig suitable materials; call Glade Krivoy, 860-0733, to arrange for car pooling. Note: this activity takes place of regular fourth Friday evening meeting |

ANNAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB - Main Library, West St., Annapolis, Md., 3d Friday, 7 p.m. regular meetings; 6:30 p.m. workshops  
BALTIMORE BONSAI CLUB - Cylburn Park Mansion, Baltimore, Md., 3d Saturday, 3 p.m.  
BROOKSIDE GARDENS BONSAI - Brookside Nature Center, 1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, Md., 3d Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
COLUMBIA BONSAI CLUB - Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center, Old Montgomery Rd. and Tamar Dr., Columbia, 2d Tuesday, 8 p.m.  
FOREST GLADE BONSAI CLUB - Glade Room, 11550 Glade Dr. in Hunter's Woods, Reston, Va., 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
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