

NOVABONSOC SHOW TREES. A rock-clasping Japanese Mountain Maple (left) and a literati Laceleaf Maple, both varieties of *Acer palmatum*, and a Maidenhair, *Gingko biloba*, are three of a 25-tree display put on for visitors to the Gulf Branch Nature Center in Arlington, Va., regular meeting place of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society, May 11. The show, held outside on the Center's patio, attracted a moderate crowd, among them four new members. (Photo by Newton)

PBA TREASURER'S REPORT June 21, 1974

Balance on Hand (April 12)	\$396.31
Receipts	\$2,278.27
Expenditures	\$2,020.85
Balance on Hand (June 21)	<u>\$653.73</u>

List of receipts and expenditures available from Treasurer Molly Hersh.

PBAers Go National

PBA will soon have direct representation in both national bonsai organizations. John Hinds, BGB member and current PBA First Vice-President, has been nominated to be Vice-President of Bonsai Clubs International. Cliff Pottberg, BBC member and Immediate Past-President of PBA, has been nominated for membership on the Board of Directors of the American Bonsai Society. Each will be confirmed or defeated during elections to be held at the annual meetings of the respective organizations in Pasadena this month. Few such nominations have been defeated in past elections.

In addition, several PBA Honorary Members are also serving, or have been nominated to serve, with ABS. These include Dr. John Creech, National Arboretum Director; E. Felton Jones; Chase Rosade; and John Naka.

ABC Elects In May

New officers to head the Annapolis Bonsai Club were elected at that organization's May meeting. They are:

- Dave Brown.....President
 - Joyce Pelletier.....Educational VP
 - Peter Abresch.....First VP
 - Andrea Lovejoy.....Secretary
 - Anne Day.....Treasurer
- Joyce also is current PBA Secretary.

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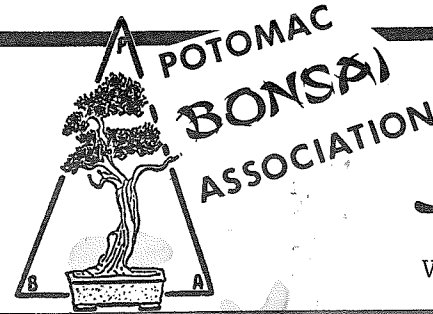
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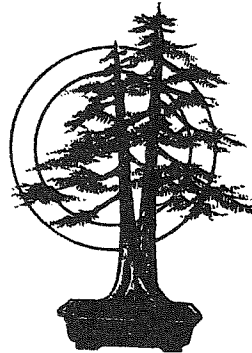
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JULY 11-14 NATIONAL BONSAI CONVENTION '74

The above insignia designates NATIONAL BONSAI - CONVENTION '74, taking place on July 11-14 - this month. Those fortunate enough to attend the Pasadena, California enclave will gain memories galore.

The next distinctive insignia to watch for is shown below. It designates SUNNY SOUTH '75, the BCI 1975 convention to be held in Miami Beach, Florida, on July 2-6 next year. Start your planning now!



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the cover

SARGENT'S CRABAPPLE (*Malus sargentii*), property of BBC Past-President and current PBA Educational VP Richard Meszler, was one of the smaller (about 8") trees entered in this year's Third Annual PBA Bonsai Show. Although Richard does not specialize in any one species, he admits to a particular fondness for Crabapple. His tender loving care is very evident in this fine specimen's styling and obvious health. (Photo by Suniewick)

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Chase Styles Boxwood

The PBA-sponsored workshop conducted by Chase Rosade for BGB and NOVABONSOC members held June 2 was enthusiastically enjoyed by participants. Eleven students attended: from BGB, An Edwards, Molly Hersh, John Hinds, Jo Finneyfrock, Albert Joern, Walter Schmidt, and John Hreha; from NOVABONSOC, Dave Flipse, Bill Merritt, and Mack Carruthers. ABCer Joyce Pelletier also attended.

"All the participants made a point of telling me how much they enjoy Chase," PBA President John Hreha said. "We hope to have him back again soon."

During his demonstration the preceeding Friday at Brookside Nature Center, Chase styled a Kingsville Boxwood (*Buxus microphylla compacta nana Kingsville*) into a clump style. More than 40 members followed his inimitable presentation with avid attention. Mildred Walders, of BGB, won the Boxwood when it was raffled off following Chase's demonstration.

BBC

Baltimore

(R) = Regular meetings, held at Cylburn Park Mansion, Cylburn Park, Baltimore, at 3 p. m.

July | No meeting this month because of National Convention '74 in Pasadena, Calif.

Aug 18 | (R) Program on Highlights of National Convention '74, with slides of show trees and other points of interest

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tree of the month

Year-Long Flowering

by CLIFF POTTBERG

This month's tree article is a list of some of those trees and shrubs which will flower at varying times of the year. If you were to own a bonsai of each of the following outdoor species, at least one would be in bloom every month. Of course with room indoors, or in a greenhouse, where less hardy plants could be cared for, the list for each month expands greatly.

The list below deals only with flowering plants. No attempt has been made to be all-inclusive; your favorite may be missing. Also, plants with color interest because of their leaf, bark, or fruit are not included.

Remember, very few plants flower in winter. There would be almost none if it were not for the Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis*) family. Remember also that blooming times will vary according to climate and latitude, and even in a single location there is likely to be a variation from year to year.

Plants are listed in general order of flowering within each monthly period.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| January | |
| Spray Witch Hazel | <i>H. vernalis</i> |
| Chimonanthus | <i>Chimonanthus praecox</i> |
| February | |
| Witch Hazel | <i>H. mollis</i> |
| Flowering Japanese Apricot | <i>Prunus mume</i> |
| Corylopsis | <i>Corylopsis pauciflora</i> |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| March | |
| Jasmine | <i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i> |
| Forsythia (several) | <i>Forsythia</i> sp. |
| Flowering Quince | <i>Chaenomeles lagenaria</i> |
| April | |
| Red Bud | <i>Cercis canadensis</i> |
| Japanese Flowering Cherry | <i>P. serrulata</i> |
| Sargent's Crabapple | <i>Malus sargentii</i> |
| May | |
| Rhododendron | <i>Rhododendron obtusum</i> |
| Flowering Dogwood | <i>Cornus florida</i> |
| Firethorn | <i>Pyracantha watereri</i> |
| June | |
| Kalmia | <i>Kalmia latifolia</i> |
| Siberian Pea Tree | <i>Caragana arborescens</i> |
| July | |
| Buttonwood | <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> |
| St. John's Wort | <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> |
| Abelia | <i>Abelia grandiflora</i> |
| August | |
| Pagoda Tree | <i>Sophora japonica</i> |
| Heather | <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> |
| Stewartia | <i>Stewartia monadelpha</i> |
| September | |
| Cherry | <i>P. autumnalis</i> |
| Franklinia | <i>Gordonia altamaha</i> |
| Abelia | <i>A. chinensis</i> |
| October | |
| Strawberry Tree | <i>Arbutus unedo*</i> |
| Chrysanthemum | <i>Chrysanthemum</i> sp. |
| Camellia | <i>Camellia sasanqua</i> |
| November | |
| Virginia Witch Hazel | <i>H. virginiana</i> |
| December | |
| Japanese Witch Hazel | <i>H. japonica</i> |

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Propagation, Grafting

Northern Virginia Bonsai Society members learned basics of plant propagation and grafting as demonstrated by Mrs. Judy Shirley of the National Arboretum. Her March 9 lecture-demonstration focused on creation of a mini-greenhouse made from a plastic bag to be used for the rooting of cuttings, and on what makes a successful graft.

Mrs. Shirley identified types of plants which can be rooted and times when such cuttings should be taken. Preparation of the cuttings, with particular attention to types of soil and rooting hormones, stressed proper rooting procedures and potting techniques. She made a point that if a long tap root forms, it may be best to pinch it back in order to form a more balanced root system.

Demonstrating several types of grafts, Mrs. Shirley also illustrated her talk with several examples of completed grafts including some that were unsuccessful. A successful graft must meet five necessary requirements:

- o Stock and scion must be compatible (botanically closely related).
- o Cambial layers of stock and scion must be in close contact.
- o Grafting must be done at the proper physiological stage, usually when buds are dormant.
- o All grafts must be protected from drying.
- o Proper care after grafting, including pinching off shoots that develop below the union, is essential.

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Ten consignees' materials brought in \$916.25, of which PBA's 20 percent came to \$183.25. Unconsigned items, donated by PBAers, netted \$127.90. Finally, the

imported pots and chrysanthemum stones brought back from Japan by John Hinds put \$89.80 into the PBA treasury.

Special thanks go to volunteers who helped in the sale: BGBers Milt Kidd, An Edwards, John and Verna Hreha, and Mack Carruthers, and NOVABONSOC members Dave and Floy Flipse. Overall Auction Chairman was PBA Vice-President John Hinds.

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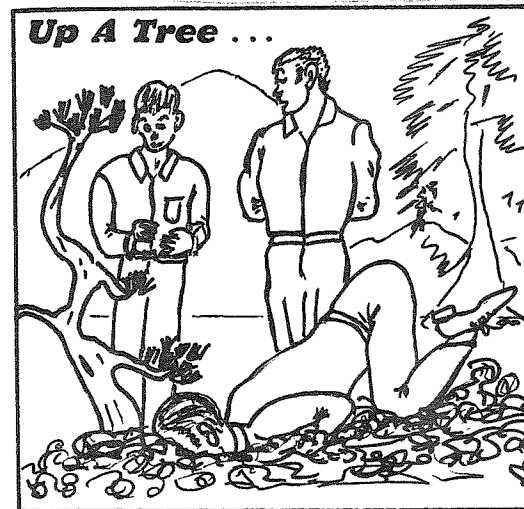
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NOVABONSOC Northern Virginia

(R) = Regular meetings, held at the Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Rd., Arlington, Va., (Note change of time and day of meetings, which will be on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.)

Jul 13 (R) General Bonsai Workshop; bring any tree with any problem, or starter material, or any other work you want advice, help, or support for

Aug 10 (R) Program on Highlights of National Convention '74; problem tree session (bring a tree to discuss)



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BGB Brookside Gardens Bonsai

(R) = Regular meetings, held at Erockside Nature Center, 1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, Md., on the third Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Jul 19 (R) Tree Workshop; bring trees you want advice or help on; experienced members will assist in any work needed

Aug 16 (R) Brooklyn Botanic Garden film, "Bonsai;" slides and report on Pasadena National Bonsai Convention

Sept 20 (R) Beginners Workshop; bring own stock and pot, or buy at meeting; soil, wire, etc. will be furnished

October John Naka Demonstration; details to be announced

ABC Annapolis

(R) = Regular meetings, held at the Main Library, West St., Annapolis (downtown), the second Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Sites of other meetings specified below.

July No meeting this month

Aug 9 (R) Program on Highlights of National Convention '74 in Pasadena, Calif.

Sept 13 (R) Fall Planting Workshop with emphasis on preparing trees for Spring PBA Show



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