WAVERLEY GARDEN CLUB

BONSAI GROUP

Bonsai as a Hobby:

Welcome to the world of Bonsai. The journey you are about to embark on will be filled with many exciting new opportunities and friends.

Growing Bonsai Trees has been practiced for over 1,000 years and its ancient history can be traced back to China and many of the surrounding Countries of Asia.

Its growth and interest in Australia is still quite young by European standards and the next 100 years will see much in the enhancement and refinement of our Countries many Bonsai Trees.

I hope that your involvement in our club will be a rewarding experience that will fill you with enthusiasm and knowledge to help take the mystery out of how to correctly grow and maintain a Bonsai Tree.

The following information has been prepared to assist you in your journey of discovery.

With knowledge comes understanding and the confidence to unlock the mysteries of;

The Art of Bonsai.

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Waverley Bonsai Group

Welcome to the Waverley Bonsai Group.

We are a friendly group of people dedicated to pursuing the Art of Bonsai.

Our clubs vision is:

To educate, engage, stimulate and develop an appreciation in the Art of Bonsai, while providing an opportunity for people to come together socially.

The following information sets out in detail our programs.

Club Meeting:

We hold a club meeting at St John's Church Hall, Virginia St Mt Waverley once a month on the third Tuesday at 8.00pm. Our meetings usually last until 10.30pm and you are not obligated to stay all night if you need to leave early.

Syllabus:

We have a structured Syllabus for each year, which gives members a guide to what activities and demonstrations will be presented each month. This allows the freedom to choose what meetings you wish to attend through out the year.

Trading Table:

There is a stocked trading table made available each month from which you can buy most of your Bonsai related things such as, wire, tools, pots, books, soil and fertilizer.

Library:

Our Library features many good books and videos to borrow. All books and videos are lent out over one month and our librarian will be happy to assist you.

Development Courses:

We run structured teaching courses beginning from novice level progressing to intermediate and then open/senior. These courses are set out to allow all members to participate and study in a well set out learning program, which allows you the freedom to select what ever level to start from depending on your experience.

Newsletter:

We feature a great monthly newsletter jam packed full of ideas, hints and future happenings within our group. This is separate to the Garden Club Monthly Newsletter which you will also receive. For quick delivery get it via email.

Our Annual Show:

A much-anticipated event that usually runs annually over a set weekend and features our club members display trees. This is an excellent opportunity to develop and show the public some of your skills in the Art of Bonsai.

Social Events:

As a club we encourage our members to socialise together and endeavour to hold group gatherings during the year. This can be anything from a joint activity with another Bonsai Club to a night out at the movies or dinner.

Workshop Nights:

An opportunity to bring in your project trees or completed Bonsai to create or enhance that masterpiece you have been working towards. This is great for novice/intermediate members that are uncertain of how or where to start in creating that vision they have in their minds.

Affiliations and Membership with Bonsai Associations:

Our club is a member with three Bonsai Associations:

AABC, Australian Associated Bonsai Clubs
BFA, Bonsai Federation of Australia
BSV, Bonsai Society of Victoria

Membership to these groups allows us to interact and participate at a national and local level to the activities and functions that these associations support and hold during the year.

These associations are part of the larger support body for local and international Bonsai Clubs within Victoria and Australia.

Waverley Bonsai Group

Our Club was established in 1972 and has a proud history in the development and support of Bonsai since this time.

Waverley Bonsai Group is a sub group within/to the **Waverley Garden Club** and therefore offers you the opportunity to also participate in the garden club's meetings and outings as well. Membership to our group will entitle you to a garden club monthly newsletter which features news from the garden club as well as events and happenings from the Bonsai Group.

Our annual subscription includes an amount that is paid to our parent Club, the Waverley Garden Club.

We have many group members with over 25 years experience in growing, styling and the display of Bonsai Trees. This provides you with an exciting opportunity to network and learn from some highly respected, creative and knowledgeable Bonsai Artists.

We feature many activities and development programs to suit all people, from the absolute beginner to the experienced.

We offer a relaxed and friendly environment, to learn and socialize with many people from different age groups and backgrounds with the same passion for the Art of Bonsai.

We have one meeting per month, which is guided by our syllabus and sets out the club activities for that night. These meetings usually involve one or two demonstrations by club members or invited guest demonstrators. The monthly club meeting is designed to cover all aspects of Bonsai care and design and has something to offer for all levels of knowledge and experience.

There is a supper break at approx 9.15 pm where you can admire the monthly show bench trees, purchase from the trading table and generally catch up with each other over a coffee/tea and bickie.

We hold a monthly raffle for those interested in entering and also offer a monthly show bench for members who want to display their Bonsai Trees.

We hope your time with us proves to be valuable and rewarding as you continue on the path that leads to knowledge and skill.

Thank you for choosing our club.