

A Bonsai Celebration



23RD NATIONAL BONSAI CONVENTION

Proudly Hosted by
Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc

In Partnership With
The Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd

Sydney 14th to 17th May 2010 . . .

“Celebration” a joyful occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event. This is according to Oxford dictionary. 2010 marks the birth of a new decade.

So with this in mind, the 2010 AABC National Bonsai Convention **A Bonsai Celebration** is destined to be a fresh, exciting & joyous event. With world famous, Italian Bonsai Master, Salvatore Liporace sharing his wealth of experience with us & a few home grown artists as well, entertainment & great bonsai is high on the list. Meet up with old friends & make some new ones, this is what Bonsai is really about & a Birthday Party to boot, as host club Illawarra Bonsai Society, is turning 40 & has gone to great length to make this convention as enjoyable as ever. With a surprise guest speaker, a great venue & even a Birthday cake. In short, you will be talking about this event for a very long time to come.

The Convention Demonstrators



Salvatore Liporace

A professional Bonsai artist, in 1986 he established the Studio Botanico in Milan, the first space fully devoted to the teaching of Bonsai. Thanks to his many stays at Master Masahiko Kimura's in Japan, his school became a reference centre for expert bonsai artists from all over the world and it was the first to be officially acknowledged by the Italian Bonsai Union (UBI).

Many of his former pupils are now well known teachers in Italy and abroad and several members of his school have participated in the European Bonsai Association (EBA) European New Talent Contest. He was the first European to establish Bonsai schools abroad: in France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Germany, Puerto Rico, Poland, USA and Brazil. As an outstanding professional artist, he is invited by the most famous world associations to participate in seminars and demonstrations. Salvatore has taken part in international congresses, where his personal interpretation of Bonsai art makes him one of the most innovative professional artists. His articles are published by the most important European and American magazines.

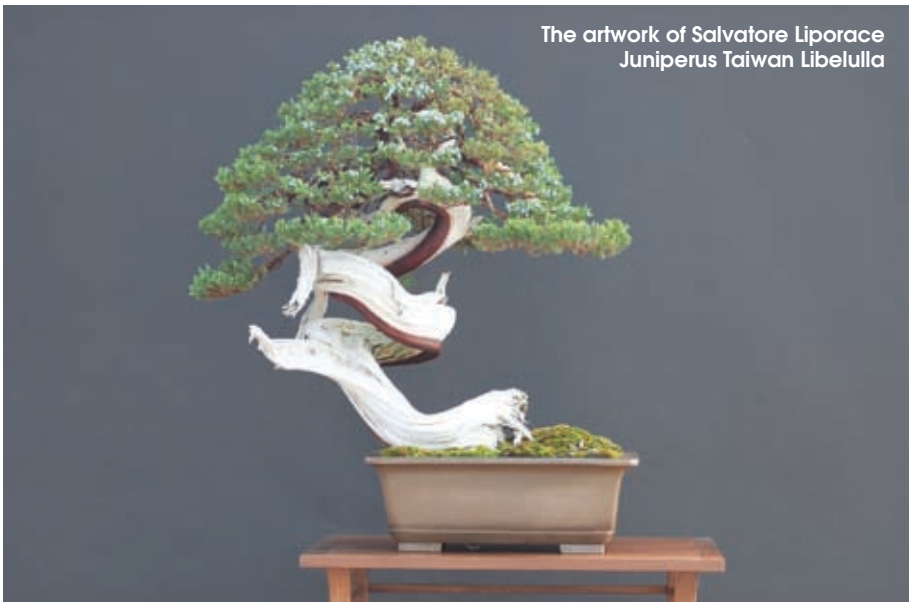
During his long career, he has carried out demonstrations, held seminars and made reports in all five continents.

Salvatore is a founding member and councilor of the Italian National Association of Bonsai and Suiseki Instructors (IBS), and he has also been the president of the teaching committee of the Bonsai and Suiseki National College.

In 1998 he received an acknowledgment from the French Bonsai Federation for his contributions to raising the bonsai artistic level of the French Nation.

In 1999 he was granted the prestigious American prize "BCI Writers and Photographers Award" because of his important contribution to the teaching and spreading of the Bonsai art among the international community. In May 2005 he was EBA congress winner of the prize, "Best Demonstrator" in Europe. He has won the first prize at competitions of the UBI, the EBA, and in 2007 was winner of the Ginko Bonsai Award. And was 2008 winner of the prize from SAR Princess Caroline d'Hannover of Monaco, as the best European artist.

In June 2001 he represented Italy as a headliner demonstrator at the World Congress held in Munich, Bavaria. During that important event he officially introduced his first book "Bonsai Spirit and Substance", which has been published in five languages in a limited edition. In July 2009 he will be the headline demonstrator at the World Congress to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (www.liporace.it)



The Convention Demonstrators

Grant Bowie

Grant started bonsai as a 13 year old, and since 1975 he has been a bonsai demonstrator and workshop tutor.

He is an icon of bonsai in Australia, and is currently the Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia in Canberra. (www.cbs.org.au/NBPCA/Index.htm)



Grant is willing to tackle most material, but likes pines, junipers, figs, deciduous trees as well as native material, especially banksias. Grant works with all levels of bonsai development, from beginner to advanced level, and specialises in redesigning existing bonsai, carving, heavy bending and compression wiring. Over the years he has given many demonstrations and workshops, and he has introduced several advanced techniques to the bonsai community.

Jamie Milner

Jamie is a relative newcomer in the art of bonsai, having started in 2004. Since that time he has displayed great enthusiasm for learning the art, and has begun demonstrating his talents at his home club, Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc. Jamie conducts regular workshops with members of his club. In 2008 Jamie also demonstrated at the 'Bonsai by the Harbour'.



Janet Selby

Janet Selby grew up in the Sutherland Shire surrounded by beautiful bushland, influencing her artistic career in which she tutors in clay and drawing. She regularly exhibits her ceramic sculptures depicting Australian trees. About 5 years ago Janet joined the Illawarra Bonsai Society, which combined her interest in Japanese art with her experience in pottery. There she found a supportive environment to study the beauty of living trees and their relationship to their environment as represented in their containers. (www.janetselby.com)



Brian Wasson

Brian joined the Illawarra club in 1978 & has served on the committee since 1981. He particularly likes working with Junipers & Buxus. He runs woodworking workshops for making bonsai stands at our annual workshop weekend at Stanwell Tops.



The Italian Stallions

The Coliseum & The Leaning Tower of Pisa, Lamborghini & Ferrari, Di Vinci & Michelangelo. Buildings of majesty & Splendor, Men of ingenuity & creativity, Machines of speed & sex appeal. The Italian Stallions are far from being any of these things, however they will be entertaining, informative & memorable.



The Program*

FRIDAY 14 MAY 2010

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Early Registrations, Convention Venue

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Welcome Reception - Cocktail Party (optional)

SATURDAY 15 MAY 2010

8.00am - 8.30am

Registrations, Convention Venue

8.30am - 8.45am

Opening Ceremony - AABC Ltd President

8.45am - 9.00am

National Bonsai & Penjing Collection update

9.00am - 10.00am

Demonstration by Grant Bowie

10.00am - 10.30am

Morning Tea

10.30am - 12.30pm

Demonstration by Salvatore Liporace

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Demonstration by Salvatore Liporace

2.30pm - 3.00pm

Afternoon Tea

3.00pm - 4.00pm

Demonstration by Jamie Milner, Janet Selby and Brian Wasson

4.00pm - 4.30pm

Raffles, Awards Presentation and Close

4.45pm - 5.45pm

AABC Ltd Annual General Meeting - All welcome

7.00pm - 11.00pm

Convention Dinner, featuring guest celebrity speaker

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2010

8.00am - 9.00am

Registrations, Convention Venue

9.00am - 10.00am

Demonstration by Grant Bowie

10.00am - 10.30am

Morning Tea

10.30am - 12.30pm

Demonstration by Salvatore Liporace

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Demonstration by Salvatore Liporace

2.30pm - 3.00pm

Afternoon Tea

3.00pm - 4.30pm

Presentation by The Italian Stallions

4.30pm - 4.45pm

Presentation Bonsai Convention 2011

4.45pm - 5.00pm

Raffles and Closing Ceremony - AABC Ltd President

MONDAY 17 MAY 2010

9.00am - 12.00md

Workshop

(a) Salvatore Liporace

(b) Grant Bowie

12.00md - 1.00pm

Lunch - own arrangements

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Workshop

(a) Salvatore Liporace

(b) Grant Bowie

*Subject to change without notice



The Convention will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club, which is located in the Sydney suburb of Bankstown. The Bankstown Sports Club offers exceptional conference facilities, as well as a host of dining and entertainment.

Bankstown Sports Club is conveniently located with transport options to many areas of Sydney, as well as connecting rail links to Sydney airport. There is also the added benefit of accommodation integrated into the convention venue, with the 108 room Travelodge providing all the facilities to make any stay both pleasant and comfortable.

The Convention Venue



The main Convention room opens onto a large balcony and atrium, overlooking the Club's unique rainforest and lounge.

Elsewhere, an exhibition of superb bonsai and suiseki presented by the members of Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc and Suiseki Australia will be held alongside a sales area with nurseries and commercial stalls supplying all your bonsai needs.

On Friday night a cocktail party will signal the commencement and welcome to the convention. Canapés and drinks will be served, giving you the opportunity to refresh acquaintances and make new ones.

The Convention dinner on Saturday promises to be a highlight of the Convention. A chance to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc at the Convention. Also, not to be

missed is the special guest speaker for the evening, a celebrity speaker with a passion for bonsai.

Even though you will be well catered during the Convention, the Bankstown Sports Club offers a range of other excellent dining experiences. Platform One offers fine dining, with a delicious menu emphasising seafood and modern Australian cuisine. Greenfield Station is a bistro designed to resemble a Victorian railway station. Sizzling Court offers a diverse range of Asian flavours. And La Piazza is an authentically themed Italian piazza, consisting of a la carte dining at Stuzzichino, and a pizzeria at Pizzeria Belucci.



Registration Form

YOUR DETAILS

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

State: _____ Phone : _____ Email: _____

Affiliated Club: _____

REGISTRATION per person***	FEE	AMOUNT
*Early Bird Full Registration before 1 November 2009	\$ 195	
*Full Registration from 1 November 2009	\$ 230	
**Day Registration (Saturday only - 15 May 2010)	\$ 135	
**Day Registration (Sunday only - 16 May 2010)	\$ 135	
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MONDAY WORKSHOPS per person	Participant	Observer	AMOUNT
Note: Lunch is NOT included in the workshops			
9am-12pm with Salvatore Liporace (observer fee covers both workshops)	\$ 65	\$ 30	
9am-12pm with Grant Bowie	\$ 50		
1pm-4pm with Salvatore Liporace (observer fee covers both workshops)	\$ 65	\$ 30	
1pm-4pm with Grant Bowie	\$ 50		

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	Per person	No.	AMOUNT
Friday Night Welcome (Cocktail Food & Beverages)	\$ 40		
Saturday Night Dinner (with Celebrity Guest Speaker)	\$ 80		
Convention badge	\$ 10		

METHOD OF PAYMENT	TOTAL

- Cheque/Bankcheque/Money Order - Made payable to Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc.
Post to: PO Box 294, Jannali NSW 2226
- Direct Deposit: Illawarra Bonsai
St George Bank; BSB 112-879; Acc. No. 419837563 - Please use your full name as a reference

RECEIPTS

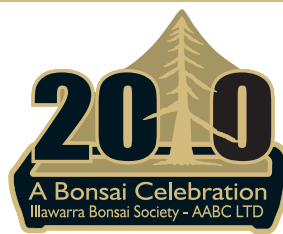
Receipts are only available by the following methods:

- Email @
- By Mail - a stamped self-addressed envelope must be supplied.

IMPORTANT : CLOSING DATE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS 1 MAY 2010

ENQUIRIES

Contact : Jamie Milner
Ph No.: 0415 440 807
Email: secretary@illawarrabonsaisociety.org



Convention badge actual size

Please note here if you have any special dietary requirements.

- Vegetarian Gluten Free Diabetic
 Vegan Dairy Free Other (Please specify)

~Information provided on this form will only be used for purposes of the Convention~.

*Full Registration includes all Demonstrations, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea, Convention Bag and unlimited entry to Exhibition & Sales Area

**Day Registration includes Demonstrations, Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea, Convention Bag and unlimited entry to Exhibition & Sales Area on chosen day

***Cancellations: A \$20 administration fee applies to all cancellations 6 weeks prior to the Convention.

For all cancellations after Catering confirmation to Venue by the Organisers, a \$20 administration fee plus any catering costs will apply.

Accommodation bookings should be directed to the venue of your choice.

Office use only:
Booking #

Please note the following in relation to registrations

Full Registration

Includes all demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, entry to the exhibition and sales area, lunch, morning and afternoon tea on both days and a Convention gift bag.

Day Registration

Includes all demonstrations, entry to the exhibition and sales area, lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the either Saturday or Sunday and a Convention gift bag.

Early Bird Registration Fee

The early bird registration fee applies to all registrations received before 1 November 2009.

Close of Registrations

Registrations close on 1 May 2010.



Optional Activities

The workshop, cocktail party and dinner are optional activities and are at additional cost to the registration fee.

Dietary Requirements

Please specify any special dietary requirements on the registration form. Where indicated the requirements will be fulfilled for the convention, and cocktail party and dinner if attending.

Cancellations

Each registration incurs a \$20 non-refundable administration fee in the event of cancellation. Cancellation after 1 May 2010 also will incur catering costs.

Early Registration Competition

All early registrations received before 1 November 2009 will go into a draw to win a signed copy of Salvatore Liporace book, "Bonsai Sprit and Substance"

Workshop Day Catering

Lunch is not provided on the workshop day and can be purchased at the venue at one of the many available food outlets. Tea and coffee will provided for morning and afternoon tea on the workshop day.

Accommodation

All accommodation bookings should be made directly with the venue of your choice.





Accommodation



The accommodation partner for the Convention is the Bankstown Travelodge. Bankstown Travelodge is located in the spectacular Bankstown Sports Club where guests have access to all four of the Club's restaurants, entertainment and conference facilities.

The hotel accommodation is also close to Bankstown Airport, the Dunc Grey Velodrome and the Homebush Olympic Site, offering easy access to the area's major attractions.

Bankstown Travelodge offers:

- 108 Bankstown hotel rooms including 4 suites
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Kitchenette with microwave and tea & coffee making facilities
- TV with radio, Foxtel and movie channels
- Ensuite bathroom with large well lit vanity mirror
- All rooms have luxury healthcare beds, non-allergenic pillows and 100% Australian Merino wool blankets
- Breakfast served daily Mon-Fri 7.00am-9.30am, Sat-Sun 7.00am-9.30am
- 24 hour reception assistance and safety deposit facilities
- Guest laundry and dry cleaning
- Access to all facilities of the Bankstown District Sports Club
- Undercover parking at our Travelodge Bankstown

For delegates wishing to stay at Bankstown Travelodge a special conference rate of \$155 per room per night is available for twin share. Extra persons can be added for an additional \$20 per room per night. Rooms come in a range of bedding options to suit.

To ensure you don't miss out on the conference rate, book your room early and mention the booking reference "BONSAI CONVENTION".

Travelodge Bankstown Hotel

8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW 2200
r: 1300 886 886
p: +61 2 9793 0000
e: reservations@travelodge.com.au
f: +61 2 9793 2439



Other accommodation options include:

Breakfree International Bankstown

477 Chapel Road, Bankstown NSW 2200
r: 1300 987 602
e: www.breakfree.com.au

Rydges Hotel Bankstown

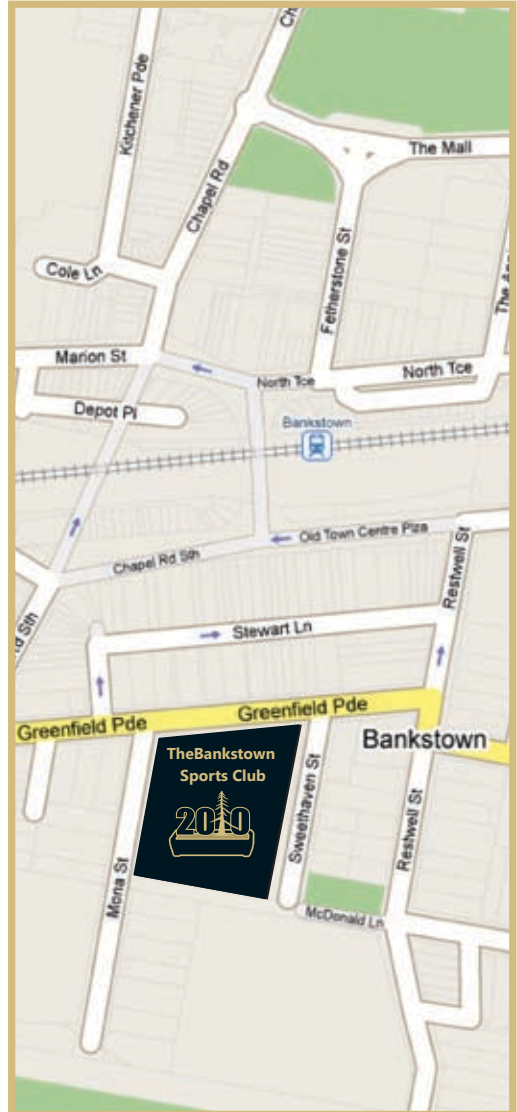
Cnr Hume Highway & Strickland St, Bass Hill NSW 2197
r: 1300 857 922
e: www.rydges.com

Getting There

The Bankstown Sports Club is located at 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, New South Wales, 2200.

Bankstown is serviced by Sydney's rail network (Cityrail) and regular connections are available to Central Sydney, Sydney airport, and beyond. Bankstown Sports Club is less than 5 minute walk through a covered walkway from Bankstown Cityrail station.

If you are driving to the Convention, ample parking is available in the basement car park for the Bankstown Sports Club. The Club car park can be accessed from the Mona Street entrance.



Sydney

Sydney is world renowned for its breathtaking harbour, busy but laid back lifestyle and glorious golden sandy beaches. There is so much more to do here than you could ever imagine. 10 things to do when visiting Sydney.

1) Sydney Opera House

The Sydney Opera House is one of the most famous architectural landmarks in the world and it doesn't matter how many photos you have seen it will still wow you. Take a stroll around Circular Quay. Here you will find some great cafes and restaurants where you can enjoy your meal with spectacular views of the harbour.

2) Blue Mountains

The Blue Mountains are a world listed heritage and here you will really feel at one with nature. These mountains are named so due to the evaporating eucalyptus oil leaving a blue haze.

3) Bondi Beach

Bondi Beach is the most famous beach in Australia. Bondi Beach is a great place for surfers, swimmers or for those who just want a day soaking up the sun.

4) Sydney Harbour Bridge

The world's largest steel arched bridge is an amazing sight, if you choose not to climb the bridge then walking along the footpath is a definite must.

5) Taronga Zoo

Taronga Zoo is opposite the Opera House and is a great day for all ages. You can catch a ferry from Circular Quay.

6) The Rocks

The Rocks is an old part of Sydney with cobbled streets and tons of character. The Rocks is full of quirky souvenir shops, great cafes and lots of bars with great beer gardens.

7) Manly

Manly is a picture perfect beach town just a short ferry ride from Circular Quay. Once there you can swim in the ocean, take a scenic walk, or spend all afternoon enjoying the sun in a great beer garden.

8) Darling Harbour

Darling Harbour is a great place just a short walk from the city. Here you can visit an aquarium, a wildlife park, the Chinese Garden of Friendship, watch a show at the IMAX theatre, shop or just chill for the afternoon in a great café or bar.

9) Sydney Bonsai Nurseries

Visit any of Sydney's bonsai nurseries. Nurseries are located throughout Sydney. For a detailed list visit the Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc. website illawarrabonsaisociety.org

10) The Royal Botanical Gardens

Head to the lush Botanical Gardens for a quiet morning where you really need to feel at one with nature.

For more information on

Sydney visit the Tourism New South Wales website (www.visitnsw.com) or call 1800 067 676.

The Sydney Visitor centre is located at The Rocks, level 1, Cnr Argyle Street & Playfair Street, The Rocks NSW 2000.



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Meetings:

3rd Monday of each month
(excl. January and December)
at Gymea Community Centre,
Gymea bay Road, Gymea



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