



Federation of British Bonsai Societies
and
Friends of the National Bonsai Collection

NOTES FROM FOBBS – JUNE 2023

We have had a spectacular few months in the backing of bonsai nationally and in particular the three major show displays that have been supported by FoBBS.

- Firstly we had Bonsai South West on 7 – 8 May at RHS Rosemoor in Devon. This was the first such Show sponsored by FoBBS in an area which had no FoBBS input in the past. The general opinion of the public and the bonsai fraternity was that the show was an excellent success. About 1,500 people came through the doors over the two days!

Nigel Wright our Administrator/Webmaster was the driving force and organizer. RHS Rosemoor is such a beautiful venue and we owe a big thank you to Sally Smith the Rosemoor Visitor Events Manager for her cooperation and marvellous help – always with a smile. My wife and I had a good couple of days with lovely people and trees in such great surroundings

Eight clubs and societies put on displays from as far afield as South Wales, Devon and Somerset. There were nine traders, who went home very happy at the end; Roy Hutchinson demonstrating on two massive Scots pines showing how to refine and improve them; a world class Suiseki display; and a Tokonoma containing a magnificent acer.

FoBBS provided a trophy for the best club display, judged and presented by John Trott to Brian MacKichan the Chairman the Exeter Club.

- After Rosemoor came the Chelsea Flower Show, 22 – 27 May. The Bonsai Boys, Nick, Tim and Russ with the help of Chris and Tony built and put on the FoBBS display this year. Another **Gold** medal and a massive sincere thanks from FoBBS for all the work they put in. I was there on the Friday to the very well thought out display of superb trees. Lots of excellent comments from the public.

- I must also congratulate Cheshire Bonsai Society on their **Gold** medal at Chelsea Flower Show which FoBBS were only too pleased to make a small donation to support their trip from Cheshire to Chelsea.

It would be helpful if bonsai club and society officers could let Nigel Wright - admin@fobbsbonsai.co.uk - have details of your shows and event for our events section on our website – even into next year!.

All the very best to you and your trees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

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