



6. WHO'S WHO

SO WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO YOU ASK? THE MIDWAY NEWS HAD GREAT FEEDBACK ON THE FEATURE IN OUR LAST NEWSLETTER SO THIS MONTH WE WILL COVER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MIDWAY BONSAI SOCIETY AND SEE WHAT PIETER IS ALL ABOUT.



Name: PIETER BOSCH

YOUR FIRST BONSAI TREE: A NURSERY BOUGHT JUNIPER. I HACKED IT, OOM HENNIE HACKED IT SOME MORE, AND BECAUSE I COULD NOT LEAVE IT ALONE FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS AT A TIME, IT DIED.

HOW DID YOU START DOING BONSAI:

I WAS GIVEN AN OAK TREE INOCULATED WITH BLACK TRUFFLE SPORES AND ASKED JONATHAN FOR HELP. HE TOLD ME TO COME TO THE CLUB

HOW MANY TREES DO YOU HAVE?

TOO MANY TREES TO COUNT. MOST THAT WILL PROBABLY NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING. ABOUT 8 TREES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL TO BE PRESENTABLE BONSAI WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS.

FAVOURITE STYLE IN BONSAI:

FOREST STYLE. I ALWAYS WANTED TO MAKE A PROPER LARGE FOREST PLANTING. MY FIRST ATTEMPT FAILED.

FAVOURITE SPECIES OF TREE:

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SCARED OF OWNING A JAPANESE BLACK OR WHITE PINE, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A GOOD JBP BONSAI THAT SPEAKS TO ME. MAYBE IT REMINDS ME OF HOME.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN MIDWAY:

4 years, since January 2012

YOUR FAVOURITE TREE IN YOUR COLLECTION:

MY FICUS BURKEI. GROWN FROM SEED BY ACCIDENT IN A FUCHSIA BAG AS MY GRANDPARENTS WERE EVACUATING THE OLD FARMHOUSE IN THE ROBBER'S PASS VALLEY BETWEEN OHRIGSTAD AND PILGRIM REST IN 1986.

IT HAS BEEN IN THE POSSESSION OF SOME OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER, UNTIL IT WAS GIVEN TO ME IN 2012. I KEEP IT IN MEMORY OF MY GRANDFATHER, PIETER ERNST MÜLLER. FARM: DORINGHOEK

YOUR BEST BONSAI ADVICE RECEIVED:

DON'T BE AFRAID TO CUT. IF YOU DO NOT CUT NOW, YOU WILL LOSE AN ENTIRE YEAR OF GROWTH. ~ OOM HENNIE

BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE: FOLLOW YOUR HEART. BE RESPECTFUL AND LISTEN TO GOOD ADVICE, BUT ALWAYS DO WHAT APPEALS TO YOU. IT IS YOUR TREE, YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.



Ficus Burkei - Jan 2013
After 1st transplant



Ficus Burkei - 2016

2013 MBS New talent
Competition



70 Years old. Sageretia
Theezans. I took Mr Bonsai with
it when MBS hosted BRAT.

