



SABA Quarterly Newsletter (21st May 2021)

Good day to you all,

First of all I would like to apologise that it took so long to send out this newsletter. I kept on waiting for certain matters to materialize and did not.

We are still with our backs to the wall due to the Covid virus. I hope that everybody who has or had the virus has recovered and doing well.

Exco took the decision not to host a convention this year due to the uncertainty of the next covid wave that threatens the country. We also could not expect a club or region to host a convention and take the risk of exposing people to the virus or, that nobody or only a few people register and not make it worth the effort. Hopefully, next year will return to normal.

I have also received feedback from Antony that the Bonsai Madness convention they were hosting in September this year, has been postponed to next year, 15-18 September.

The New Talent competition will not take place this year due to the fact that we will not have a convention.

Exco is looking for somebody who has the knowledge or knows of somebody who will be willing and can assist SABA by setting up a virtual convention. This is the next best step, and we hope that we can put something together ASAP.

Ben-Herman Pieterse has step down as EXCO member for a short period due to personal matters at home. He will join EXCO again shortly.

On a more pleasant note, we would like to welcome Dawn Collier who offered to join EXCO. She is and will be a big asset to SABA EXCO.

EXCO with the help of Michael Harmse, is busy finalising the website and hope to have it running soon. Unfortunately, it has taken longer than we expected.

The documents regarding the Bonsai competition have been compiled and finalised. The voting committee will exist of the following: SABA EXCO members, the six regional Presidents/Chairpersons and a web vote. As soon as the website is up and running, we will commence with the competition.

At our meeting, EXCO decided that we would not expect clubs to pay their fees for 2021 due to the fact that we will not have a convention. All clubs that paid their fees in 2019 automatically are still

members of SABA. If there are clubs that are willing to make donations to SABA it will be appreciated.

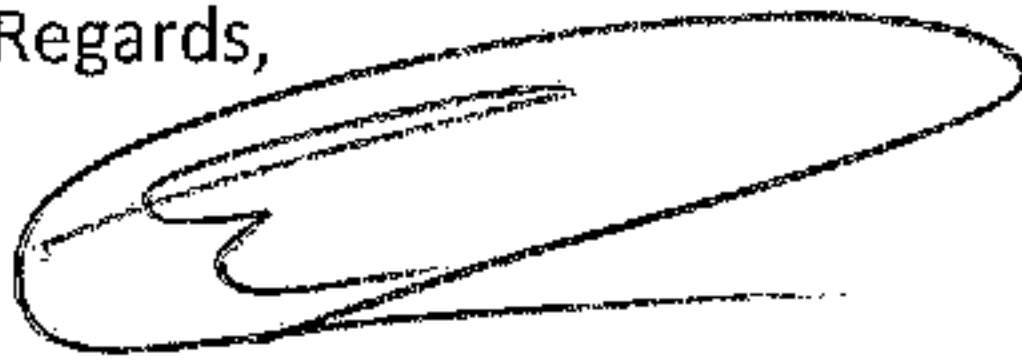
We are hoping that we will be able to host an AGM sometime this year. As soon as we know if it will be possible, we will give the clubs feedback regarding the date.

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown the calendar below was not updated. It will be appreciated if the clubs will send EXCO information regarding their meetings so that it could be placed in the newsletter.

Enjoy your Bonsai and keep EXCO updated on events.

Take care of yourselves.

Regards,



Org Exley: SABA President

| CALENDER: | | |
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| BLAAUWBERG BONSAI SOCIETY (Debbie 079 306 6900) | | |
| DATE | TOPIC | DEMONSTRATOR |
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| BLOEMFONTEIN BONSAI KAI (Marie 082 781 3214) | | |
| DATE | TOPIC | DEMONSTRATOR |
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| BOLAND BONSAI (Henk 082 564 3160) | | |
| DATE | TOPIC | DEMONSTRATOR |
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| KENGAI BONSAI (Lynne 083 254 1023) | | |
| DATE | TOPIC | DEMONSTRATOR |
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| PRETORIA BONSAI KAI (Org 082 809 2037) | | |
| DATE | TOPIC | DEMONSTRATOR |
| 5 th June | New Tree species | Kobus Erwee |
| 3 rd July | Plantfisiologie en anatomie | Louis v/d Walt |
| 7 th August | Fusie | Louis van Wyk |