



THE MIDWAY NEWS

2. Tree of the month

Pyracantha is a genus of about 7 species of spiny, evergreen shrubs that have a spreading to erect habit. Pyracantha are especially favoured for their year-round broad-leaved foliage, their abundant flowering capabilities and for their numerous fruit in autumn.

POSITION Full sun or partial shade.

REPOTTING Repot every three to four years as leaf-buds extend. Pyracantha resent root-disturbance that can impede flower production.

PRUNING Prune old wood in early spring or late summer. After flowering, trim back new growth to shape. On recently repotted or weak trees, dead flowers can be removed to encourage vigour at the expense of berry production. Remove any individual large leaves. Remove spent berries in early spring.

DEFOLIATION Remove all larger leaves in January to encourage ramification.

WIRING Care must be taken when wiring as branches as young as 2 years old can be brittle. New shoots on Pyracantha respond well to wiring but growth that has already hardened off can take a long time to set into a new position.

STYLING Often seen with cascade forms, Pyracantha are also suitable for informal upright forms with single or multiple trunks. Suitable for all sizes



Pyracantha "Orange charmer" : Cascading style - Charles Ceronio

3. CLUB NEWS AND FEEDBACK

THE SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING IS HAPPENING ON THE 17TH SEPTEMBER STARTING AT 12H00. IT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY HOT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS BUT YOU CAN STILL REPOT YOUR TREES AS LONG AS YOU WORK QUICKLY AND CAREFULLY. BRING THEM ALONG AND THE SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER GUIDANCE. REMEMBER THE MEETING WILL BE DEALING WITH CASCADES SO BRING ALONG YOUR MATERIAL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON OR SHOW OFF.

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN WHO WON THE INDIGENOUS TREE OF THE MONTH WITH HIS CELTIS AFRICANA ON THE SA BONSAI ASSOCIATION COMPETITION ON FACEBOOK FOR SEPTEMBER. THE TREE IS AN ABSOLUTE STUNNER. 40 YRS OLD AND 50CM HIGH.

SO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SHOW PIECES TO THE MEETING AND LET'S GET MORE ENTRIES GOING TO REPRESENT THE CLUB



Celtis Africana - Jonathan Cain