



THE MIDWAY NEWS

8. WHO'S WHO - Ina SCHUTTE

YOUR FIRST BONSAI TREE: MY FIRST TREE WAS A FEVER TREE. THIS TREE WAS GIVEN TO ME SOME 30 YEARS AGO BY A FRIEND WITH THE SUDDEN PASSING OF MY MOTHER. THE FEVER TREE IS ALSO MY FAVOURITE TREE IN NATURE. I LOVE THE BEAUTIFUL GREEN UNBLEMISHED BARK. SADLY TO ADMIT - THIS BONSAI TREE DIDN'T SURVIVE MY FREQUENT MOVING. I MUST ADD - FEVER TREES ARE DIFFICULT TO GROW AS BONSAI.

HOW DID YOU START DOING BONSAI: HAVING GREEN FINGERS, I WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN BONSAI AND BOUGHT MY FIRST BONSAI BOOK IN 1972 - 'A SUNSET BOOK' - CULTURE AND CARE OF MINIATURE TREES. I ACTUALLY NEVER STARTED WITH TREES AT THAT STAGE, AS I WAS TOO BUSY BEING A SINGLE PARENT, WORKING FULL DAY AND STUDYING. WORKING AT BRAAKS PLANTS FROM 1989 TO 2001, I STARTED WITH A FEW TREES AND BEHOLD SOME ARE STILL ALIVE.

HOW MANY TREES DO YOU HAVE? AT SOME STAGE I HAD ABOUT 50 TREES BUT I SCALED DOWN TO ABOUT 20 ODD. OF THESE I HAVE 11 TREES THAT ARE REASONABLE.

FAVOURITE SPECIES OF TREE: OLIVES, BUDDLEIA, BOUGAINVILLEA

NUMBER OF YEARS IN MIDWAY: 10 YEARS - I WAS FORTUNATE TO BE ONE OF THE ORIGINAL INAUGURATION MEMBERS AND HAVE BEEN PART OF THE COMMITTEE SINCE THEN. AT FIRST I LOOKED AFTER MEMBERSHIP, ACTING AS PRO AND WHEN MAUREEN WILES RESIGNED SOME 8 YEARS AGO, I TOOK OVER AS SECRETARY.

FAVOURITE STYLE IN BONSAI: I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC FAVOURITE STYLE. LEON LOURENS IS CURRENTLY ASSISTING ME TO DEVELOP A 'PIERNEEF' STYLE ON AN THORN TREE.



Ina's Bougainvillea



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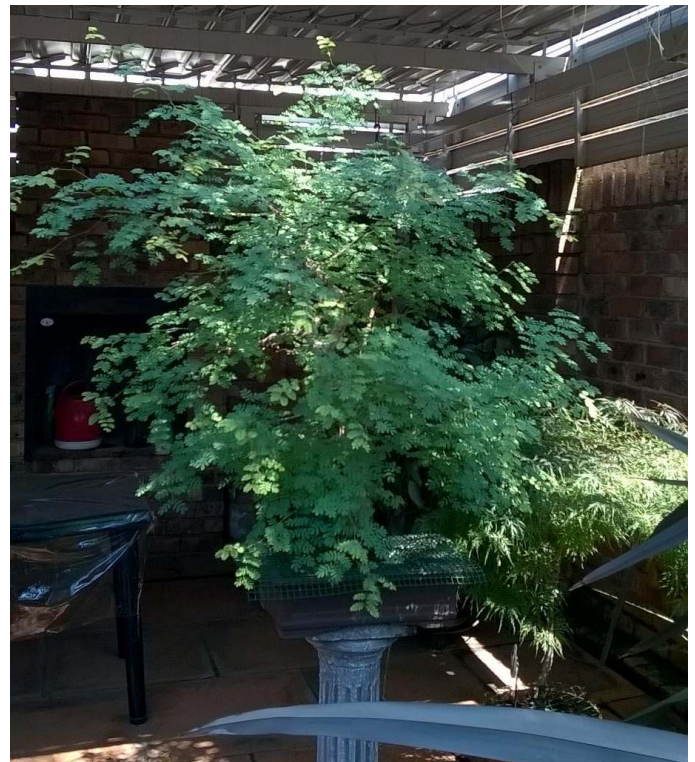
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Your favourite tree in your collection: I actually have two: A Maple currently been nursed at oom Hennie and a 35 year old BOUGAINVILLEA. (PHOTO ATTACHED - 09112013100)

Your best bonsai advice received: CUT, CUT, CUT (oom Hennie). I started assisting oom Hennie with his huge collection some 6 / 7 years ago and learnt more from him actually working on trees: PRUNING, SHAPING, REPLANTING and in general caring for trees. TWO OF MY BEST TREES ARE UNDER HIS CARE AT THE MOMENT: A MAPLE AND A CORK BARK. CREATING A BONSAI TREE TAKES TIME. THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS.

Best advice you can give: Trees are created according to our own taste even if we keep the 'RULES' in mind. ALWAYS KEEP THE TREES IN NATURE IN MIND. THEY WILL GUIDE US.

Any other interesting facts or hobbies. Love doing sewing, knitting and crochet. If time permits, I do some watercolour painting, crossword puzzles and building of puzzles - 3000 pieces plus.



Ina's Collection