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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Mr. Hiroyoshi Yamaji

Japanese Black Pine

After a brief business meeting, Mr. Yamaji, one of the world's top bonsai artists will design, shape and transplant a large Japanese Black Pine. Pine bonsai are sometimes difficult to work with and Mr. Yamaji is one of the worlds best with all varieties of pines.

Mr. Yamaji is a second generation bonsai grower from the Japanese island of Shikoku, near the city of Takamatsu. Following his graduation from Kansai Gaidai Junior College, Mr. Yamaji assumed his father's bonsai business of growing bonsai. Mr. Yamaji's business has expanded to now include exporting Bonsai to many countries in the Americas and Europe. For the past 35 years the Yamaji family business, Sanshoen Bonsai, has provided leadership for the Bonsai growers of Shikoku Island. Mr. Yamaji is a member of the Nippon Bonsai Association, and he is Vice President of the Bonsai Division of the Kokubunji Agricultural Cooperatives

This will be a special meeting that promises to be informative and enjoyable. Don't miss it.

Visit Our Website

<http://www.bonsai-upstateny.org/>

April Workshop

On Monday, April 19 from 6 to 9PM we will have a bring your own tree workshop, featuring Mr. Yamaji from Japan. If you remember from his previous visits to our club, Mr. Yamaji is one of the top bonsai artists in Japan. He specializes in pine bonsai, but does excellent work in any type of style or material. The workshop will cost \$30, bring your own material. This promises to be a one of a kind workshop that shouldn't be missed. The workshop is limited to 12 people so sign up as soon as possible. You can also call or email Will Hebert to sign up at tanlargo@lycos.com or at 256-2492. Remember, payment reserves your spot, so sign up early and don't be disappointed

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
April 20, 2004**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

777 Westfall Road
Rochester, New York
near corner of
Westfall and Clinton

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February Highlights

Over 70 members and guests were on hand to watch Bill Valavanis give a complete program on quince bonsai. Bill first spoke on the training quince as bonsai. He then gave a demonstration using a 1 gallon plant similar to those used in the workshop, to create a nice looking tree. Immediately after, he led a workshop for 20 participants in the creating their own bonsai. It was a fast paced, educational and enjoyable evening. The demo bonsai was raffled at the end of the demonstration.

Congratulations To Our New Officers

After five years serving as president of our club, Jim Dolce is stepping down. Jim has done an excellent job as president of our club and deserves a thanks. If you see him, let him know how much his work was appreciated.

This year's officers are:

President	Harvey Carapella
Vice President	Bill Valavanis
Secretary	Mark Arpag
Treasurer	Wes Morningstar

All of the officers have either done this in the past, or have been doing this for some time now. It is because of their work and dedication that our club is recognized as one of the top bonsai clubs around. Let's give them all a big thanks for volunteering to do this job.

2004 Programs

Apr.	19-20	Mr. Yamaji from Japan
May.	15-16	Upstate Bonsai Exhibit Lectures by Arthur Skolnik
June	22	Open Workshop
Aug.	17	Open Workshop

Surfing The Bonsai Web

While I was looking around for more pictures of trees to study, I happened to surf over to Fred Janson's website. Fred owns Hollow Creek Bonsai. He has a lot of pictures posted, mainly of material for sale, but looking at these pictures can give you ideas about design and style. On June 5th and 6th Hollowcreek Bonsai will hold a workshop featuring Suthin Sukosolvisit. Take a look.

<http://www.hollowcreekbonsai.com/>

I was also checking out bonsai on the west coast when I came across the San Diego Bonsai Club homepage. Here you can look at their newsletter, view pictures of different events the club participates in, and find out what their club does. It's a nice site with some nice bonsai pictures in it.

Dean Miller, a member of our bonsai club passed away suddenly this past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

31st Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On May 15th and 16th we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. This is always our biggest event of the year and our biggest money maker and this year it's extra special. As always, we need lots of help and there's something for everyone to do. Check out the list of committee chairs on the next page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up with Wes Morningstar at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to

Get Your Trees Ready!

It's time for you to start getting your bonsai ready for the club's spring exhibition. Don't forget, this is an exhibit of club members' trees and we would like to get at least one tree from each member! They don't all have to be masterpiece quality, just nicely designed, appropriately potted, neatly groomed and healthy (there is no "dead style" in bonsai). If you need some help with any of this, you can always bring a tree to one of the meetings and get advice from a more experienced member. To submit a tree to the show, you just have to bring it to the show set-up from 5 - 6 PM on May 14th at the Monroe Community Hospital. If you have any questions please call Bill Valavanis (334-2595) or Harvey Carapella (426-6548)

Committee Chairs

Directors	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595	Labels	Iris Cohen	315-461-9226
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Sales Table	Ed Schreiner Karen Proctor	586-8773 235-0567	Saturday Eve.	Jim Dolce	247-1527
Bonsai Placement	Bill Valavanis	334-2595	Azaleas	Ed Schreiner	586-8773
			Hospital	Joe Moore	760-6301
			Set-Up	Entire Membership	
			Clean-Up	Entire Membership	

It's That Time Of Year Again...

Spring has arrived! Maples and flowering trees are starting to leaf out and bloom. By now, all your outdoor, winter-hardy bonsai should be outside in the full sun. If they are showing small leaves already then it's a good sign that they made it through the winter in good condition. But, it's too early to be sure. Winter damage does not always show up until the really hot weather arrives in June. Be sure to protect bonsai which are in full leaf from sudden cold. The key temperature I look for is 25° F but 30° F is safer. If the temperature threatens to drop below what you feel comfortable with, then move your bonsai indoors for the night, then move them back out the next morning. It's a big job, but it's worth it to save the bonsai. Members have lost some trees when fooled by the weather (and the weathermen) into leaving them out when they should have come in. At this time of year, it is best to just reconcile yourself to a lot of running in and out with trees. By now, my watering is a daily task, usually about 3-4PM. Flowering bonsai require more water than conifers. Bonsai which have been recently transplanted will not require too much water, but do need extra protection from wind and for the first few days, from too much sun. Misting helps newly transplanted bonsai. If deciduous species have not leafed out by the time you transplant, you can put them directly in the full sun, but watch out for wind. Start thinking about fertilizing, but just think for now. I will include some tips on fertilizer next month. The next three to four weeks are the most active and fun for bonsai enthusiast. Ninety percent of my transplanting and new bonsai creations are done now, so I have to go, because, It's that time of the year...

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