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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of  
Upstate New York



## *Holiday Party*

**A**fter a brief business meeting we will see slides from the recent trip by six of our club members who recently returned from Japan. Watch the activities of Will Hebert, Richard Murphy, Jerome Cushman, Bob and Marion Kretzer and Bill Valavanis as they explored Japan and attended a major exhibition.

### **Treats**

We are asking those attending the December Holiday Party to bring a treat to share. This will be a desert party, so have dinner before you come. The club will provide liquid refreshments as usual.

### **Mystery Auction**

Following the slide show, Harvey will host our traditional holiday mystery auction. Each member is asked to bring

auctioned for the benefit of the society. It would be nice if the gifts were bonsai or garden related, but they don't have to be. However, please label your gift "BONSAI" if it is bonsai or garden related. Some very nice gifts have been purchased at bargain prices in the past, including plants, soil, pots,

fertilizer, wine, cookies, a wreath, stones, and bonsai stands. We have even had Chinese pots! The items are auctioned with the wrappings on, so that those bidding don't know what they are bidding for. Sounds crazy, but it's a lot of fun. Proceeds from the auction go into the club treasury so that we can keep on bringing in good programs for our enjoyment and education. **NO GAG GIFTS PLEASE!**

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

### **Meeting Date**

**Tuesday  
December 14, 2004**

**Brighton Town Park  
Lodge**

**7:00PM Meeting**

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Westfall and Clinton

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## It's that time of the year...

If you have not put your bonsai away for the winter yet, don't bother. It's probably too late. You will not have to worry about transplanting or pruning next spring either. But you can start all over with a new bonsai collection, correcting errors as you progress. That's not a bad idea anyway. Bonsai will need watering from time to time when they are not frozen, even though they are dormant. Be sure to water until water runs through the drainage holes. Clean snow is also good for a light watering during winter. It might be a good idea to spray again with a contact fungicide such as Captan. This is a good time to begin studying tree silhouettes around town and in your own garden (exercise caution when driving). Note that the overall silhouette is different for each species. East Avenue is an excellent place to study large mature Beech, Weeping Beech and Ginkgo. Highland Park and Mt. Hope Cemetery are also good locations for large Japanese Maples and Paperbark Maples. A warmer winter project is to study books and magazines. Work schedules often prohibit studying during the active growing season. Keep warm and study bonsai styles in nature and in books and tapes, because **It's that time of the year again....**

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## 2004 - 2005 Programs

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| Jan. 25        | Sean Smith, Suiseki and daiza carving and carving workshop |
| Feb. 22<br>and | Harvey Carapella, Sinuous Style Raft Style bonsai          |
| Mar. 22        | Bill Valavanis, Japanese Maple Lecture/Demo/Workshop       |
| Apr. 26        | Suthin Sukosolvisit Lecture/Demo/Workshop                  |
| May 14-15      | Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit<br>Jim Doyle, 2 Demo's     |
| June 03        | Bavarian Bonsai Demonstration                              |
| June 25        | Field trip to Oriental Garden<br>Supply                    |
| July 26        | Field trip to John Nucitelli garden                        |
| Sept. 12       | Yasuo Mitsuya from Japan                                   |

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