

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Bonsai Critique

Our November meeting will start off with a short business meeting followed by Harvey Carapella, Jim Dolce and Bob Blankfield who will present a bonsai critique on trees brought in by the members of the club. If you have a bonsai and would like some advice on what to do with it, how to trim it, design it or make it well again, this will be the place to bring the tree. The only rule is that they have to be in bonsai pots.

So if you've got a problem bonsai, or just purchased one then bring them along. Last year, this proved to be an informative, informal discussion about bonsai design. This should be a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

November Display

As fall is nearing its end and winter looms in the near future, let's try to bring in some nice deciduous bonsai with good autumn color or colorful fruit. Evergreens are always welcome too. If you have something that is looking good bring it along and share it with the rest of us.

October Highlights

Over 80 members and guests were on hand to watch Walter Pall tell us about bonsai design. Walter gave two great presentations on Collected Trees and on American Trees as Bonsai. He also did a design suggestions for a collected tree, pointing out several possibilities for the tree's future. As always, Walter was informative and entertaining. The tree was raffled at the end of the meeting.

Winter Care Handout

For those of you who do not receive the billboard electronically, a hard copy of the Winter Care Handout will be available at the November meeting. Remember to pick one up, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask one of the board members, or any of the senior members of the club. They will be happy to help.

Visit Our Website

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

Meeting Date

Tuesday
November 23, 2004

Brighton Town Park
Lodge

7:00PM Meeting

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Shirts, Hats Available

The club will have polo shirts, hats and sweatshirts available at the November meeting. Everything will include the club logo embroidered on it. Help support your club and pick up some nice apparel at the same time. The cost is:

Polo Shirts	\$15
Sweat Shirts	\$18
Hats	\$15

Diaza Carving Workshop

Sean Smith, noted suiseki authority will present a lecture/demonstration on stone appreciation at our January 25th meeting. He will also conduct a special workshop prior to the meeting on January 25th from 1 to 4 pm on carving wooden bases (daiza) for stones. He has collected some great stones which will be included with the workshop registration. The cost of the workshop is \$125 and includes a stone, wood for the daiza and instruction from Sean. Bring a dremel wood carving tool if you have one. Register with Will Hebert for this limited workshop. Cash or check will reserve your space for this unusual and rare workshop

2004 - 2005 Programs

Nov. 23	Bonsai Critique, Harvey Carapella, Jim Dolce and Bob Blank field
Dec. 14	Holiday Party, Mystery Auction and Slides from Japan
Jan. 25	Sean Smith, Suiseki and daiza carving and carving workshop
Feb. 22	Harvey Carapella, Sinuous Style and 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 Jim Doyle, 2 Demo's
June 03	Bavarian Bonsai Demonstration
June 25	Field trip to Oriental Garden Supply
July 26	Field trip to John Nucitelli garden
Sept. 12	Yasuo Mitsuya from Japan

March Workshop

Our March meeting will be a lecture and demonstration by Bill Valavanis on multiple trunk style bonsai. After the demo, Bill will lead a group of 20 participants on creating a multiple trunk bonsai using Korean Maples. This is a unique plant, not generally seen around here for bonsai, but is very good material. If you are interested in this, contact

Suthin Sukosolvisit Workshop April 26, 2005

Our April meeting will feature Suthin Sukosolvisit from Massachusetts. At that meeting he will be doing a lecture and demonstration. Earlier in the afternoon he will be leading a workshop. Suthin is an extremely talented bonsai artist who specializes in shohin style bonsai, but is proficient at all styles and sizes. Put this on your calendar. <http://www.royalbonsaigarden.com/>

Walter Ponders The Design of a Collected Ponderosa Pine



It's That Time Of Year Again...

This is the time to begin protecting your winter hardy bonsai for the winter. However, the longer you can leave them outdoors before it gets really cold, the better off your bonsai will be. Really cold to the plants is about 20-25°F, (to me below 70°F). I like to wait until the bonsai, especially conifers, get a nice dusting of light snow before putting them away. In our area, the best time to put hardy bonsai away for the winter is the end of November- right after a good Thanksgiving dinner- or the first part of December. The cool weather we have had this autumn is helping the bonsai prepare their cold hardiness for the long winter season. Remember to remove all fruit, old leaves and thick moss before protecting the bonsai. Spray with a contact fungicide such as Captan when putting your trees away. It is important to eliminate sun and wind for the winter and to provide an even temperature. If you did not protect your indoor species by now, there is probably no need to. This is a good time to review your fertilizing and pesticide schedule for the past year while it is still fresh in your mind. Did you spray and feed enough? What will you do differently during the next growing season? Make some notes and review them next spring. It's amazing how much you forget over the winter. Have a happy Turkey Day and don't forget to water your bonsai even if it's cold outside. They still need a drink because, **It's that time of the year again.....**

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