

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Holiday Party

After a brief business meeting we will see slides from a few of Bill Valavanis' travels to Japan, Belgium and England. Next he will present a new program which was shown at the World Bonsai Convention on Yuji Yoshimura.

Treats

Please bring a treat to the December Holiday Party to share with others. This will be a desert party, so please have dinner before you join us. As always, the club will provide liquid refreshments.

Mystery Auction

Following the slides, Harvey Carapella will auction items for our mystery auction. Each member is asked to bring a gift to be auctioned for the benefit of our society. It would be nice if the gifts were

bonsai 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. Sample items which our members generously donated in the past include: plants, pots, soil, fertilizer, wine, cookies, a wreath, stones, and bonsai stands. Another one of Jim Reeds trees and Sue Seivens pots will also be included. The items are donated with the wrappings still on, so that those bidding don't know what they are bidding for. Sounds crazy, but it's a lot of fun.

All proceeds from the auction go into the club treasury so that we can continue to bring world class speakers to our meetings for our education. Please be generous with your gifts and no gag gifts please.

*Happy
Holidays*

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Meeting Date

**Tuesday
December 20, 2005**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

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near corner of
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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2005 - 2006 Programs

Dec. 20	Holiday Party, Slides from Japan Yuji Yoshimura Memorial Blind Auction
Jan. 24	Sean Smith, Suiseki and daiza carving / afternoon workshop
Feb. 21	Harvey Carapella, Formal Upright Foemina Juniper
Mar. 15-19	GardenScape 2006
Mar. 28	Bill Valavanis, Accent Plants Lecture/Demo/Workshop
Apr. 25	Boon Manakitivipart TBA
May 20-21	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit Suthin Sukosolvisit Lecture/ Demo
June 27	Picnic / Bonsai Sale and Auction
July 25	Field trip to John Nucitelli garden
Aug. 22	Dwarf Conifer Garden Tour
Sept. 12	Kathy Shaner

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