

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Bill Valavanis Multiple Trunk Style Lecture/Demo/Workshop

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

After a brief business meeting, Bill Valavanis, Internationally proclaimed bonsai artist, and past president of our club, will present a program and workshop on Multiple Trunk Style Bonsai. The material that will be used will be Korean Maple, a maple similar to the Japanese Maple.

Bill will begin with a lecture and slide show on creating and caring for maple bonsai. Anyone who has attended one of Bill's lectures, knows that they are always well prepared, educational and entertaining. He will offer a complete program before beginning the workshop so plan to attend the presentation even if you will not participate in the workshop. Observers will be welcome during the workshop, but remember that attention will be given to paid participants. The tree that Bill works on will be raffled after the demonstration.

Bill's lecture/demo will be followed by a free workshop for 20 members. At this time there are plenty of openings left. Call Will Hebert if interested in one of these spaces (256-2492). The workshop is free, but the cost of materials is \$40, a special price from Bill.

Election Time

At the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. During the business meeting, the candidates for the offices will be presented and voted on. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know. Just make sure the person you are nominating knows about it before you call.

Nominating Committee

Joe Galley, Chair	334-9472
Milt Kilpatrick	482-5144
Fran Mahoney	582-1831

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
March 22, 2005**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

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

President

Harvey Carapella
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March Workshop

Each participant will receive seven Korean maples for this special workshop. The trees have been specially selected and prepared for this workshop featuring an unusual maple. The Korean maple is very similar to the Japanese maple, but much more winter hardy, especially in our climate. The different size maples will be carefully positioned next to each other and wrapped to graft them to grow together. Then they will be potted into plastic nursery containers, trimmed and wired to shape. There are very few branches on these seedlings, but they will produce new buds everywhere, so a full canopy should develop by autumn.

The price for the seven maples, nursery container and growing mix is \$40. Reservations are necessary. They can be made by calling Will Hebert at 256-2492 or emailing him at tanlargo@lycos.com. Remember, a check or cash reserves your spot.

Spring Show Committee Meeting

There will be a spring show meeting on March 26th to discuss the upcoming spring show in May. The meeting will be at 8:00PM, at the residence of Bill Valavanis. This meeting will follow a board meeting at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in helping with the show in any aspects, give Bill a call (334-2595). For those interested, members are also welcome to attend the board meeting. Ask one of the board members for details.

2005 Programs

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| Mar. 17-20 | GardenScape 2005 |
| Mar. 22 | Bill Valavanis,
Multi Trunk Style with
Korean Maple
Demo/Lecture/Workshop |
| Apr. 26 | Suthin Sukosolvisit
Afternoon workshop
Evening Lecture and Demo |
| May. 14-15 | Upstate Bonsai Exhibit
2 lectures and demos
by Jim Doyle |
| June 03 | Bavarian Caravan
Demonstration with
Wolfgang Putz |
| June 25 | Oriental Garden Supply
Field trip on a Saturday |
| July 26 | Nucitelli Garden Field Trip |
| Aug. 17 | Charles Osterly Garden Tour |
| Sept. 12 | Mr. Mitsuya and Kathy
Shaner,
BYOB workshop in afternoon
Lecture and demo in evening |

Sad News

Elmer (Goldie) Goldsworth, long time member from Syracuse, New York, passed away on February 22nd. Although he and his wife, Cora, did not attend every meeting, they always shared the beauty of their fine bonsai collection at our annual shows and supported our club. Goldie was a past president of the Bonsai Society of Central New York, based in Syracuse. Our sympathy is extended to Cora Goldsworth and her family.

April Workshop

Bonsai artist, Suthin Sukolosvisit, originally from Thailand, will be our guest speaker for the April meeting and workshop on April 26th.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2005, Suthin will conduct a special workshop for our members. He will bring an assortment of fine workshop material for sale, including Dwarf Hinoki Cypress, Shimpaku Juniper, Larch and Rough Bark Japanese Maples. These are not miniature bonsai style. The prices for his workshop material will begin at \$40 each. The workshop fee is only \$30 for our members.

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Surfing the Bonsai Web

A new bonsai talk forum is now in existence. Stop by and check it out.

<http://forum.bonsaitalk.com/index.php?s=5a242b9d22be8d2b1e7f8473684373df>

The Bonsai Village has an interesting long and personal article on our member, Bill Valavanis where he discusses his background the status of bonsai in America today.

<http://www.bonsaivillage.net/>

Then check out the internet bonsai club

<http://internetbonsaiclub.org/index.html>

Brenta Sullivan Update

Long time member and past president Brenta Sullivan is now living at the Monroe Community Hospital. Twenty years ago she was the Director of Nursing there, and now she is a resident. She would appreciate visitors and cards from her friends. You can be sure she will be attending our spring show exhibition at the same hospital. She is only one floor up. You can send cards to:

Brenta Sullivan
Monroe Community Hospital
Monroe Community Hospital
Hope 2
435 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, New York 14620

February Highlights

Our president, Harvey Carapella, presented an excellent program on sinuous and raft style bonsai for the February meeting. Over 59 members attended despite the snow storm and poor driving conditions. Several of our members came from Buffalo and Ithaca as well.

Harvey began his program by describing how to create both evergreen and deciduous raft/sinuous style bonsai. His illustrated handouts were well done and described his techniques. Several members brought in fine examples of their bonsai which Harvey discussed.

The demonstration tree, a dwarf Ficus, was pruned, wired and potted into the sinuous style. Next Harvey designed a bonsai juniper which was donated to our society. And finally he discussed a Korean hornbeam nursery stock which was ideal for a raft style bonsai.

It's That Time Of Year Again...

I know it's hard to imagine, but in a few short weeks the buds on some of our bonsai will begin to swell. If your bonsai have swollen buds, it might be a good idea to lower the temperature if possible or change location. The longer you delay bud break the better, except when permanent dormancy sets in. If your bonsai are not frozen they will probably require watering. If they are frozen, keep a little clean snow packed around the soil surface. When the air temperature rises, some snow will melt and water the bonsai. With increased daylight fast approaching, additional moisture will be necessary. Indoor bonsai can now be lightly fertilized. Now is a good time to match bonsai with containers for spring transplanting. Conifers are usually planted in unglazed containers to present a quiet feeling. Broadleaf evergreens and deciduous species are generally planted in glazed containers to highlight the seasonal beauty of their flowers or autumn foliage. Unglazed containers come in more than one shade of "common" brown; they can also be found in gray, red and tan. There are many different shades and textures and the end finish can also vary widely, as can prices! Look through books from our extensive library for ideas on containers colors and shapes. Although many bonsai are planted in shallow containers, I prefer deeper pots because of our severe low temperatures. Although it is a bit early to begin transplanting, drastic pruning and wiring can be performed if the bonsai are kept above freezing afterward. A temperature of 35° F is ideal, but 27° - 30° F is fine. Start thinking about spring. It's just around the corner because **it's that time of the year again...**

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