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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Bonsai Critique

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Our November meeting will start off with a short business meeting followed by Harvey Carapella and Jim Dolce 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 month we will also have a mini auction featuring a pine bonsai donated by Jim Reed, and an old book donated by Andrea Pettito. The Hinoki Cypress that Mr. Miyata worked on will be raffled.

This should be a lot of fun, filled with a lot of useful information. 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.

Winter Care Handout

Members who receive the Bonsai Billboard by e-mail will notice that our winter Care Handout is attached and on our website. Members who do not receive it by e-mail can pick up a printed version at the November meeting. Please remember to pick up a copy and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask one of our more experienced members. They will be glad to assist you in keeping your trees alive during the winter.

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
November 15, 2005**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

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Diaza Carving Workshop

Sean Smith, noted suiseki authority will present a lecture/demonstration on stone appreciation at our January 24th meeting. He will also conduct a special daiza (wooden base for suiseki) workshop in the afternoon before the January meeting. The daiza carving workshop will be held from 1 to 4 pm at the International Bonsai Arboretum. Mr. Smith has collected some great stones which will be included with the cost of the workshop. Registration for the daiza carving workshop is \$125, which includes the stone, wood and dremel or wood carving tools and his instruction too. Please bring a dremel or wood carving tools if you have them and eye protection too. Register with Will Hebert (265-2492 ro tanlargo@lycos.com) for this limited workshop. Cash or check will reserve your spot and there are only three or four remaining openings.

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes out to Debbie Chludzinski, Debbie Flemming, Pat Hamm and Kathy Ver for their contributions to the Friday evening social at the annual International Bonsai Symposium.

2005 - 2006 Programs

Nov. 15	Bonsai Critique, Harvey Carapella and Jim Dolce
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

Thanks Also...

A thanks also goes out to Sue Seveins for her generous donations of several fine bonsai pots to the club and to Andrea Pettito for the antique book on ikebana which will be auctioned at the November meeting for the Brenta Sullivan Memorial Book Fund. Last but not least, another thanks goes to Dave Paris who donated several Chinese quince seedlings which will be used at the November meeting. Our members are truly generous with their bonsai donations, thanks everyone!

October Highlights

.Kenji Miyata bonsai master from Japan presented a lecture/demonstration at our October meeting. He has been in the United States for a couple of years as the bonsai master at New England Bonsai Garden in the Boston area. Now his green card arrived so he has purchased property and a home in California and is driving his bonsai collection to his new location.

We had over 75 members at the October meeting. Mr. Miyata first pruned and wired a large size Dwarf Hinoki Cypress. This bonsai will be auctioned at the November meeting. Next he pruned and thinned out a large, heavy trunk Japanese yew. He did not wire the tree, only trimmed it to a multiple trunk formal upright style bonsai. Pat Hamm won the bonsai... and will probably spend many, many hours wiring the tree. We look forward to seeing it in one of our future shows. Although Mr. Miyata did not talk much during his demonstration, he presented a great demonstration and showed us many tools. Did you know that he has five different tweezers to work on his bonsai?

Thank you to all the members who brought in bonsai to share at the meeting. A special thank you to Millett and Will Hebert who hosted Mr. Miyata during his visit. We wish Mr. Miyata a safe trip and good luck establishing his new bonsai garden in California. He will be back on the East coast each year, so if you missed this great program, you have another opportunity to learn from him again.



Mr. Miyata is discussing his plans for the Hinoki Cypress on the left and is in the stages of creating a wonderful bonsai above.

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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