

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Kenji Miyata *Hinoki Cypress Bonsai*

On Monday evening, Mr. Miyata will present a lecture/demonstration on training Hinoki Cypress Bonsai.

Mr. Miyata is currently a resident artist at New England Bonsai Gardens in Bellingham, Massachusetts for six months out of the year. The rest of the year he travels back to Japan and other parts of this country demonstrating, teaching classes and giving private tutorials.

He began his study of bonsai at the age of 15 after quitting high school to formally study bonsai. He then studied at the Daiju-en Bonsai Garden of Toshinori Suzuki and with Masamitsu Kubota in Kyushu. This led to a five year formal study with Yasuo Mitsuya. In 1977 he opened his own business, the Miyata-en Bonsai Garden.

The bonsai he creates will be raffled at the conclusion of the meeting. Make sure your dues are paid up before the meeting to avoid paying a \$10 admission charge for non members. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a gifted Japanese bonsai artist.

September Highlights

Bonsai master Yasuo Mitsuya from Japan presented a very educational demonstration at our September meeting. He designed, pruned and wired a very large Blue Alps juniper with quite a heavy trunk. He explained as he worked through his assistant Kathy Shaner from California. She studied with him for five years in Japan. Both artists completely finished the bonsai in a couple of hours. Craig Risser from Syracuse attended the meeting and also helped translate Mr. Mitsuya's thoughts. One of our members won this future masterpiece bonsai and we look forward to seeing it in one of our exhibitions. Kathy Shaner will present our September 2006 program.

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Meeting Date

Tuesday
October 18, 2005

Brighton Town Park
Lodge

7:00PM Meeting

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Library Additions

DVD: The Danny Use Collection

Mr. Use is the owner of the Ginkgo Bonsai Center in Belgium. A new DVD showing all of his outstanding bonsai collection was released last week in Belgium. There are very detailed photos of his bonsai, tokonoma displays and also of his private bonsai garden.



Bonsai donated by Jim Reed to be raffled in November

New Correct Dates

2005 - 2006 Programs

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| Oct. 18 | Kenji Miyata Demo/lecture |
| Nov. 15 | Bonsai Critique, Harvey Carapella and Jim Dolce |
| Dec. 20 | Holiday Party, Slides from Japan Yuji Yoshimura Memorial |
| Jan. 24 | Sean Smith, Suiseki and daiza carving / afternoon workshop |
| Feb. 21 | Harvey Carapella, TBA |
| Mar. 15-19 | Gardenscape |
| 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 |

BONSAI AUCTION AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Long time member Jim Reed has again donated several bonsai to our society. Two of the medium size bonsai will be used at our Holiday Party in December and in the future. The very large Japanese black pine bonsai will be auctioned at our November meeting. This excellent bonsai is about two feet tall with a heavy trunk and short needles. Right now it is a fine mica pot but he has also donated an excellent Japanese container to go along with it. The Japanese black pine will be on display at the October meeting for our members to enjoy and study. Don't miss out on this November auction. A note of appreciation is again extended to Jim Reed for his past and present generous donations.

Last Chance Dues Are Due!

Please use the registration form that came with the August billboard to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you joined us at or after the spring show, you are already paid through August 2006. Otherwise, fill out the form and either send it or hand it and your dues to our treasurer, Wes Morningstar. If dues are not received by the October meeting, this will be the last Billboard you receive. So, if you start missing the Billboard, you know it slipped your mind. Thanks!!!

Corrected List 2005—2006 Officers

Our thanks to everyone who volunteered to work either on the board or on a committee this year. It is this work that always keeps the club running smoothly. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer to help out the club, don't hesitate to ask anyone on this list.

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| President: | Harvey Carapella |
| Vice President: | Bill Valavanis |
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| Webmaster | Will Hebert |
| Club Consultant | Milt Kilpatrick |
| Meeting Set-Up/ Cleanup: | Entire Membership |

Watch Your Email

Many people get email, and are not sure what the email is about. They then delete them before opening them. With all the problems with scam, phishing, virus, and spyware, this isn't unusual. Many people don't recognize the bonsai billboard when it comes in and it gets deleted. The billboard comes from my home email address and will have my name and the name of my wife (Dave and Nancy Steele) as the senders. Also, in the subject line, you will see something like:

Subject: Bonsai Society of Upstate New York April Newsletter

If you see this in the subject line, it is the bonsai newsletter. DON'T DELETE IT!

Symposium Social

The bonsai club hosted a Friday evening social at the International Bonsai Symposium in September and thanks to our members it was a huge success. The board would like to extend a special thank you to Joe Noga for donating the wine, Bruce Kirby for the apples, the Buffalo members for their wonderful deserts, Irene Valavanis for Baklava and to Jim and Rita Dolce for organizing the event and donating a tree for the raffle. The club actually made money and everyone who attended had a great time.



It's That Time Of Year Again...

All your indoor species should be protected in the home. Do not be surprised if some of the leaves turn yellow and drop, it is natural to lose some foliage due to the reduced light. Plants tend to dry out a lot quicker indoors than they did outside for a while, then they will adapt to the dry conditions indoors. It is much too early to put your hardy outdoor specimens away for the winter. Wait until we have had a few good hard frosts, at least the end of November or early December. While you are waiting, now is the time to remove all the old needles on pines. Do not put them away for winter with old dead needles because they might harbor pests or diseases. Also, removing the old needles will provide good sun and air to the inner sections of the tree which will stimulate new buds from the old wood. After you remove the old dead needles, remove some of the new needles leaving a few clusters around the tips of each bud. New buds will grow more vigorously if you remove these needles. If the moss is lush, green and thick around your bonsai (call Brenta), you might want to remove some of it before winter to allow better air circulation to the roots and to prevent fungus from growing in the thick moss. Enjoy your bonsai during their bright autumnal color-fest. Remember, it will not last long because **it's that time of the year again....**

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