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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



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Boon Manakitivipart Lecture/Demo/Workshop

This month's meeting will feature Boon Manakitivipart who will be giving a lecture and demonstration on creating and training Shimpaku Juniper bonsai.

Among his many accomplishments, in 1993 the Golden State Bonsai Federation awarded Boon a Teacher Development Scholarship; two years later, he received the Ben Oki International Design Award for styling a Sierra juniper. He has studied bonsai in Japan with Yasuo Mitsuya.

Today Boon makes his living as a full-time bonsai artist in Northern California. He styles client trees, lectures, puts on demonstrations, holds workshops, and finds show-quality bonsai for clients.

Boon is well known throughout the U.S. and the world for his bonsai creations, his knowledge and expertise. Be sure not this opportunity to learn from this top artist.

Gardenscape 2006

Our society had a great display, as usual, at this year's GardenScape 2006, Rochester's Flower and Garden Show. We won the best large educational exhibit award, and had some tough competition. Thank you to the following people who brought their bonsai to share with the 25,000 people who visited GardenScape 2006: Doug McDade, Will Hebert, Havey Carapella, Karen Procter, Jerome Cushman, Marc Arpag, Wes Morningstar, Joe Noga, and Bill Valavanis. A special thank you to the several members who came early to help set up the two booth display and also to those who stayed late to help us take it down. Also thanks to all our members who helped answer questions from the public.

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
April 25, 2006**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

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April Workshop

Bonsai artist, Boon Manakitivipart, will be our guest speaker for the April meeting and workshop on April 25th from 1 to 4 at the Brighton Town Park Lodge. The workshop will be a bring your own tree workshop and will cost \$50. This is a good chance to take some new material and create a bonsai, or to have an established tree checked over, redesigned or just be given a good looking over. 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.

March Highlights

Bill Valavanis presented a Powerpoint presentation on Bonsai Display and over 50 members attended. He showed images showing examples of why to display, the theory of display and how to set up an effective exhibit. Afterwards he set up several displays and with the assistance of our members changed and refined each display to highlight the season, eye movement, and accessory placement and selection. A short demonstration on creating three accessory plantings was presented by Bill and was won by Ron Maggio. It was followed by a workshop where several members created their own accessory plantings. Hopefully, we should see them at our spring show soon. It was announced that the back section of our spring show will feature formal displays. If you would like to reserve a location, please contact Bill Valavanis at 334-

2005 - 2006 Programs

Apr. 25	Boon Manakitivipart
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

Election Results

Our elections for next year's officers was held at the March meeting. Our new officers are:

Harvey Carapella, President
Bill Valavanis, Vice-President
Marc Arpag, Secretary
Ron Maggio, Treasurer

A special thank you to our out going treasurer, Wes Morningstar who has worked hard as treasurer for many years. The new officers take over in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22-25 Associated Koi Club of America Seminar in Buffalo, NY

For more information visit these websites:

(www.nfkpc.org) (www.akca.org)

33rd Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On May 20th and 21st we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. This is always our biggest event of the year and our biggest money maker and this year it's extra special. As always, we need lots of help and there's something for everyone to do. Check out the list of committee chairs on the next page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up with Wes Morningstar at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to distribute at the meeting.

Tree Labels For Spring Show

If anyone has any new or unusual species of variety of bonsai that they plan to exhibit at the spring show, please contact Iris Cohen about making a nice printed label for it. Names of the species in a saikei are helpful. If there is anything special about the pot or a rock that you would like on the label, this can be done. If you have any questions about the identity of the bonsai, you can ask any knowledgeable member of the bonsai club or call Iris about the correct name. Before, during or after the show, if you have any questions about the labels you can contact Iris at:

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Committee Chairs

Directors	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595	Labels	Iris Cohen	315-461-9226
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Printing	Harvey Carapella	426-6548	Members Choice Award	Jim Dolce	247-1527
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Bonsai Placement	Bill Valavanis Milt Kilpatrick	334-2595 202-1959	Hospital	Joe Moore	760-6301
Video	Peter Waasdorp	461-9847	Set-Up	Entire Membership	
			Clean-Up	Entire Membership	

It's That Time Of The Year Again...

Spring has arrived! Maples and flowering trees are starting to leaf out and bloom. By now, all your outdoor, winter-hardy bonsai should be outside in the full sun. If they are showing small leaves already then it's a good sign that they made it through the winter in good condition. But, it's too early to be sure. Winter damage does not always show up until the really hot weather arrives in June. Be sure to protect bonsai which are in full leaf from sudden cold. The key temperature I look for is 25° F but 30° F is safer. If the temperature threatens to drop below what you feel comfortable with, then move your bonsai indoors for the night, then move them back out the next morning. It's a big job, but it's worth it to save the bonsai. Members have lost some trees when fooled by the weather (and the weathermen) into leaving them out when they should have come in. At this time of year, it is best to just reconcile yourself to a lot of running in and out with trees. By now, my watering is a daily task, usually about 3-4PM. Flowering bonsai require more water than conifers. Bonsai which have been recently transplanted will not require too much water, but do need extra protection from wind and for the first few days, from too much sun. Misting helps newly transplanted bonsai. If deciduous species have not leafed out by the time you transplant, you can put them directly in the full sun, but watch out for wind. Start thinking about fertilizing, but just think for now. I will include some tips on fertilizer next month. The next three to four weeks are the most active and fun for bonsai enthusiasts. Ninety percent of my transplanting and new bonsai creations are done now, so I have to go, because, It's that time of the year...

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