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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. Trees not in Bonsai pots will be discussed if time permits.

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 should be a lot of fun, filled with a lot of useful information. Hope to see you there.

November Display

As fall is nearing it's 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.



Example of a Scoop Pot by Dale Cochoy

Meeting Date

Tuesday
November 21, 2006

7:00PM Meeting

Brighton Town Lodge
at
Buckland Park
1341 Westfall Road
Rochester, New York
near corner of
Westfall and Clinton

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October Highlights

Marty Schmalenberg from New Jersey presented an excellent and stimulating program on literati style for over 50 members at our October meeting. He first showed slides of the literati scholars in China and some of their paintings. Examples of literati bonsai in Japan were shown and discussed by members.

Next he showed how the painting style was imported and absorbed by the Japanese. Marty completed the evening with a special cultivar of Hinoki cypress which he shaped into a three trunk literati style. Bob Phromm won the demonstration bonsai at the conclusion of the program.



Marty working on the Hinoki Cypress during October's meeting

2006 - 2007 Programs

Nov. 21	Bonsai Critique, Harvey Carapella and Jim Dolce
Dec. 12	Holiday Party and Auction Slides from Japan and China
Jan. 24	Dale Cochoy, Making Containers Afternoon workshop Evening Demonstration
Feb. 27	Harvey Carapella, Color In Bonsai
Mar. 15-18	Gardenscape, 2007 Bonsai Society Display
Mar. 27	Michael Hagedorn from Oregon Japanese Bonsai Study
Apr. 24	Bill Valavanis, Forest Bonsai and workshop with Dawn Redwood Lecture/Demo/Free Workshop
May 19-20	Upstate New York Bonsai 35th Anniversary Exhibit & Celebration Daily Lecture/Demo by Julian Adams
June 26	TBA
July 24	Garden Tour
Aug. 28	Garden Tour.
Sept. 10	TBA

Dues Are Past Due!

To everyone who has paid their dues, thank you. For all others, this is your last chance. Please pay your dues by the November meeting. Anyone who has not paid their dues by then will not be receiving any more newsletters. Don't miss out on the information, workshops, fun and camaraderie. Get those dues in as soon as possible.

35th Anniversary Container

In order to help celebrate our 35th anniversary we have commissioned a limited edition of handmade containers from China. These high quality containers are a very useful size and shape for several different bonsai styles and a multitude of species too. The containers are approximately 7 inches square and 5 inches high. The unglazed brown containers have a recessed panel on all four sides. Each container is numbered and a special seal on the bottom reads "35th Anniversary BSUNY 1972-2007". Additionally, a beautiful box has been made for each of the 50 limited edition commemorative containers.

The commemorative container number 1 will be auctioned during our 35th annual exhibition banquet in May. Pre orders are now being taken, limited to one per member, for the low price of \$45. Containers must be paid for when ordered and picked up at the April meeting or the show. Once the containers arrive from China the price will rise to \$50. Please purchase a container to help celebrate our milestone and support our treasury so we can continue to bring in quality speakers for our meetings. You can pay our treasurer, Ron Maggio, at meetings or send a check to our post office box.



Ivy bonsai in our Anniversary Pot

January Meeting

On Tuesday afternoon, before our January 23rd meeting, guest artist Dale Cochoy from Ohio will conduct a special workshop for 12 members on making ceramic bonsai containers. With Dale's assistant each member will make one or two unique containers. He has mastered the design and technique to create distinctive scoop and grass planting containers. Several of our members have taken Dale's container workshop before and will bring their creations to our November and December meetings to show examples of their containers. After the workshop Dale will take the containers home to complete and fire. They will then be delivered at our April meeting for members.

The workshop will be held at our new Buckman Park Town Lodge on Tuesday, January 23rd from 1-4 pm. Registration is \$50 for the workshop which includes all materials. Reservations can only be made by giving our Treasurer, Ron Maggio a check at meeting or sending it to our Post Office box. Don't miss your opportunity to make a special container which you can exhibit at our 35th Annual Exhibition in May.



Juniper bonsai created by
Marty Schmalenberg

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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