

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Bill Valavanis

Redwood Forest

Lecture/Demo/Workshop

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Meeting Date

**Tuesday
April 24, 2007**

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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After a brief business meeting, Bill Valavanis, internationally noted proclaimed bonsai artist, and past president of our club, will present a program and workshop on creating forest bonsai. This slide program will cover all aspects of forest bonsai including design, creation and care. Afterwards he will conduct a forest workshop using Dawn Redwood, an unusual species trained for bonsai. The Dawn Redwood is a deciduous conifer with lovely light green delicate foliage which makes it ideal for forest plantings.

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 forest that Bill creates during his demo will be raffled that evening.

April Workshop

April's workshop will be held immediately following the lecture and demo on April 24th. This is free to members, but participants must pay for the plant material and containers. Dawn Redwoods will be used for a seven tree forest. Each workshop participant will receive seven Dawn Redwoods and a plastic training bonsai shallow group planting pot. With Bill's assistance each will create distinct Dawn Redwood forests which should present the illusion of tall Redwoods growing in California. The workshop is free, but the material fee for the workshop is \$50. All members need to bring is your tools, soil, some wire, MOSS and a box to work in. Approximately one gallon of main soil will be necessary as well as moss. Please call Ron Maggio at 872-0382 to make your reservation for this special workshop. Members not taking the workshop are invited to stay and watch as the forests come alive.

March Highlights

Michael Hagedorn, now from the Portland, OR area presented a slide and sound program on his three year apprenticeship in Japan with Shinji Suzuki. He spoke of his "adventures" as an apprentice and what he had to do and what he learned along the way. Many photos were shown of work he has done on masterpiece bonsai which have been displayed in the top Japanese shows. He had many readings from the new book he is writing "The Schooling Of An Irreverent Bonsai Monk". Over 50 members enjoyed the program.

Election Results

Our elections for next year's officers was held at the March meeting. Our 2007-2008 officers are:

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

Let's give a special thank you to our officers. Organizing, preparing and running the meetings each month is difficult and many times it is the same people each year. Their dedication and hard work makes it possible for us to learn and enjoy bonsai at a level other clubs don't have. THANKS ALL!



Main Stage at the 2006 Upstate New York Spring Show

2007 Programs

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	Shohin Bonsai Jake deSilva
July 24	Garden Tour
Aug. 28	Garden Tour.
Sept. 10	TBA

New At The Show

Last year we had a special section at the show featuring "Formal Displays", which was very, very, well received by our members and the internet bonsai community too. So, due to popular request, we will again have formal displays. These special exhibits must feature a bonsai (or suiseki) and accessory on tables or stands. Scrolls are not necessary, but are welcome to help break up the tall white cloth background. Like last year, they will be photographed for our website and also for the internet Bonsai Club and will be seen around the globe.

The formal displays are by reservations only. Please contact Bill Valavanis, 334-2595, to reserve how many formal display areas you would like. They are approximately 3-5 feet wide, but will vary according to the size of your bonsai and display. Let's make this, our 35th annual exhibiton our best. Bring your best bonsai and display them to express your own individuality and the true beauty of the trees.

35th Anniversary Celebration and Bonsai Auction

On Saturday evening, May 19th after our exhibition closes, the fun begins! First Julian Adams from Virginia and Bill Valavanis will conduct a walk through critique of our bonsai on display. Then we will go across the hallway in Monroe Community Hospital for a delicious buffet dinner. Following the dinner we will have a benefit auction of bonsai, pre-bonsai, tools, pots, books, stones and much more. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Yoshimura Fund of the National Bonsai Foundation, Inc. in Washington DC. Please support this worthy activity to raise funds for both our society and National Bonsai Foundation which supports the national Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the national Arboretum. Some great donations have been made from our friends across the country, but we still need more items to make this a successful and fun event. So, all members are invited to donate a bonsai item to the auction. Used pots or other interesting items are great donations, as well as plants. If you have an extra bonsai, please consider donating it. Pre-bonsai are also welcome as are rare and unusual plants and nursery stock. If you have a difficult plant you don't know what to do with, here is your opportunity to let someone else work on it. Our society is very supportive and we have always had excellent items at our Holiday Party Auctions. Well, here is your chance to donate something everyone can see before they bid. Contact Karen Proctor if you have an questions on the auction at 235-0567. The event on Saturday evening, beginning with the critique and including the reception, dinner and auction are priced at only \$20 per person, just enough to pay for the food. Please send your \$20 reservations to Ron Maggio at our Post Office box or, better yet, bring it to the April meeting. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1st. We hope to welcome ALL members, family and guests to this exciting and fun event commemorating our 35th anniversary promoting bonsai in Upstate New York.

Committee Chairs

Directors	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595	Labels	Iris Cohen	315-461-9226
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Bonsai Placement	Bill Valavanis	334-2595	Tokonoma	Charles and Amar Osterley	671-3401
			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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