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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of  
Upstate New York



## Holiday Party

**A**fter a brief business meeting we will see slides from a few of Bill Valavanis' travels to Japan, Puerto Rico, Bali and Belgium.

### Treats

Please bring a treat to the December Holiday Party to share with others. This will be a desert party, so please have dinner before you join us. As always, the club will provide liquid refreshments.

### Mystery Auction

Following the slides, Harvey Carapella will auction items for our mystery auction. Each member is asked to bring a gift or two to be

auctioned for the benefit of our society. It would be nice if the gifts were bonsai related but they don't have to be. However, please label your gift "BONSAI" if it is bonsai or garden related. Some very nice gifts have been purchased at bargain prices in the past. Sample items which our members generously donated in the past include: plants, pots, soil, fertilizer, wine, cookies, a wreath, stones, and bonsai stands. The items are donated with the wrappings still on, so that those bidding don't know what they are bidding for. Sounds crazy, but it's a lot of fun.

All proceeds from the auction go into the club treasury so that we can continue to bring world class speakers to our meetings for our education. Please be generous with your gifts and no gag gifts please.

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### Meeting Date

**Tuesday  
December 18, 2007**

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

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## It's that time of the year...

If you have not put your bonsai away for the winter yet, don't bother. It's probably too late. You will not have to worry about transplanting or pruning next spring either. But you can start all over with a new bonsai collection, correcting errors as you progress. That's not a bad idea anyway. Bonsai will need watering from time to time when they are not frozen, even though they are dormant. Be sure to water until water runs through the drainage holes. Clean snow is also good for a light watering during winter. It might be a good idea to spray again with a contact fungicide such as Captan. This is a good time to begin studying tree silhouettes around town and in your own garden (exercise caution when driving). Note that the overall silhouette is different for each species. East Avenue is an excellent place to study large mature Beech, Weeping Beech and Ginkgo. Highland Park and Mt. Hope Cemetery are also good locations for large Japanese Maples and Paperbark Maples. A warmer winter project is to study books and magazines. Work schedules often prohibit studying during the active growing season. Keep warm and study bonsai styles in nature and in books and tapes, because **It's that time of the year again....**

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## 2007 - 2008 Programs

December 18	"Holiday Party"
January 22	Wm. N. Valavanis "The History and Significance of Japanese Classical Bonsai"
February 26	Harvey Carapella "Clinging To-A-Rock Style"
March 13-16	GardenScape 2008
March 25	Wm. N. Valavanis Demo & Workshop (surprise)
April 22	Suthin Sukolosvisit Afternoon workshop/evening demo
May 17-18	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition
June 24	TBA
July 22	Garden Tour
August 26	Garden Tour
September 8	Peter Adams "Maple Bonsai"

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