

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Dale Cochoy *Bonsai Containers*

Visit Our NEW Website

<http://www.bsuny.org/>

Mr. Cochoy first became interested in bonsai in 1978 when, after buying a few bonsai for his wife, they began to die one at a time. After that he decided to learn how to keep the last one alive. After buying a few books, and some self learning for 8 years, he worked with Keith Scott, a local bonsai artist, for about 3 years.

In 1989 Mr. Cochoy started Wild Things Bonsai Nursery with a partner as a part time endeavor. After about 10 years he bought out his partner and has been doing this on his own since.

Dale now travels around the country to different symposia, lecturing and selling. He is an avid collector of trees, bonsai artist and pot maker. He is also president of the Cleveland Bonsai Club.

Dale will demonstrate how to construct a bonsai container from clay. Rather than raffle an unfinished container, he will bring a similar container for us to raffle.

He will also bring several of his containers for sale, so members might find that "special pot" they have been looking for. Or you might find a beautiful pot for your collection and then look for a tree to plant in it. Check Dale's website at:

<http://pages.prodigy.net/dalecochoy/>

Workshop

Dale Cochoy will conduct a workshop on constructing ceramic bonsai containers on Tuesday, January 23 from 1 to 4 pm at our new meeting lodge. The workshop is filled, but you can call Ron Maggio to put your name on a waiting list.

Participants are requested to bring anything you want to make a mold from, bowls, jar, etc. for a scoop pot or accessory pot. Please also bring anything you might want to make an impression with like pine needles, leaves, cones, forks, etc. Please bring an apron to wear, some newspapers and a roll of paper towels.

Meeting Date

Tuesday
January 23, 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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Holiday Party Review

Over fifty members and guests attended our Annual Holiday Party, in spite of the mistake in the date and the changing of the venues. Thanks to everyone who brought in the delicious goodies. Bill Valavanis showed slides from his recent trip to Japan. He also showed slides of the National Bonsai Exhibition (Kokufu Bonsai Ten) held in Tokyo, plus some photos in Omiya Bonsai Village. There were also slides of the World Bonsai Contest included.

After some more goodies, Harvey Carapella auctioned off some great items including: Chinese pots, books, scrolls, calendars, Christmas wreath, plants, wine, and lots of great bonsai oriented items.

Our generous members really donated some splendid items and it helped. They realize that our Holiday Party Auction is our greatest income producing activity of the year, much more than our annual spring exhibition. The funds we raised will be used to bring quality, educational programs to our members. Another hearty thank you to Mark Arpag and all the members who brought in goodies, items for the auction and to those who bid and were lucky to get a special gift. Also thanks to Harvey for doing such a great job, as always, as the auctioneer.

2007 Programs

Jan. 23	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 Afternoon workshop and lecture on Studying Bonsai in Japan.
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

Bonsai Postage Stamp

For a number of years there has been a group of bonsai enthusiasts working to get bonsai on a United States Postage Stamp. Getting special stamps made is a long and difficult process, however, this movement has gotten through the first few levels needed to make this a reality. What is needed now is support from the bonsai community. Along with this newsletter is a petition asking the US postal service to consider this request. Please take the time to fill out the petition and mail it to the address on the form or bring it to one of our meetings and give it to Harvey Carapella or one of the board members to be mailed in. This is our chance to be a part of American History and do something to support and encourage the hobby /obsession that we all love.

World Bonsai Contest

The results for the 2006 World Bonsai Contest were recently announced and three of our members were among the top 100 winners. Over 200 photographs were entered from 25 countries to Japan for judging by professional bonsai artists. The winning trees were selected based on nutrition, technical skill and beauty of the bonsai. Congratulations to Harvey Carapella for his Cypress, to Bill Valavanis who entered his Hornbeam and to first time winner Will Hebert for his Blue Moss Cypress. We hope many more of our members will enter their bonsai photos for next years contest. We have some of the finest bonsai in the country in our member's collections.

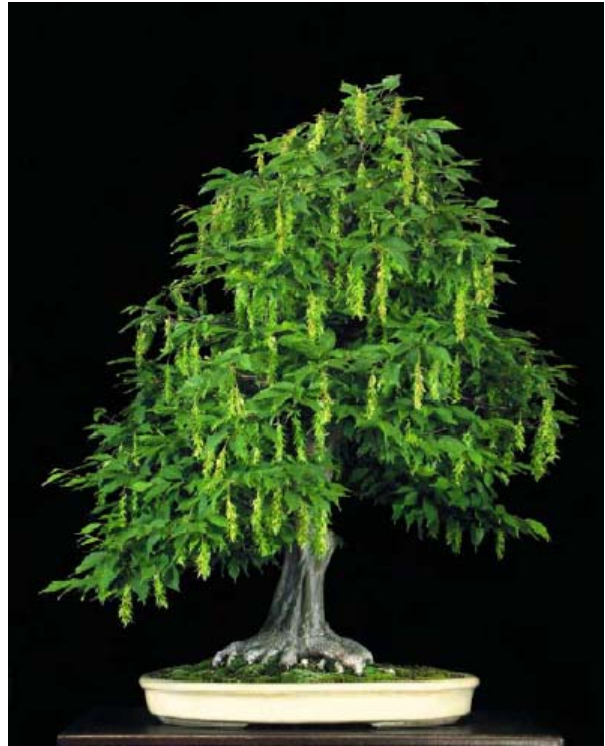
All the winning bonsai can be seen on the BCI website at:

<http://www.bonsai-bci.com/WorldBonsai06/wbc06.html>

Blue Moss Cypress by Will Hebert



*Red Leaf Hornbeam by Bill Valavanis
This tree will be on our new embroidered shirts. Order yours at the January meeting!*



Hinoki Cypress by Harvey Carapella



35th Anniversary Container

Time is running out to order our special 35th anniversary container. 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 \$40. 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.

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