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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Jake DeSilva Shohin Bonsai

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At June's meeting, Jake DaSilva will be presenting a program on shohin bonsai. Shohin bonsai are trees that are generally no more than 6 to 10 inches in height. These can be difficult to create as there is not always as much to work with as with large trees.

Jake DaSilva lived in Japan for over seven years. He has apprenticed at Taisho-en bonsai garden in Shizuoka, Japan where he trained with Mr. Urushibata. He also trained with Mr. Masumi at Koju-en bonsai garden in Kyoto.

Jake has worked on all sizes and styles of trees, including emperor bonsai down to shohin. He is recognized by the Japan National Small Bonsai Nurserymen's Guild as a journeyman bonsai nursery man.

Come and join us as we hear about a "small" area of bonsai that has a large interest and appeal.

Memorial Art Gallery Display

Our club presented a small but fine display of bonsai on May 6th at the Memorial Art Gallery as part of the Asian Pacific Heritage Family Day. We had two tables full of beautiful colorful bonsai. Thanks to the members who shared their bonsai and answered questions during afternoon and a special thank you to Marc Arpag who organized the event and to Bill Valavanis who presented a lecture/demonstration. We received a \$250 honorarium for our participation in the event

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
June 26, 2007**

**Brighton Town Park
Lodge**

7:00PM Meeting

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near corner of
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Spring Show A Success!

A hearty thank you to all members who displayed their fine bonsai, helped set up and clean up the exhibit and answered questions during the show. The formal displays and increased use of scrolls and accessories was well received and increased from last year's show. Many favorable comments were received from the Internet Bosai Club where photos were posted. Also we had a very impressive display of shohin bonsai, nearly an entire wall! Congratulations to Bob Blankfield on receiving our Member's Choice Award for his Shimpaku juniper bonsai. A special thank you to Charles and Amar Osterley for painting our three new tokonoma and Jim and Rita Dolce who organized our reception before dinner. And, we were able to add over 25 new members to our group!

2007 Programs

July 23	Monday, (Day Change) Visit to Al Sieg's Japanese Garden
Aug. 28	Visit to Bill Hart's Japanese Garden.
Sept. 10	Bonsai Display, Paul Goff, England

Our auction went very well. Friends from across the country (and Canada too) donated great items as did our very generous members who we can always depend on. A healthy donation was sent to the National Bonsai Foundation for the Yuji Yoshimura Fund. Thanks to Karen Proctor who handled the auction. A complete financial report will be presented at the June meeting

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