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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Michael Hagedorn Apprenticing in Japan

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

Michael Hagedorn first became interested in bonsai at sixteen when he got his first Sunset book on the subject. That, plus an interest in painting and ceramics combined to make a truly talented bonsai artist.

For nine years Michael worked as a potter making some of the finest pots in the area. During this time he studied bonsai with Boon Manakitivipart or California. In December 2003 he grabbed onto a rare opportunity and traveled to Nagano Prefecture, Japan where he apprenticed for several years under bonsai master Shinji Suzuki.

Six trees that he wired were accepted into the Kokufu Show in Tokyo, two in the Taikan Ten and one in the Sakaufu. Michael was also honored by Mr. Suzuki to do the wiring on two trees that went on to win the Kokufu Prize and a Prime Minister Award.

At March's meeting Michael will let us know about apprenticing in Japan and what it is really like. This will be

an interesting meeting for all of us who wonder what it would be like to spend part of our lives on something we all love. Michael was a member of our society while he was living in Alfred NY and often brought his fine-quality containers to sell at meetings. Let's welcome Michael back to Rochester in March. You can read more about Michael at his website:

<http://www.crataegus.com/>

Workshop

Michael Hagedorn will conduct a bring your own tree workshop on Tuesday, March 27th from 1 to 4 pm at our new meeting lodge. The workshop is \$40. To make a reservation call Ron Maggio. Remember, your check reserves your spot.

Participants are requested to bring tools, wire, a box to work in and that special tree you would like help with.

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
March 27, 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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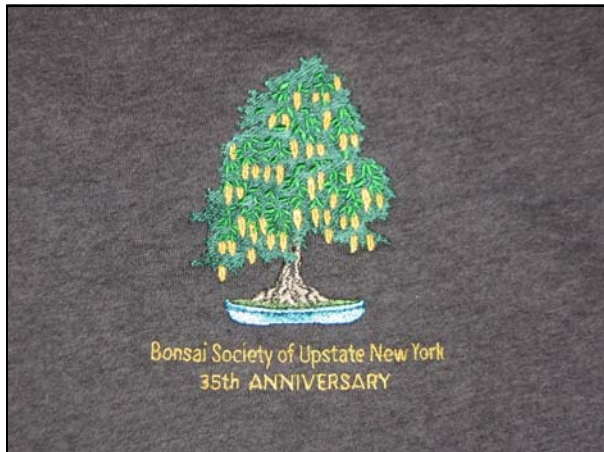
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Spring Show Committee Meeting

There will be a spring show meeting on March 30th to discuss the upcoming spring show in May. The meeting will be at 8:00PM, at the residence of Bill Valavanis. This meeting will follow a board meeting at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in helping with the show in any aspects, give Bill a call (334-2595). For those interested, members are also welcome to attend the board meeting. Ask one of the board members for details.

Shirt Embroidery

For the 35th anniversary of our club, Harvey Carapella has designed a special anniversary logo that can be embroidered on shirts, sweatshirts, hats or just about anything else. If you would like the logo put on a special piece of clothing, please remember to bring it in and give it to Doug McDade. The cost of the embroidery is \$12.



Our 35th anniversary logo embroidered on a gray sweatshirt. The embroidery contains over 12000 stitches.

2007 Programs

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

Election Time

At the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. During the business meeting, the candidates for the offices will be presented and voted on. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know. Just make sure the person you are nominating knows about it before you call.

Nominating Committee

Joe Galley, Chair	334-9472
Milt Kilpatrick	482-5144
Fran Mahoney	582-1831

**Space available for
Hagedorn workshop
Sign up NOW with Ron
872-0382**

Help Needed For Gardenscape 2007

GardenScape 2007 will take place at the Dome Arena in Henrietta on March 15 to 18. Our society is again having a double booth display at GardenScape 2007.

Also, we need fine quality flowering bonsai for the show. Please phone Bill Valavanis at 334-2595 (if you can find him) to offer your bonsai for the society display. We will be setting up our display on Tuesday, March 13th at 5 pm and need help. Also, we will be taking down the display on Sunday, March 18th at 5 pm and many hands make light work for everyone. More information about the show can be found at,

<http://www.rochesterflowershow.com/>

Hope to see you there. Please tell your friends.

New Gardenscape Procedure!

There will not be a volunteer office at this year's show to distribute our entrance tickets. Therefore you must arrive at the dome a few minutes before the time you signed up to work at our exhibit. A club member from our exhibit will meet you at the entrance of the dome to give you your entrance ticket. Questions? Call Wes Morningstar, 624-1927

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. 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. 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.

April Meeting

The April meeting will have a lecture / demonstration by Bill Valavanis and will be followed by a free workshop for members.

The workshop instruction will be free to members, but participants must pay for the plant material, containers and soil. Dawn Redwoods will be used for a seven tree forest. The material fee for the workshop is \$50.

February Highlights

Over 35 members watched Harvey Carapella give a unique presentation on using color in bonsai. All members went away with a better understanding about not only why certain colors go better in bonsai, but about why they like certain colors better. Bob Phromm won the color wheel door prize and Joe Galley won the name that tree. Congratulations.

It's That Time Of Year Again...

I know it's hard to imagine, but in a few short weeks the buds on some of our bonsai will begin to swell. If your bonsai have swollen buds, it might be a good idea to lower the temperature if possible or change location. The longer you delay bud break the better, except when permanent dormancy sets in. If your bonsai are not frozen they will probably require watering. If they are frozen, keep a little clean snow packed around the soil surface. When the air temperature rises, some snow will melt and water the bonsai. With increased daylight fast approaching, additional moisture will be necessary. Indoor bonsai can now be lightly fertilized. Now is a good time to match bonsai with containers for spring transplanting. Conifers are usually planted in unglazed containers to present a quiet feeling. Broadleaf evergreens and deciduous species are generally planted in glazed containers to highlight the seasonal beauty of their flowers or autumn foliage. Unglazed containers come in more than one shade of "common" brown; they can also be found in gray, red and tan. There are many different shades and textures and the end finish can also vary widely, as can prices! Look through books from our extensive library for ideas on containers colors and shapes. Although many bonsai are planted in shallow containers, I prefer deeper pots because of our severe low temperatures. Although it is a bit early to begin transplanting, drastic pruning and wiring can be performed if the bonsai are kept above freezing afterward. A temperature of 35° F is ideal, but 27° - 30° F is fine. Start thinking about spring. It's just around the corner because **it's that time of the year again...**

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