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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Suthin Sukosolvisit Black Pine Bonsai Lecture/Demo/Workshop

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Meeting Date

**Tuesday
April 22, 2008**

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, Suthin Sukosolvisit will give a lecture and demonstration on the creation, care and maintenance of Black Pine Bonsai.

Suthin Sukosolvisit has been a bonsai artist since 1970. He and his wife, Dararat, opened the Royal Bonsai Garden, Inc. in Stoughton, MA (781-344-6358). His work can be viewed on the internet at www.royalbonsaigarden.com.

Suthin has one of the finest selections of finished and pre-bonsai on the East Coast displayed at his nursery. Being from Thailand, he has extensive experience with tropical bonsai and is also a magician with shohin sized bonsai. He also works extensively with Japanese maples, black pine and root over rock styles and is proficient with many other species. The demonstration tree he works on will be raffled at the end of the meeting.

You won't want to miss this chance to see one of the countries foremost bonsai artists in action. See you there.

GardenScape 2008

Our society had a great display, as usual, at this year's GardenScape 2008, Rochester's Flower and Garden Show. No awards were handed out to non-profit organizations, but we had many nice compliments. Thank you to the following people who brought their bonsai to share with the 25,000 people who visited GardenScape 2008: Harvey Carapella, Karen Procter, Marc Arpag, Wes Morningstar, Bob Pfromm, Ron and JoAnn Maggio, Ernie Suloff, Ken Buell, Peggy Kuger, Rick Marriot, Tom Friday, Jim Dolce, Joe Galley, Richard Caroprese, Stan Specter, Fran Mahoney, Glenn Morton, and Bill Valavanis. A special thank you to the several members who came early to help set up the two booth display and also to those who stayed late to help us take it down. Also thanks to all our members who helped answer questions from the public.

April Workshop

The April workshop will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 22nd from 1-4pm, before our regular meeting. The workshop will be led by Suthin Sukolosvisit. He will be doing a "bring your own tree" workshop. This means that you bring some material that you would like to work on, and he will help you find the masterpiece waiting to come out. He will also have a few trees for sale, but they will be limited. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Ron Maggio at 872-0382.

Election Results

Our elections for next year's officers was held at the March meeting. Our new officers are our old officers who have graciously volunteered for another term. A special thank for all your hard work and to the committee chairs also. Our meetings are top notch thanks to you.

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

Billboard Changes

Our electronic version of the Bonsai Billboard will often have extra pages with color photos. Members are encouraged to receive the electronic version of the Bonsai Billboard by E-mail so they will receive extra pages with an occasional article and color photos. Please call Ron Maggio (872-0382) to change your preference from the printed version to the electronic version of the Bonsai Billboard. Our society will save money by sending the Bonsai Billboard by E-mail to members.

2008 Programs

April 22	Suthin Sukolosvisit Afternoon workshop/evening demo : Black Pine
May 17-18	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition
June 24	Open workshop by members
July 22	Tour to ORIENTAL GARDENS NURSERY
August 26	Tour to an ORCHID collection
September 8	Peter Adams "Maple Bonsai"

March Highlights

Approximately 60 members attended the March meeting and were treated to an outstanding lecture and demonstration by Bill Valavanis. Bill also provided a handout with information on the Chickasaw Miniature Crape Myrtle used in the presentation. In his lecture he showed pictures of all types of shohin bonsai. He brought and displayed fine examples from his personal collection and those from Karen Procter, Dave Paris, Rick Marriott, Harvey Carapella, and other members. After the program Bill had a workshop for members using the new Chickasaw Miniature Crape Myrtle. They have lovely pink flowers from early summer until autumn or first frost. The trees were approximately ten inches in height, and were already potted in blue ceramic containers. Members were welcome to stay and watch the workshop. The shohin bonsai that Bill created during his demonstration was raffled and won by Jerome Cushman. The Society appreciates everyone who bought tickets. Thank you Bill for a great program on this new hybrid Crape Myrtle and shohin bonsai.

35th Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On May 17th and 18th we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. This is always our biggest event of the year and our biggest money maker and this year it's extra special. As always, we need lots of help and there's something for everyone to do. Check out the list of committee chairs on the next page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up with Wes Morningstar at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to distribute at the meeting.

Tree Labels For Spring Show

If anyone has any new or unusual species or variety of bonsai that they plan to exhibit at the spring show, please contact Iris Cohen about making a nice printed label for it. Names of the species in a sai-kei are helpful. If there is anything special about the pot or a rock that you would like on the label, this can be done. If you have any questions about the identity of the bonsai, you can ask any knowledgeable member of the bonsai club or call Iris about the correct name. Before, during or after the show, if you have any questions about the labels you can contact Iris at IrisCohen@aol.com, or:

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			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 enthusiast. 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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