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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 Rick Marriott, Bob Pfromm and Bill Valavanis' recent trip to Japan.

### **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 16, 2008**

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

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## Going To Montreal?

In 2009 you will need either a passport or an enhanced license to go to Canada and return. You can obtain an enhanced license from a main branch of the DMV. The mobile branches do not perform this service. You will need to bring with you:

1. Your drivers license.
2. Your social security card.
3. Proof of residency (utility bill, car registration)
4. Birth certificate. The certificate must have a raised seal. If not, one can be ordered from the dept. of health either in person, over the phone or online. Online go here: [http://www.nyhealth.gov/vital\\_records/](http://www.nyhealth.gov/vital_records/)

Check with the DMV with any questions and start planning now.

## Newsletters from the ABS

Lately, some members have been receiving a newsletter from the American Bonsai Society via Pauline Muth. The club does not endorse this newsletter. If you do not wish to receive it, respond to Pauline directly and let her know you do not wish to receive this newsletter. The club apologizes for any inconvenience you might have gone through.

## 2008 - 2009 Programs

December 16	"Holiday Party"
January 27	Harvey Carapella, Rock Planting Demo II
February 24	Stanzel Memorial Bonsai Program Brussel Martin: Mixed Group Planting Bonsai

## November Highlights

Harvey Carapella, and Mark Arpag offered bonsai critiques on trees brought in by the members of the club. Over 32 members listened to advice on what to do with each of the fifteen trees brought in. This proved to be an informal, educational exchange about bonsai design by both presenters.

It was loads of fun, and filled with a lot of useful help for each tree. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

Thank you Harvey and Mark for your interesting, informative program.

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