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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Wm. N. Valavanis "The History and Significance of Japanese Classical Bonsai"

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

After a brief business meeting, Bill Valavanis, Internationally noted proclaimed bonsai artist, will present his new program "The History and Influence of Japanese Classical Bonsai".

Over thirty years in the making, Bill will talk about what makes a classical bonsai, how it started, where it is today and where it is going. Everyone who has created a bonsai has had experience with classical bonsai and this talk will help put this all in perspective.

This is a very interesting and unique program which shows images of bonsai and potted trees spanning about 400 years. Emphasis is on the people who helped to shape the Japanese bonsai world and how that influenced classical bonsai, throughout the world. You will not be disappointed.

Holiday Party Review

Over fifty members and guests attended our Annual Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone who brought in the delicious goodies. Bill Valavanis showed slides from his recent trip to Japan. He also showed slides of his trips to Japan, Puerto Rico, Bali and Belgium.

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 and to Bill for the wonderful presentation.

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
January 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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Help Needed For GardenScape 2008

GardenScape 2007 will take place at the Dome Arena in Henrietta on March 13 to 16. Our society is again having a double booth display at GardenScape 2008. We need members to help answer questions and provide the public with information on bonsai and our society. Please see Wes Morningstar to schedule your time to help our society spread bonsai information to the public.

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

2008 Programs		
February 26	Harvey Carapella	"Clinging To-A-Rock Style"
March 13-16	GardenScape 2008	
March 25	Wm. N. Valavanis	Demo & Workshop (surprise)

National Bonsai Exhibition

This October Rochester will be host to the first National Bonsai Exhibit. This will be held on October 11-12 at the Monroe Community Hospital, the site of our spring show meeting. Our society is in complete support of this historic event. For more information on this exhibit, please visit the website at:

http://web.mac.com/williamnvalavanis/NATIONAL_BONSAI_EXHIBITION/NATIONAL_EXHIBITION.html

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