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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Arthur Skolnik *Bonsai Basics*

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This month, Arthur Skolnik will present a lecture demonstration and workshop focusing on Bonsai basics. In 1980, Arthur was mesmerized by a bonsai display he saw at the Montreal Botanical Gardens was forever captivated by the art form. After studying and practicing bonsai, he opened a bonsai business himself. After having spent time in Japan developing his talents, Skolnik released his video, "The Growing Art of Bonsai" and continues teaching via lectures/demos all over the world. He teaches seminars in Japanese style gardens and has himself won several awards for his own gardens. He has contributed to many international publications. Three of his viewing stones have been accepted into the US National Arboretum's permanent display. He continues to win many prestigious awards with his bonsai.

Arthur will be working on heavy trunked Tiger Bark Fig for his demo and during the workshop. The demo tree will be raffled at the end of the formal meeting before the workshop.



Photo Courtesy of Artofbonsai.com

Dues Are Due!

Club dues are now overdue. If you joined us at or after the spring show, you are already paid through August 2009. Otherwise, see our treasurer, Ron Maggio at the next meeting or use the attached form to renew. If dues are not received, this will be the last Billboard you receive. So, if you start missing the Billboard, you know it slipped your mind. Thanks!!!

Meeting Date

Tuesday
October 28, 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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September Highlights

Peter Adams provided an entertaining and informative demonstration to 59 members who attended the September meeting. During Peter's preparations for the demonstration, he drew a rough outline of the large Japanese maple tree that he was going to work on. He was forming a plan for what he wanted to do with the tree with this detailed drawing. Power tools were used to cut and enhance the trunk. Peter discussed both the specific horticultural needs of Japanese maples as bonsai subjects and gave proven techniques for creating and maintaining beautiful specimens. He answered many questions, and then signed his books after the demo. We hope that the members were able to gain new ideas and some inspiration from Peter's demo for their trees that are their "works in progress".

The refined bonsai that Peter created during his demonstration was raffled and won by Glenn Morton. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets.

Thank you Mr. Adams for a great program on Japanese maple bonsai. For more information see Peter's book "Bonsai with Japanese Maples".



Peter Adams Demo Tree

2008 - 2009 Programs

October 28	Arthur Skolnik, Lecture/Demo/Workshop Bonsai Basics/ Tiger Bark Fig
November 25	Design Options / BYO Tree Harvey, Jim and Mark
December 16	"Holiday Party" and auction
January 27	Harvey Carapella, Rock Planting Demo II
February 24	Stanzel Memorial Bonsai Program Brussel Martin: Mixed Group Planting Bonsai
March 24	Wm. N. Valavanis, TBA Lecture/Demo/Workshop
April 28	David Easterbrooke, Presentation Montreal Bonsai and Penjing Collection, Demo/Workshop
May 16-17	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition Sean Smith Demo, both days
June 23	Club Picnic, Members Sale and Auction
July 28	Tour of Hosta Collection
August 25	Trip to Montreal
September 14	Urushibata from Japan: Shohin Bonsai

THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Friday evening social, at the annual International Bonsai Symposium. First, a special thanks to Jim and Rita Dolce who organized, set up, brought food and did everything they could to make this successful. Also, a special thanks to Fran Mahoney for donating the raffle tree. Then also, thanks to all who helped them by bringing food and helping to set up and tear down. Here they are, in no particular order with apologies to whoever might have been forgotten in the confusion...

Rita Dolce
 Harvey and Judy Carapella
 Doug McDade
 Rick Marriott
 Ron and Joann Maggio
 Will and Millette Hebert
 Jon Robbins
 Kathy Ver
 Roy Wixon and Debbie Flemming
 Jerome Cushman
 Fran Mahoney
 Bob Pfromm

1st National Bonsai Exhibition

As many of you know, the first annual bonsai exhibit was held on October 11th and 12th. The exhibit was a huge success and our club had a lot to do with making this a success. Below is a brief statement from the organizer of this event, Bill Valavanis, and sent along with the newsletter is a review of the show.

Fellow Bonsai Society Members:
 I'd like to thank the society for their support to produce the First National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, New York. Your financial donation, beautiful flower arrangement and help of some members really made this event historic. All of my "crew" who actually assisted me with the planning, set up, running

October Workshop

October's Bonsai Basics workshop with Arthur Skolnik will be held immediately following the lecture and demo on October 28th. This is free to members, but participants must pay for the plant material. The material fee for the workshop is \$45. Each workshop participant will receive a very nice imported Tiger Bark Fig tree with curved trunk in a nursery pot. With Arthur's assistance each participant will prune and wire their tree. No potting will be done. Members need to bring your own tools, some wire, and a box to work in. Please call Ron Maggio at 872-0382 to make your reservation for this special workshop. Members not taking the workshop are invited to stay and watch to see the end results.



Tiger Bark Fig
Photo Courtesy of Karen Procter

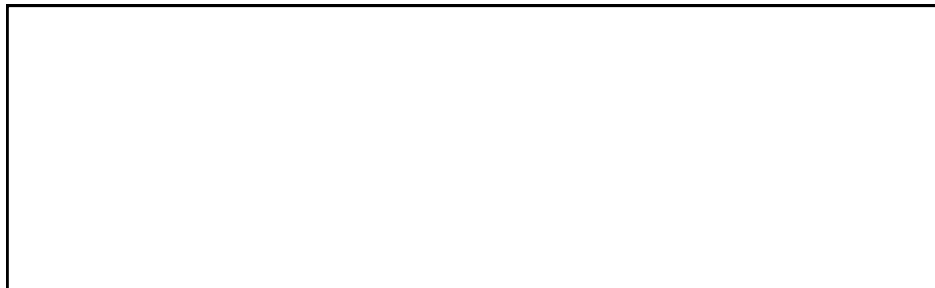
and take down of the Exhibition are members of our society. At the Exhibition I saw many old members and lots of new members enjoying some of the finest bonsai in America. Thank you again for your support.
 Bill

It's That Time Of Year Again...

This is the time to begin protecting your winter hardy bonsai for the winter. However, the longer you can leave them outdoors before it gets really cold, the better off your bonsai will be. Really cold to the plants is about 20-25°F, (to me below 70°F). I like to wait until the bonsai, especially conifers, get a nice dusting of light snow before putting them away. In our area, the best time to put hardy bonsai away for the winter is the end of November- right after a good Thanksgiving dinner- or the first part of December. The cool weather we have had this autumn is helping the bonsai prepare their cold hardiness for the long winter season. Remember to remove all fruit, old leaves and thick moss before protecting the bonsai. Spray with a contact fungicide such as Captan when putting your trees away. It is important to eliminate sun and wind for the winter and to provide an even temperature. If you did not protect your indoor species by now, there is probably no need to. This is a good time to review your fertilizing and pesticide schedule for the past year while it is still fresh in your mind. Did you spray and feed enough? What will you do differently during the next growing season? Make some notes and review them next spring. It's amazing how much you forget over the winter. Have a happy Turkey Day and don't forget to water your bonsai even if it's cold outside. They still need a drink because, **It's that time of the year again.....**

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR DUES 2008—2009

Dear Member,

We hope you have enjoyed your membership in the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York and that you have found it helpful with your bonsai. With your continued support we can provide world-class educational programs at each meeting and workshop.

Membership dues for the 2008-2009 season are now due. Please send your check today so we can include your name in the new membership list, now being prepared. Renew now to avoid missing any bonsai billboard issues and society news.

Most of our members are now receiving the Bonsai Billboard by e-mail. This is the best way to communicate with you. Receiving the Bonsai Billboard by e-mail saves the society money, you get to see great color photos of bonsai and we can quickly send you updates and announcements. If you want a printed copy, you can always print on from your computer. **Please check the box below if you would like to receive your copy of the Bonsai Billboard by e-mail**

If you recently joined us during the Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition, held in May or during the summer, your dues for the coming year have already been paid. Thank you for joining us. Perhaps you might like to give a gift membership to a friend who has admired your bonsai.

Sincerely Yours,

Ron Maggio

There is a \$10 guest fee for our out of town speakers

Please pay your dues before the next meeting or when arriving to avoid the fee

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