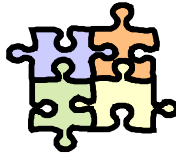


# Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society  
of Upstate New York



## Martin Schmalenberg: Japanese Black Pine



Puzzled? Did you think that you had missed Marty's presentation? Due to a scheduling error, Marty was unable to present in October so he will be here next week. Don't miss him.

Marty Schmalenberg has been involved with bonsai and stone appreciation for over 30 years and has traveled extensively in Asia. In addition to being a great bonsai artist, Marty has been designing and building Japanese and Chinese gardens for the last 15 years. He has collected, researched and written extensively on the Pitch Pine (native northeastern *Pinus rigida*). Not surprisingly, Marty has been a featured artist at conventions throughout the United States and has won numerous awards for bonsai design. Over the years Martin has studied in Japan with Hiroyoshi Yamaji, and Mikio Oshima and with many others in the United States. Marty credits Bill Valavanis as a major influence on his early bonsai career.

With an artist's eye, he has developed a great style of his own firmly based on the art of Japanese masters. As head of Asian Studies at Blair Academy in N.J., he has spent considerable time delving into the culture, philosophy and beauty of both bonsai and stone appreciation. Marty also owns Stillwater Studio in Stillwater, NJ where he teaches bonsai and sells trees and stones.

At this meeting Marty will talk about and do a demonstration on Black Pine.



Marty Schmalenberg

## October Highlights

The October meeting featured a bonsai critique led by long time members Jim Dolce, Harvey Carapella, and Marc Arpag. They reviewed over a dozen different bonsai, giving ideas and suggestions on what could be done with them in the future to make them better. Many questions were asked by the over 40 members and guests that attended. A good time was had by all. As usual Rick Marriott provided some great refreshments.

Many thanks to Jim, Harvey, and Mark for their very informative presentation.

**Meeting Date  
November 24th**

## Japanese Black Pine

### Marty Schmalenberg

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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Japanese Black Pine  
*Pinus thunbergii*

## Club Policies

### Library Policy:

Members are responsible for insuring that the books they check out are checked in by the librarian when they are returned.

All books are due at the meeting subsequent to the one at which the book was checked out

There will be a **\$2.00** per month charge for each overdue book and anyone with a book overdue or who has not paid the overdue fine will not be eligible to check out any other books or tapes.

If a book is not returned by the third meeting after being checked out, the person who checked the book out will be billed for the replacement cost.

All books are due at the June meeting and no books are to be taken out over the summer.

Fines collected will go into a library fund to pay library expenses and buy new books and tapes. A book is overdue immediately after the meeting at which it is due. This is because the rest of the members will not have access to that book until the next meeting.

## A Great Opportunity (going, going, almost gone)



In the October Billboard, we announced the availability of a CD with over 50 images of the best of the trees in the 2009 BSUNY Exhibition.

The photos were taken and edited by *Joe Noga* and **donated** to the Society for use as a **fund raiser**.

For only \$20, you can purchase a CD with these images in the most common, standard format, JPEG. They will be available at the November meeting; just see Ron or JoAnn Maggio for your copy.

All proceeds go the Society.

### Recording Club Events:

There will be no audio or video taping of any club sponsored events. The club itself reserves the right to record some special events with permission of those participating.

### Paid workshops:

Reservations for paid workshops are confirmed when payment is received. Workshop fees are not refundable, but members who have paid but cannot attend may sell their reservation to other members. (The society usually has a waiting list)

### Guests Welcome:

Members of other bonsai clubs, guests of members and other interested people who are not members of BSUNY are welcome to attend our meetings and enjoy our programs from time to time. When we have out of town speakers, non-members are asked to pay a \$10 fee to help defray the expenses of the program. Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings on a regular basis should become a regular dues paying member.

### Members sales at Meetings:

Members may bring pre-bonsai plants, pots and other supplies for sale at club meetings. No trained bonsai please. You must set yourself up at a table and arrange to have yourself or someone handy to deal with customers. The club asks for 10% of the sales.

## BSUNY Library

The society is still in need of help for our new Librarian, Nick Montanaro. It is important that the librarian be at every meeting, but with one person that will not always be possible. We are looking for a volunteer to share the responsibility as a co-librarian or back up librarian. If you will help, please contact: Nick Montanaro, nrmlspsc@rochester.rr.com

## Officers & Committees

Our thanks to everyone who volunteered to work either on the board or on a committee this year. It is this work that always keeps the club running smoothly. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer to help out the club, don't hesitate to ask anyone on this list.

President:	Harvey Carapella
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Membership Table:	Elmer Dustman
Webmaster:	Dave Paris / Irma Abu-Jumah
Photographers:	Doug McDade / Tom Friday
Society Consultants:	Will Hebert/ Doug McDade, Dave Steele, Fran Mahoney
Development	Karen Proctor
Meeting Set-up & Cleanup:	Entire Membership

## Dues Are Due! Last Notice!

If your dues for 2010 are not paid yet, please pay them as soon as possible.

**If you are unsure of your status, contact Ron or JoAnn Maggio at: [ronmaggioassoc@frontiernet.net](mailto:ronmaggioassoc@frontiernet.net).**

This will be the final Billboard sent to those who are not paid.

## Programs

November 24 Japanese Black Pine Bonsai  
Marty Schmalenberg, NJ

December 15 Holiday Party/Auction;  
Japan-Taiwan Slides by Bill, Doug,  
Will, and Ron

January 26 Beginners Bonsai  
Arthur Skolnik, Toronto

February 23 Rock Plantings III  
Harvey Carapella

March 11-14 GardenScape 2010  
Society Display

March 23 Chinese Quince  
Lecture/Demo/Workshop  
Bill Valavanis

April 27 Chinese Elm Bonsai  
Workshop & Program  
David Easterbrook, Montreal

May 15-16 Upstate New York Bonsai  
Exhibition. Demos by  
Pauline Muth, NY

June 12-13 2nd US National Bonsai  
Exhibition

June 22 Summer Picnic/ Auction/ Sale

July 27 Hosta Garden Tour

July ? Bus trip to US National Arboretum  
in Washington, DC

August 24 Open Workshop

## It's That Time Of The 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.....**

*W.N.V.*



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