

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society
of Upstate New York



Martin Schmalenberg: Japanese Black Pine

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. You won't want to miss this one.



Marty Schmalenberg

September Highlights

There were about 50 members and guests at the September meeting. **Taiga Urushibata** from Japan treated them to a very informative talk and demonstration. He provided many details, and answered members questions with the help of translation by Peter Warren. Taiga worked on two Junipers during his presentation. One Juniper bonsai that Taiga created during his demonstration was raffled and won by **Joe Noga**. The Society appreciates everyone who bought tickets. The other tree was auctioned off and went to **Ron Maggio**. Many thanks Taiga for your program.

Meeting Date
October 20th

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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Special Thanks

Whenever there are activities there are people who deserve our appreciation for their extra efforts and / or contributions to this society.

First, we wish to mention **Jim and Rita Dolce**, and **all** the members that helped, donated food, and set-up and cleaned-up at the BSUNY Social at the Shohin Bonsai Symposium.

Next, we wish to thank **Bill Valavanis** for inviting our members to his *Shohin Bonsai Symposium*, and for donating the book *1981 Japan Satsuki Azalea Show* to our library for BSUNY hosting the Social during the Symposium.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

A Great Opportunity!!!!

Did you miss the 2009 BSUNY Exhibition?
Would you like an opportunity to see some of what you missed??

Our old friend and fellow club member Joe Noga photographed over 50 of the outstanding trees with an extremely high resolution (20 mega pixels for techies) camera and has made them available to all of us on a CD.

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

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.

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 Update

BSUNY Librarian, Nick Montanaro reports that two books have been donated to our library for use by the members. They were given by Fran Mahoney. The two books are: *Designing Water Gardens* by Anthony Archer-Wills, and *The Practical Rock and Water Garden* by Peter Robinson.

Thank you Fran for your donation.

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.

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Development	Karen Proctor
Meeting Set-up & Cleanup:	Entire Membership

Dues Are Due! Last Notice!

Please use the registration form that came with the September billboard to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you joined us at or after the spring show, you are already paid through August 2009. Otherwise, fill out the form and either send it or hand it and your dues to our treasurer, Ron Maggio.

Programs

October 20	Japanese Black Pine Bonsai Marty Schmalenberg, NJ
November 24	Bonsai Critique Jim Dolce/Harvey Carapella/ Marc Arpag
December 15	Holiday Party/Japan-Taiwan Slides/Auction
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
September ?	TBA

It's That Time Of The Year Again...

Your indoor bonsai should now be inside. The tropical species (Ficus, Fukien Tea, Hibiscus) will need a warmer and brighter location than the sub-tropical (Podocarpus, Olive), or the temperate species (Snow Rose, Camellia, Boxwood, Pomegranate) which are not winter hardy in our area. Remember to have sprayed them with pesticides before moving indoors and to carefully watch them for the appearance of any new pests. Their watering will be reduced from what they were receiving outside. Generally, indoor species will begin to flower when brought inside for the winter season then rest until late January when they will begin new growth again for the new season. Enjoy your bonsai during the last few weeks of good weather.

You know what is coming, because **it's that time of the year.....**

W.N.V.



Photos are from the
Society Spring Show.

(See page 2 for information to
purchase CD with 50 images.)



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