

# Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of  
Upstate New York



## David Easterbrook Weeping Style Bonsai Lecture/Demo/Workshop

Visit Our NEW Website

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

### Meeting Date

**Tuesday  
April 28, 2009**

**7:00PM Meeting**

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

**President  
Harvey Carapella  
426-6548**

**Billboard Editor  
Dave Steele  
671-2438  
[dsteel1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dsteel1@rochester.rr.com)**

**Billboard Staff  
Mark Arpag  
Irene Valavanis  
Tom Friday**

**A**fter a brief business meeting, David Easterbrook will give a lecture on training bonsai in a weeping style. After the lecture, he will demonstrate this style using a special cultivar of a weeping willow. The meeting will follow a workshop featuring Japanese Larch which will be held at the lodge from 1 to 4. Details are on page 2.

David Easterbrook has been curator of the Montreal Botanical Garden's bonsai collection since 1982 and began growing bonsai in 1970. He is the owner of a bonsai nursery in Montreal and studied bonsai in Japan in 1981. David teaches regular bonsai classes as well as being a well-known lecturer and demonstrator in northeastern US and Canada and also France. He has also authored two books on bonsai and bonsai care and techniques.

Come join us for this unique presentation.

### GardenScape 2009

Our society had a great display, as we always do, at this year's GardenScape 2009-Gardens Of Eden, Rochester's Flower and Garden Show. No awards were handed out to non-profit organizations. We did receive lots of compliments on the new open design of our display, which was moved to the main floor, from many of the 15,000+ people who visited the show. Thank you to the following people who brought their bonsai to share with the spectators: Rick Marriott, Ron Maggio, Doug McDade, Jon Robbins, Harvey Carapella, Marc Arpag, Will Hebert, and Bill Valavanis.

A special thank you to the several members who came early to help set up the booth display and also to those who came back to help us take it down. Also thanks to all our members who answered questions from the public. We couldn't do it without you.

## April Workshop

David Easterbrook will be using pretrained Japanese Larch for his workshop. They have had several years of training and will develop into fine bonsai. The cost of the workshop and plant is \$60. Please bring your own tool and wire. Please register by phoning Ron Maggio at 872-0382 to register for the workshop. Members should plan to pay Ron before the start of the workshop. The workshop will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 28th from 1-4PM, right before our regular meeting. Hope to see you there.

## Election Results

Our elections for next year's officers was held at the March meeting. Our new officers are our old officers who have graciously volunteered for another term. A special thank for all your hard work and to the committee chairs also. Our meetings are top notch thanks to you.

Harvey Carapella,	President
Bill Valavanis,	Vice-President
Marc Arpag,	Secretary
Ron Maggio,	Treasurer



Ron Verna with his new Crabapple

## 2009 Programs

May 16-17	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition Sean Smith Demo, both days
June 23	Club Picnic, Members Sale, Harvey Carapella Demo Clinging to Rock Style II
July 25-26	Road Trip to Montreal Bonsai Collection
August 25	Tour of Hosta Collection
September 14	Urushibata from Japan: Shohin Bonsai

## March Highlights

### Tom Friday

Bill Valavanis presented a slide program to the 57 members who attended. The images showed beautiful examples of bonsai that flower in early spring. Some of these are: Winter Hazel, Forsythia, Star Magnolia, Flowering Quince, Japanese Andromeda, Witch Hazel, and Serviceberry.

A demonstration on creating a bonsai from three Sargent Crabapple trees wrapped together was presented by Bill and was won by Ron Verna. That was followed by a workshop where ten members created their own multi-trunk plantings with Bill's help and advice. Many observers watched and made comments.

The Sargent Crabapple (*Malus sargentii*) is a dwarf, deciduous tree, covered with small dense foliage. The small, fragrant, springtime blossoms start out as red or pink buds but open to sparkling white flowers, and later produce small, dark red fruits. In the fall the foliage begins to turn to shades of yellow, orange and red.

## 36th Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On May 16th and 17th we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. As always, we need lots of help and there's something for everyone to do. Check out the list of committee chairs on the next page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up with Bob Pfromm at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to distribute at the meeting.

## Tree Labels For Spring Show

If anyone has any new or unusual species or variety of bonsai that they plan to exhibit at the spring show, please contact Iris Cohen about making a nice printed label for it. Names of the species in a saikei are helpful. If there is anything special about the pot or a rock that you would like on the label, this can be done. If you have any questions about the identity of the bonsai, you can ask any knowledgeable member of the bonsai club or call Iris about the correct name. **Please do not wait until the last minute** as these labels take time to make. If you have any questions about the labels you can contact Iris at:

Iris Cohen  
6 Bevell Lane  
North Syracuse, NY, 13212  
315-461-9226  
Email: iriscohen@aol.com

## Exhibit Committee Chairs

<b>Directors</b>	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595	<b>Bonsai Placement</b>	Bill Valavanis	334-2595
<b>Staging</b>	Jerome Cushman Dave Steele John Robbins Glenn Morton	924-3500 671-2438 265-3716 716-835-6946	<b>Video</b>	Peter Waasdorp	461-9847
<b>Reception &amp; Security</b>	Mark Arpag	244-6241	<b>Membership</b>	Terry Mistretta	658-3132
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ron Maggio	872-0382	<b>Refreshments</b>	Rick Marriott	247-3401
<b>Publicity</b>	Joe Galley John Robbins Ron Maggio	334-9472 265-3716 872-0382	<b>Members Choice Award</b>	Jim Dolce	247-1527
<b>Printing</b>	Harvey Carapella	426-6548	<b>Saturday Eve.</b>	Jim Dolce	247-1527
<b>Raffle</b>	Doug McDade Karen Proctor	392-7973 235-0567	<b>Educational</b>	Mark Arpag	244-6241
<b>Sales Table</b>	Karen Proctor	235-0567	<b>Web Photos</b>	Will Hebert	256-2492
<b>Labels</b>	Iris Cohen	315-461-9226	<b>Tokonoma</b>	Glenn Morton	716-835-6946
			<b>Set-Up</b>	Entire Membership	
			<b>Clean-Up</b>	Entire Membership	

## **MONTREAL BONSAI ROAD TRIP**

We will be going to visit the Montreal Botanical Garden/Bonsai and Penjing collection on July 25-26. The chartered bus will leave early Saturday morning and return late Sunday. Sunday we will get a private tour of David Easterbrook's garden and The Montreal Botanical Garden Collection before heading home. Approx. 25 people have signed as interested or have said they are. **We need to collect a \$20.00 deposit from all who have expressed interest and those who are now interested.** Please bring a check or cash and see Ron Maggio at the meeting. The bus cost will be \$60 each based on 29 people traveling. Details on the hotel to follow soon.

## **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Our Librarian, Fran Mahoney will be selling his home and moving out of our location, which means we will need a new Librarian soon. One of our new members Nick Montanaro has agreed to try out the position, but may not be able to make every meeting, which is important. We can use a 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer to share the responsibility with Nick when he can't be there. Fran also has been storing the clubs exhibit material, so we also need a volunteer who has a little space to spare and is willing to let the club use it. If you can help or need more details please contact me at [hbcetc@rit.edu](mailto:hbcetc@rit.edu), Thanks for considering helping out, your President, Harvey Carapella.

**Bonsai Society of Upstate New York  
P.O. Box 92215  
Rochester, New York 14692**

