

Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Brussel Martin Mixed Forest Bonsai

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This month's speaker is Brussel Martin from Mississippi. Brussel regularly leads workshops, demonstrations and lectures. He remembers being fascinated by bonsai at a very early age and began studying seriously as a teenager. In the 70's he began selling bonsai through the mail and traveling to shows across the country. By the early 80's he was making annual buying trips to Asia.

He now owns and operates Brussel Bonsai, in Olive Branch, Mississippi where he offers material for the beginner and advanced artists. He also hosts Bonsai Rendezvous where bonsai enthusiasts get together each year for study and enjoyment.

This month Brussels will be showing us how to design a forest bonsai using different varieties of trees in the same planting. It should be different, educational and entertaining.

Don't Forget GardenScape 2009

GardenScape 2009 will take place at the Dome Arena in Henrietta on March 12 to 15. Our society is again having a double booth display at GardenScape 2009. We need members to help answer questions and provide the public with information on bonsai and our society. Please see Bob Pfromm to schedule your time to help our society spread bonsai information to the public.

Also, we need fine quality flowering bonsai for the show. Please phone Bill Valavanis at 334-2595 (if you can find him) to offer your bonsai for the society display. We will be setting up our display on Tuesday, March 10th at 5 pm and need help. Also, we will be taking down the display on Sunday, March 15th at 5 pm and many hands make light work for everyone. More information about the show can be found at,

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

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
February 17, 2009**

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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**NOTE: February's meeting is a week earlier than normal.
Please check the date.!**

January Highlights

Harvey Carapella's demo that was to be on Root-Over-Rock Style- Part II was postponed until later this year. We'll let you know just when that will be.

After a very short meeting, a very special presentation was made to Wes Morningstar for his long-time service to the club. Wes was presented with a BSUNY Lifetime Membership, and the new Kunio Kobayashi book, **Bonsai Geizyutu (art)**, signed by the author and many members of the club. Everyone then enjoyed the very delicious cake decorated with what was said to be a design of one of Wes' bonsai trees. Wes will be moving out of the area in the near future. We will all miss him.

2009 Programs

March 24	Wm. N. Valavanis, TBA Lecture/Demo/Workshop
April 28	David Easterbrooke, Presentation Montreal Bonsai and Penjing Collection, Demo/Workshop



Election Time

Remember, at the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know.

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