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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of
Upstate New York



Harvey Carapella Clinging To Rock Style II

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At our January meeting, Harvey Carapella will be continuing a lecture he began last February. Then he spoke about Clinging-to-a-Rock style bonsai. This month he will be expanding on that lecture as he gets into more detail about a variation of Clinging-to-a-Rock style. In this style, the tree(s) are planted directly on to the surface of the rock. Usually the rock and the tree have to be in harmony with each other. The shape of the rock, the moss and sometimes the presence of smaller plants are all important elements. Harvey will discuss all this and demonstrate how to put them together and more. There will be several hand-outs relating to the topic as well as examples of several other rock planting styles. The finished small rock planting and the container will be raffled.



Harvey and his Hinoki Cypress



Harvey's shimpaku rock planting

Harvey Carapella is a retired graphic designer and current (assistant professor) at the Rochester Institute of Technology as well as a past & current president of our club. For thirty years he has worked to apply his knowledge of design to the art of bonsai and has made presentations to several bonsai conferences and clubs.

Meeting Date

**Tuesday
January 27, 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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Help Needed For 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/>

Surfing the Bonsai Web

For those who enjoyed Matt Ouwinga visit in September and would like to see more of his work, check out his site.

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

Also, an interesting site featuring a list of links for Bonsai galleries is found below, although I have not checked all the links.

<http://www.bonsai4me.com/Gallery/>

2009 Programs

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| January 27 | Harvey Carapella, Rock Planting Demo II |
| February 17 | 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 25-26 | Road Trip to Montreal Bonsai Collection |
| August 25 | Tour of Hosta Collection |
| September 14 | Urushibata from Japan: Shohin Bonsai |

Election Time

At the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. During the business meeting, the candidates for the offices will be presented and voted on. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know. Just make sure the person you are nominating knows about it before you call.

Nominating Committee

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| Joe Galley, Chair | 334-9472 |
| Ron Maggio | 872-0382 |
| Dave Steele | 671-2438 |

Holiday Party Review

Our annual Holiday party was another great success. Over fifty-five members attended it and enjoyed the large variety of delicious goodies, deserts and beverages. The first event was the presentation of slides of their recent Japan trip by Bill Valavanis, Rick Marriott, and Bob Pfromm. Thanks guys for the great pictures and interesting information on the countryside and the other areas you visited! Kudos on your photography skills.

After a short break for some more goodies, Harvey Carapella auctioned off some great items. These included: scrolls, books, calendars, Chinese pots, a Christmas wreath, bonsai plants, wine, and lots of other great things.

Our generous members really donated some splendid items and it helps. The Holiday Mystery Auction is one of our greatest income producing activities of the year. The funds we raised will be used to bring quality, educational programs to our members. A great big thank your to all our unselfish members who brought in goodies, items for the auction, and to those who bid and were lucky to get a special treasure. Many thanks to Harvey for doing such a great job as our auctioneer.



USE OF THE CLUB MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Our society does not distribute our membership list. However, due to a technical error in our Bonsai Billboard distribution system, some e-mail addresses were visible and have been used for commercial purposes. If you receive a direct advertisement and do not want to continue to be on their list, please respond directly to them. We apologize for the technical error and it has now been corrected.

Correction

Last month we incorrectly stated that the newsletter that people received from Pauline Muth was from the ABS. It was in fact a newsletter from the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society . We are sorry for the mistake and confusion.



Japanese Maple planted on a rock

It's That Time Of Year Again...

If you have not put your bonsai away for the winter yet, don't bother. It's probably too late. You will not have to worry about transplanting or pruning next spring either. But you can start all over with a new bonsai collection, correcting errors as you progress. That's not a bad idea anyway.

Bonsai will need watering from time to time when they are not frozen, even though they are dormant. Be sure to water until water runs through the drainage holes. Clean snow is also good for a light watering during the winter. It might be a good idea to spray again with a contact fungicide such as Captan.

This is a good time to begin studying tree silhouettes around town and in your own garden (exercise cautions when driving). Note that the overall silhouette is different for each species. East Avenue is an excellent place to study large mature Beech, Weeping beech and Ginkgo. Highland Park and Mt. Hope Cemetery are also good locations for large Japanese maples and paper bark maples.

A warmer winter project is to study books and magazines. Work schedules often prohibit studying during the active growing season. Our book and video library has excellent selections.

Keep warm and study bonsai styles in nature and in books and tapes, because **It's that time of the year again.....**

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