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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



It's Show Time Again 38th Annual Spring Show

On May 21st and 22nd we will be having our Annual Spring Show at the **Monroe Community Hospital**. This will take the place of our normal Tuesday night meeting. Our two featured speakers this year will be our own **Mark Arpag** on Saturday 21st and **Harvey Carapella** on Sunday 22nd. Both talks will be at 2:00pm.

Mark Arpag is an award-winning bonsai artisan and current secretary of our society. He has presented many lectures and demonstrations of the art of bonsai. At the 2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition in 2010, Mark was presented the **ABS North American Bonsai Award for Finest North American Native Species Bonsai** for his Eastern White Cedar that he collected about 20+ years ago.



Members' Choice Award from 2010 won by Harvey Carapella

Harvey Carapella is a retired graphic designer and currently an assistant professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is the current and a past president of our society. For over thirty years he has worked to apply his knowledge of design to the art of bonsai, and has made presentations to several bonsai clubs, and at symposiums,



and conferences. His latest award came at the 2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition in 2010 where he was presented the **Yoshi Bonsai Tool Award for Finest Deciduous Bonsai** for his Japanese Red Maple.

Mark Arpag's Saturday demo will concentrate on bonsai for the beginner and Harvey Carapella's on Sunday will focus on advanced techniques. Both demos are at 2:00pm.

Come help, enjoy and learn at our annual show and meeting this May.

Wine and Cheese Reception

All members are invited to come at 5:30 Saturday evening for a private viewing of our exhibition.

Enjoy light refreshments, and some relaxed conversation with fellow members. We will then vote for your favorite bonsai for our annual Members' Choice Award in memory of Yuji Yoshimura.

BSUNY Spring Show

Saturday and Sunday
May 21-22, 2011
10am to 5pm

2pm Demonstration (both days)

Monroe Community Hospital
435 East Henrietta Road,
Rochester, NY 14603

We need your help! We need your trees!

Set up will start at 4pm Sharp (NO EARLY ARRIVALS) on Friday, May 20th and be completed by 8pm. Sign up with Bob Pfromm for security during the show.

Please make sure to bring your cleaned and prepared bonsai to the Monroe community Hospital at 5-6pm Friday to be in show. The trees do not have to be masterpieces but should look their best. For more information call Bill Valavanis (334-2595) or Harvey Carapella (426-6548).

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING # 1

At the first of two meetings in April, **Mr. Hiroyoshi Yamaji**, presented an very informative talk about the **11th Asia Pacific Bonsai Convention (ASPAC)** which will take place in Takamatsu, Japan on **November 18-21, 2011**. Hiro gave us the opportunity to see pictures of many of the beautiful gardens, temples, and bonsai collections in and around Takamatsu, Osaka, Tokyo, and Kyoto, Japan. After his talk he started his demonstration on a large **Japanese Black Pine**. Harvey Carapella and Doug McDade provided the extra hands needed to work on the large tree. Hiro answered questions from the 65 members attending as he worked. Near the end of the demo Hiro used a long piece of rebar and a very heavy crowbar for leverage to make a significant bend in one of the limbs of the tree. He ended up standing on the table to complete the job. It was something to watch.

Thank you Mr. Yamaji for your very attention-grabbing and instructive program!

The large **Japanese Black Pine** bonsai that Hiro created was raffled off and won by Nick Montanaro, our Librarian. It wasn't easy to get the tree in his car. A second item in the raffle was a handmade bonsai table from Hank Miller which was won by Marty Botinski. We also had a **Shohin Cork Bark Elm** donated by Mr. Yamaji that was auctioned off and purchased by Mark Arpag.

The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle, and bid in the auction.



1. Harvey and Doug tilting the tree for Mr. Yamaji at the beginning of the demo.
2. Harvey and Doug helping Mr. Yamaji to wire the limbs of the tree.
3. Wiring continued during a break as members looked on.
4. Doug assisting Mr. Yamaji to bend a limb while standing on the table.
5. Nick and Mr. Yamaji's demo tree he won in the raffle.
6. Mark with Mr. Yamaji and the Cork Bark Elm he purchased in the auction.



Library News

By Nick Montanaro

The Library has currently acquired two new books, *“The Beauty of Bonsai”* by Junsun Yamamoto and *“Bonsai Journey”* by Lo Min Hsuan. These, and all of the other books in our Library can be ordered on line from the Library link at our website.

Irma has done a great job with our website and has made it very easy for all members to order books/videos. You will be able to view the cover of most of the available books and also read a small summary of its content. I would encourage all members to take advantage of this great resource and checkout our Library. If you do not have the means to access our website you can contact me at (585) 594-9447 or see me at any of our meetings and I will be able to provide you with a hard copy of the Library list.

Boston Bonsai Bus Trip

When:

Departing Saturday **July 30 a.m.**
Returning Sunday **July 31 p.m.**

Highlights:

- Bonsai West Bonsai Garden
- New England Bonsai Bonsai Garden
- Royal Bonsai Garden (Suthin's)
- Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection

Estimated Cost:

- Bus: \$100 p/p+tip (Luxury Coach)
- Hotel: \$89 approx. (single or double)
- Meals: \$50.00 approx.

\$100 to Ron Maggio reserves your place!

The past 2 Adventures have sold out!
This is a BIG Bus, we need a minimum of 35 Bonsai Adventurer's to sign up ASAP.

Contact Mark Arpag with questions:

secretary@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org



2011 PROGRAMS

- **May 21-22:** Club Activity: BSUNY Exhibition with Demos by Harvey Carapella, Mark Arpag, and Peter Waasdorp
- **June 7:** Min Hsuan Lo (Taiwan) Demo
- **June 28:** Summer Picnic/Auction/ Sale
- **July 26:** Judy Fulmer Garden Tour
- **July 30-31:** Bus Trip & Garden Tours
- **August 23:** Summer Workshop: Bring your own tree to work on.



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BSUNY PICNIC REMINDER

Dear friends:

This is to remind you about the picnic supper on **June 28th** for this special meeting at the usual meeting place, **Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park**. The picnic promises to be a great time with many attending and plenty of good food. Spouses and significant others are welcome to come.

The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, coffee, tea and soda pop. We need those attending to bring dishes to pass like potato & macaroni salads, baked beans, and desserts. A tray of appetizers, a three-bean salad, and a lettuce salad would also work well. You could also bring your special dish you make with your secret recipe.

If you would like to bring something, please let me know what you plan to bring, and how many will be attending. I look forward to talking with you during our May Exhibition at the Monroe Community Hospital. If you can't be there then contact me by e-mail at refreshments@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org You can also call me at home after 7:00 pm at (585) 247-3401.

Thank you!

Rick Marriott

BSUNY JUNE 2011 EVENTS

June 7, Min Hsuan Lo (Taiwan) Demo

Lo is famous for the so called "LO'S STYLE", with lots of vertical curves that appear in large old trees. He works with all bonsai sizes and species, and has traveled to many parts of the world for bonsai demonstrations, lectures, and workshops. **We are lucky to have him at our meeting.**

June 28, Summer Picnic/Auction/Sale

At the Picnic the society will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, tea and the usual soft drinks. There will also be a "Sell or Swap Fair" and an Auction. Sign up to bring a dish to pass. **Plan to attend.**



*Hope to see you
at the Spring Show!*

Don't Forget, the Spring Show takes the place of our regular Tuesday meeting. Try to participate in the show somehow. Submit a tree, help setup and/or takedown, sell raffle tickets, work security.

See last months Billboard for the list of Committee Chairs contact information. There are many jobs to be done. If you don't know what you can do, ask. Remember, many hands make light work!



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