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Club Show a great success!

What fun it was to have a Club Show again after 2 years off! And many kudos to President Mark Arpag for working so hard to include so many members' trees. We were in a new place - the Golisano Autism Center - and it worked out perfectly. In fact, it was so perfect that we have already reserved it for next year. Being near the Lilac Festival brought in some new faces. Several club members took advantage of the half price ticket deal, and gave them out to their friends and family, who actually showed up to admire all of the trees. If you missed this opportunity to show one of your trees this year, start thinking about next year NOW!



Special pre picnic sale

If you have items to sell and don't want to put them in the auction, you can set up a table outside before the picnic. At that table, you can set your price, and make the exchanges as you work it out with any buyers. We do ask that you contribute 10% of such sales to the club, with a check or cash to treasurer Diane Koretz

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday June 21 at 6 p.m.
Club picnic and Auction**

The club picnic is always a good time to connect with other members, share some food and bonsai stories, and then get down to the business of the auction. First, the picnic. We'll start at 6 pm. Rick Marriott and Joe Lentner will have some nice meat for us (Chicken French and pulled pork). We're back to "normal", so we can all bring our favorite dish to share. To make sure we cover all the food groups, please send an email indicating what you plan to bring. While some of us think there is no such thing as "too many desserts", our head nutritionist (Rick Marriott) wants to keep us all healthy with a balanced diet! Then the auction. Bring your overstock items, and register with treasurer Diane Koretz. And bring your checkbook, cash or credit card. As bids are completed, Diane will record the details. AT THE END, you can settle up with Diane for the items you purchased. You get to clean out those extra pots, trees and tools, and you and the club benefit, as the club keeps 20% of the proceeds.

Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park

The Brighton Town Lodge is at 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY near the corner of Westfall and Clinton. Our fearless Refreshment Manager, Rick Marriott, will provide coffee, individual drinks and treats.

2022 Programs:

- June 21 - 6 pm Summer picnic and auction
No study groups
- July 16-17: Field trip to Pennsylvania - see *info on page 3, and flier attached to email*
- July 26 - 7 pm Bring your own Tree
- August 23 - 7 pm Bring your own Tree
- September 27 - 7 pm TBD

President's message - too long for page 1!

Greetings Friends,

Well I am happy to report that MAY smiled brightly on our Bonsai Society!

Our display at the Memorial Art Gallery was seen by twice as many people as in the past and there was great interest in the Club, our Spring Show and the Art of Bonsai. Speaking of our Spring Exhibition, it was an amazing success especially considering everything that was working against it! First of all I need to THANK all our Members who pitched in from start to finish in set up, running and take down, we have never had such enthusiastic help! Secondly, thank you to ALL the Members that took the time, thought and care to share their beautiful Bonsai with us and the public!!

As you know it has been a mission to get Members to participate and learn how to prepare Trees & displays and reap the reward for all their hard work & dedication to their Trees. I truly hope this not only encourages those who accepted the challenge to continue their journey but those that weren't ready to start planning for next year! There was considerable doubt raised about the potential success of a "ONE DAY SHOW" but those that came left as believers including our 2 loyal vendors that reported record sales. We have a reservation in place for next year so we have time to plan and will keep you posted.

We were also able to have a May meeting which is not been part of our calendar in the past. Bob Blankfield donated a Root over Rock Trident Maple and we did a number of cuttings which were raffled off, then Part 2, John Wessinger's program on heat management. John is our Director of Education and is doing an amazing job! Finally, Bill Valavanis & I trekked to Olive Branch/ Memphis for the ABS conference & Exhibition. Bill brought 4 gorgeous and educational displays and was honored with 3 separate AWARDS. I displayed an unusual creative Shohin display and was also honored with an ABS AWARD. Our Club is a member of the American Bonsai Society so it was good to represent!

This month is speeding by like a bullet train and our Club Picnic & Auction is coming up fast. Please plan to participate as this is a great time, great food, great friendship, great deals AND a chance to help support YOUR BONSAI CLUB!!!

Next Month is JULY, talking about time flying by...) and we have a ROAD TRIP to PA on its way with a SPECIAL Program by Sean Smith and other fun stuff too. Also an ever popular OPEN WORKSHOP free to all members. Once again thanks to ALL BOARD Members, PROJECT INVOLVED MEMBERS and all Members that are involved and making this the BEST BONSAI CLUB for all of us!

Mark

Heat management for bonsai trees in summer

Providing a healthy environment for our bonsai isn't always easy. At times, keeping our trees' roots/soil/pots within a temperature range that promotes photosynthesis can be a challenge. Temperatures above 90°F can dramatically reduce photosynthesis. Here are some options that you can take to reduce excessive heat on your bonsai, on those hot, sunny days of summer.

1. Cover pot with a white cotton T- shirt
2. Shelter smaller trees under large trees
3. Place in cooler/shaded areas of your yard – east/west/north sides
4. Sprinkle water over trees and pots during heat of the day
5. Surround pots with insulation material – air-duct insulation one option
6. Clump bonsai together for shade and increased evaporative cooling
7. Use thicker pots to slow increase in temperature – these do lose heat more slowly though
8. Rotate pots – face smallest side toward sun
9. Place pot on a wet gravel surface – evaporative cooling of water helps cool pots
10. Orient tree so its own leaves shade trunk and pot
11. Place trees on soil/grass – ground usually cooler than raised stands/tables/decks
12. Use shade cloth (30 or 40%) to cover trees – construct simple frame to hold cloth

Thanks to John Wiessinger for this very useful information.

Board Members and upcoming Elections Please help us remember to vote this month!

We have received no nominations, so we will be voting to confirm these officers at the June meeting.

President & Special Projects.....Mark Arpag
Vice President.....William Valavanis
Secretary **Open position, please apply!**
Treasurer Diane Koretz
Billboard Marti & Tom Macinski
Education John Wiessinger
Exhibitions.....Harvey Carapella
Library & Club History Joe Lentner
Membership Table Harvey Carapella
Photographers.....Marti & Tom Macinski
Project Involved.....Will Hebert
PublicityThe Entire Club

Refreshments &
New Members Rick Marriott
Rules & By-Laws Joe Galley
Suiseki Study Group Les Allen
Ways & Means/ MentorshipJoe Moore
Webmaster.....**Open position, please apply!**
Shohin Study Group..... Harvey Carapella, Bill Valavanis, Mark Arpag
Society Consultants.....Doug McDade, Will Hebert
Past Presidents Jim Dolce, Harvey Carapella
Special thanks goes to our officers who have served in these positions previously and continue to provide guidance to the society.

Special travel opportunity in July

Bill Valavanis is such an asset to our club. In addition to providing his expertise as a speaker, and his support with general information, he has coordinated an outstanding field trip for us in July. The flier is attached to the email that is sending this Billboard, with the details for you to print out and post on your fridge, but here are some of the details so that you know how to be included. We will travel separately (as in, no bus) but may carpool as it works out. We'll meet at Nature's Way in Harrisburg (see the flier for the address) at 11 on Saturday, and we'll have lunch in his garden. We'll tour Nature's Way, and be treated to Jim Doyle's expertise. Then we'll drive to SuperFly Bonsai, THE Bonsai Megastore. Sean Smith will meet us for dinner at a place he has arranged, and dinner will be at your own expense. There are 2 possible hotels available at a reasonable price, the Days Inn Harrisburg, and the Rodeway Inn also in Harrisburg. Both charge \$99 per night, less AARP or AA discounts, and plus taxes and lodging charges. You will need to make your own reservations, and there is a car race nearby, so don't delay. On Sunday we'll go to Three Mountain Bonsai School for a private seminar on bonsai, suiseki and other art display. We hope everyone will respect Sean Smith's dedication and expertise being offered to our club members at no charge, by staying until the end of the Display session. Then we'll return to Rochester by the same way that we came.

How to take part in this very special field trip? First, send an email to Marti Macinski (mmacinski@mac.com) with your intention to participate, your ability to share car space or your desire to carpool with someone else driving. Call and make your room reservation ASAP.

If you have questions (*this was re-written numerous times in an effort to be clear, but . . . !*) Call Marti Macinski at 607.279.4731, and I'll do my best to untangle all the details.

We're looking forward to our first club outing in several years.

Summary of time frame and events:

Saturday: 11 am Nature's Way, with lunch brought in

After Nature's Way, visit to Super Fly Bonsai Megastore

Dinner with Sean Smith, stay at local hotel. (Both at your individual expense)

Sunday morning: Three Mountain Bonsai School for a private seminar on bonsai, suiseki and art display.

SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



This is not a Shohin bonsai and it's an unknown variety, but it's a great opportunity to comment on the design. The original tree on the left is very busy visually, both the deadwood and the foliage. Changes to improve a design of a tree do not always have to be big changes to be effective. This example has 2 small subtle changes that improve the tree's design by 100%. The lowest cascading branch on the left side was removed to expose the base of the tree, quieting the lower portion of the tree. The upper left side extending branches were cut back also quieting the upper portion of the tree by creating a narrower upper tree. Removing this foliage places more importance on the trunk.

— Harvey Carapella

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New FREE Bimonthly International BONSAI OnLine Magazine

After publishing International BONSAI for 42 years and producing 164 issues, Bill Valavanis has decided to suspend the printed edition and start producing the magazine in a FREE digital bimonthly format in order to expand his educational offerings. International BONSAI OnLine will continue with the high standards of quality introduced to English language bonsai magazines, and continues to be the first and only professional bonsai magazine published in the United States. In the first month of publication over 16,000 people have viewed the magazine and over and over 1,300 have subscribed. Check it out, and subscribe FREE too! www.internationalbonsaionline.com