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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York

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The **David Easterbrook Program** and Workshop will be on "**Elm Bonsai**" on Tuesday, April 27th. David's programs have been extremely popular with our members and we are looking forward to this one too.

His **workshop** is scheduled for the time period 1-4 pm and the lecture/demo will be during the monthly society meeting which begins at 7 pm. Both events will be held in our usual meeting room at **Brighton Town Lodge** in **Buckland Park**

There are just a few reservations available so you should act quickly.

David has two sizes of Cork Bark Chinese elms, both with trunks about 1 1/2" diameter. Six trees are about 2- 2 1/2 feet tall and six are about 1 1/2 -2 feet tall. The price for both sizes is \$60. The workshop fee is an additional \$25. Participants need to bring their own tools and wire.

Participants will select their trees by the order in which they register with Ron Maggio. Ron's phone number is (585) 872-0382 and his email address is RonMaggioAssoc @ frontiernet.net. For safety sake, we will appreciate payment before the workshop.

## David Easterbrook Returns!

### Our Speaker

David has been curator of the Montreal Botanical Garden's bonsai collection since 1982. Among the most prestigious collections in North America, it includes 30 masterpiece bonsai donated by the Nippon Bonsai Association, 40 dwarf potted trees from the collection of Hong Kong banker Dr. Wu Yee-Sun, over 300 penjing donated by the People's Republic of China, new specimens of Vietnamese bonsai and a North American bonsai collection featuring outstanding mature bonsai created by North American experts.

David began growing bonsai in 1970 and is owner of a bonsai nursery. He studied bonsai in Japan in 1981 and teaches regular bonsai classes as well as being a well-known lecturer and demonstrator in northeastern US and Canada and also France. He served as president of the Montreal Bonsai Society in 1982 and 1983 and was chairman of the American Bonsai Society convention which was held in Montreal in July 1988. He has also authored two books on bonsai and bonsai care and techniques.

### Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**APRIL 27, 2010**

**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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## Society Happenings

## BSUNY at GardenScape 2010

The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York with the International Bonsai Arboretum participated in the Traditions & Translations: A Celebration of Japanese Culture event at the Memorial Art Gallery. The members who displayed their bonsai were: Jerome Cushman, Bob Pfromm, Rick Marriott, Ron Maggio, and Bill Valavanis who also presented a lecture on Classical Bonsai Art. A special thank you to Ron Maggio and Jerome Cushman who stayed at the exhibit all day to answer questions. This event was part of the Kimono Exhibit at the Memorial Art Gallery. Over 100 people attended the event and many flyers for our upcoming events were passed out .

Our society had another great display at this year's GardenScape 2010-Eye of the Garden, Rochester's Flower and Garden Show. We did receive lots of compliments on the open design of our display on the main floor from many of the 14,500+ people who visited the show. Thank you to the following people who brought their bonsai to share with the spectators: Harvey Carapella, Marc Arpag, Rick Marriott, Jon Robbins, Jim Dolce, Jerome Cushman, Bob Pfromm, Doug McDade, Fran Mahoney, Mert Bohonos, 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.



Harvey Carapella's Tray Landscape

## Election Results

Our elections for 2010-2011 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 all of you.

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

### BSUNY Library News

New book in the library: "Botany for Bonsai, the Science Behind the Art" by Enrique Castano de la Serna. The book was donated by Fran Mahoney.

Printed listing of all books and videos in BSUNY library is now available upon request.

### Attention: New Members

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the new members workshop on June 5th.

All the details will be in the next issue of the Bill Board but in the meantime—save the date.

And speaking of learning opportunities, you should at least attend the society exhibit on May 15 and 16. Better yet, volunteer to help with it and meet our members and their trees. It is an excellent opportunity to see great bonsai, the kind that you will aspire to do yourself.

## March Highlights by Tom Friday

Bill Valavanis presented a slide program to the over 70 members who attended. The images showed beautiful examples of Flowering Quince bonsai from both Korea and Japan. Handouts on Quince were available. A demonstration on creating a bonsai from a Chinese Quince tree was presented by Bill and was won by JoAnn Maggio.

Examples of Quince bonsai were on display for all to view what completed trees look like. That was followed by a workshop where fourteen members created their own Quince bonsai trees with Bill's help and advice. Many members watched and made good and helpful comments.

The Chinese Quince, *Pseudocydonia sinensis*, is a very good performer for bonsai having pink flowers in spring, developing into large yellow fruits by autumn/winter. It often exhibits bright foliage in autumn along with attractive peeling grey/sand/red colorations in bark as trees become older. It is known for its hardiness and long life. The root system grows very fast and will require more frequent pruning. Why not give it a try?



**Bill and tree at the start of his demo**



**Demo tree winner JoAnn Maggio with Bill**



## April Workshop

David Easterbrook will be using Cork Bark Chinese Elm for his workshop. The workshop will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 27th from 1-4PM, right before our regular meeting. David has two sizes of these Elms, both with trunks about 1 1/2" diameter. Six trees are about 2 to 2 1/2 feet tall, and six are about 1 1/2 to 2 feet tall. Participants need to bring their own tools and wire. The cost of the workshop and plant is \$85. Tree selection will be made by the order in which you register. So, the first person who registers with Ron will get first choice and the last person will get the last selection. To register for the workshop please phone Ron Maggio at 872-0382. Members should plan to pay Ron before the start of the workshop. Hope to see you there.

## Reminder-Special Treat

We have heard from Doug Paul of "The Kennett Collection" and he has invited our bus tour to stop by his private garden which is unpublicized and private. It is probably the largest and best collection of bonsai in the United States and he also has hundreds of koi too.

## PROGRAMS for 2010

April 27	Chinese Elm Bonsai Workshop & Program David Easterbrook, Montreal
May 15-16	Bonsai Society of Upstate New York Exhibition Demos by Pauline Muth, New York
June 5	New Members Workshop
June 12-13	2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition
June 14 (Monday)	Kunio Kobayashi Demo Japan
July 27	Hosta Garden Tour
July 31-August 1	Bus trip to US National Arboretum in Washington, DC
August 24	Open Workshop
September 13 (Monday)	Ryan Neil Demonstration Oregon



## 37th Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On **May 15th and 16th** 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:

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## Exhibit Committee Chairs

<b>Directors</b>	Harvey Carapella Bill Valavanis	426-6548 334-2595	<b>Bonsai Placement</b>	Bill Valavanis	334-2595
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<b>Raffle</b>	Doug McDade Karen Proctor	392-7973 235-0567	<b>Educational</b>	Mark Arpag	244-6241
<b>Sales Tables</b>	Karen Proctor	235-0567	<b>Web Photos</b>	Will Hebert	256-2492
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			<b>Set-Up</b>	Entire Membership	
			<b>Clean-Up</b>	Entire Membership	

Editor's question:

What spring flower inspired the special type color in this issue?



Cork Bark Chinese Elm



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