

# Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



## HOLIDAY PARTY

After our usual very brief business meeting Bill Valavanis will show slides from his recent travels in Japan. Should be very interesting. Don't miss it.

### Treats

Please bring a treat to the **December Holiday Party** to share with others. This will be a desert party, so please have dinner before you join us. As always, the society will provide liquid refreshments thanks to Rick Marriott.

*Come prepared to eat and have a good time.*



## Mystery Auction

Following the slides and treats, Harvey Carapella will be auctioneer for our **mystery auction**.

Each member is asked to bring a gift or two to be auctioned for the benefit of our society. It would be nice if the gift were bonsai related but they don't have to be. However, please label your gift "BONSAI" if it is bonsai or garden related. Some very nice gifts have been purchased at bargain prices in the past. Some of the great items which our members generously donated in the past include: plants, pots, calendars, soil, fertilizer, wine, cookies, a wreath, Suiseki stones, and bonsai stands. The items are donated with the wrappings still on, so that those bidding don't know what is in the package. Sounds crazy, but it's a lot of fun.

All proceeds from the auction go into the society treasury so that we can continue to bring world class speakers to our meetings to increase our knowledge of the art of Bonsai.

**Please be generous with your gifts and no gag gifts please.**



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday**  
December 14, 2010  
**7:00 pm**

**Holiday Meeting & Auction, William N. Valavanis' slides of travel in Japan with comments by Jane Schuster and Tracy Thieret**

**Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park. 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, New York near corner of Westfall and Clinton.**

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# November Highlights

**H**arvey Carapella, Mark Arpag, and Jim Dolce offered bonsai critiques on trees brought in by the members of the society. Over 36 members listened to advice on what to do with each of their trees. This proved to be an educational exchange about bonsai design by the presenters. Those who attended came away with lots of new ideas and pointers from some of our more experienced members. It was loads of fun, and hope everyone enjoyed it. Thank you Harvey, Mark and Jim for your interesting, informative program, and for sharing your expertise with all of us.



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- 1- Harvey Carapella talks about a Ficus by Amar Osterly.
- 2- The Hemlock by Joe Galley (far left) is commented on by Harvey.
- 3- Rick Marriott (standing) listens to comments on his Amur Maple by Mark Arpag.

- 4- Dave Alexander (right) gives Jim information about his Boxwood.
- 5- Mark comments on the Yew of Bob Blankfield (center).
- 6- Jim Dolce discusses his ideas on the Juniper brought in by Iris Cohen.

## 2010-2011 Programs

- ◆ **December 14:** Holiday Meeting & Auction, Slides of travel in Japan
- ◆ **January 25:** Harvey Carapella Demo, Literati Style of Bonsai
- ◆ **February 22:** Jack Sustic, Curator, National Bonsai Arboretum-Japanese Bonsai Studies
- ◆ **March 17, 18, 19, and 20:** GardenScape, Society Display
- ◆ **March 29:** Bill Valavanis Demo/Workshop, Subject to be determined
- ◆ **April 26:** Kenji Miyata (Calif.) Demo-Evening Kenji Miyata Workshop-Afternoon



Bonsai by Marco Invernizzi

## Bonsai Terms of the Month

**OVERPOTTING** - Placing a bonsai in a container that is larger than necessary to maintain it. Also sometimes done on purpose to provide room for future root development.

**AIR-LAYERING** - A method of propagating a plant by girdling or cutting part way into a branch or stem and packing the area with a moist medium, such as sphagnum moss covered with plastic, to stimulate root formation so that the branch or stem can be removed and grown as an independent plant.

**DECIDUOUS** - A tree or plant that sheds its leaves and enters a state of dormancy annually.



## Thank You Bob Kretzer

Please accept our most sincere and grateful thanks for being such a valuable member of our organization as Editor of the **BSUNY Billboard** for the past fifteen months.

Under Bob's direction and partnership with Tom Friday and Irma Abu-Jumah we have enjoyed these months of nice quotes, pictures and articles of our interest. Bob is retiring from this duty to dedicate more time to his family and personal matters.

Thanks Bob for the great job done on our behalf, and welcome Tom and Irma as the co-editors of the new Billboard era.

*BSUNY Board  
and Billboard Staff*

# Bonsai Quotes, Definitions, and Philosophy



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*"A bonsai can never be a finished work of art... because it will always be a living piece of nature, continuing to live and grow. The object is not to make the tree look like a bonsai, but to make the bonsai look like a tree. Killing trees is the tuition you pay for learning bonsai."*

*John Naka - American Bonsai Master*

*"Bonsai is not the result: that comes after. Your enjoyment is what is important."*

*Author Unknown*



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*"Remember, if your tree died, ... you killed it. They don't commit suicide."*

*Hec DeBrabant*

*"Think: tree." Mr. Miyagi, from The Karate Kid*

*When a bonsai stops growing, you know it's dead."*

*Japanese Proverb*

*"The art of making bonsai involves in itself the pleasure of cultivating trees; the sort of gratification which a mother finds in bringing up her child. It is accomplished with affection. To show affection is to comfort oneself." Norio Kobayashi*



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- 1- Seiju Elm: William N. Valavanis
- 2- R.A.F. Scots Pine: William N. Valavanis
- 3- Common Juniper: Jerome Cushman
- 4- American Larch: Harvey Carapella



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