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Harvey Carapella presents "Rock Planting Styles III"

At our February meeting, Harvey Carapella will be continuing a lecture he began last January. Then he spoke about Root-Over-Rock style bonsai, this month he will be expanding on the rock planting theme and using a flat rock as a container. A flat rock makes a good container to create a Group planting or Forest style Bonsai. The flat rock gives a more natural feeling to the entire Group planting and a harmony with the trees. Harvey will discuss the shape of the rock, use of muck and moss and demonstrate how to put them together and more. The tree, Brush Cherry an indoor variety will be a Raft style demonstration, which is one way to create a Group planting or Forest style Bonsai. There will be several handouts relating to the topic as well as examples of several other rock planting styles and the finished rock planting will be raffled at the end of the evening. 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
February 23, 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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Programs for 2010

February 23	Rock Plantings III Harvey Carapella
March 11-14	GardenScape 2010 Society Display
March 19	Exhibit and lecture Memorial Art Gallery
March 23	Chinese Quince Lecture/Demo/Workshop Bill Valavanis
April 27	Chinese Elm Bonsai Workshop & Program David Easterbrook, Montreal
May 15-16	Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition Demos by Pauline Muth
June 12-13	2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition
June 14 (Monday)	Kunio Kobayashi Demonstration Japan
July 27	Hosta Garden Tour
July 31	Bus trip to US National Arboretum in Washington, DC Also, visit to Kennett Collection
August 24	Open Workshop
September 13 (Monday)	Ryan Neil Demonstration Oregon

Election Time

Remember, at the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know.

Nominating Committee

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

Help Needed For GardenScape 2010

GardenScape 2010 will take place at the Dome Arena in Henrietta on March 11 to 14. Our society is again having a double booth display at the show. 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 585-334-2595 to offer your bonsai for the society display. We will be setting up our display on Tuesday, March 9th at 5 pm and need help. Also, we will be taking down the display on Sunday, March 14th at 5 pm and many hands make light work for everyone. More information about the show can be found at,

www.rochesterflowershow.com/

Then there were two - - -

Many of us have marveled at the brute strength needed to be our society librarian; not a job for the weak of arm when every meeting, boxes of books are lugged into and out of the meeting.

Our new librarian, Nick Montanaro had a better idea; *4 arms are better than 2.*

So, we now have two librarians (2 x 2 = 4 arms); Nick recruited Nick (Ferraio) to help.

In addition to making the physical part easier, the two Nicks have their heads together on ways to continue serving the society but making it so much more 21st Century. Perhaps the new way will involve the internet (imagine the surprise of 5th Century bonsai enthusiasts) or maybe some other scheme. In any case, our library is in good hands and you'll be among the first to know of all the improvements. Welcome Nick Ferraio.

New Web Master

On behalf of the club and its board members we would like to thank **Dave Paris** for being a board member and all the time and support he has put into the club's web site. Thank you and best wishes Dave. We would like to welcome **Irma Abu-Jumah** as the new club Web Master. Please visit the newly structured web site with the new photo galleries.

The new club web address is:

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January Meeting Highlights

Arthur Skolnik, internationally renowned bonsai artist, joined us at our January meeting from Toronto, Canada. During the lecture and demonstration, viewed by 51 members, Arthur worked on a Brush Cherry (*Eugenia myrtifolia*), answered quite a few questions and gave us his “Dozen Design Denotations for Bonsai”, and other basic things to look for in a bonsai tree.

The bonsai tree that Arthur styled during his demonstration was raffled and won by Joe Moore. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets.

Thank you Arthur for your interesting, informative, and entertaining program.



Arthur & tree at the start of his demo



Arthur answering questions



Members listening to Arthur's every word



The styled tree being raffled off

It's That Time Of Year Again...

I know it's hard to imagine, but in a few short weeks the buds on some of our bonsai will begin to swell. If your bonsai in your winter protection area have swollen buds, it might be a good idea to lower the temperature if possible or change location. The longer you delay bud break the better, except when permanent dormancy sets in. If your bonsai are not frozen they will probably require watering. If they are frozen, keep a little clean snow packed around the soil surface. When air temperature rises, the snow will melt and water the bonsai. With increased daylight, additional moisture is necessary. Indoor bonsai can now be lightly fertilized. Now is a good time to match bonsai with containers for spring transplanting. Conifers are usually planted in unglazed containers to present a quiet feeling. Broadleaf evergreens and deciduous species are generally planted in glazed containers to highlight the seasonal beauty of their flowers or autumn foliage. Unglazed containers come in more than one shade of "common" brown; they can also be found in gray, red and tan. Even the mica training pots come in several colors. There are many different shades and textures and the end finish can also vary widely, as can prices! Look through books from our extensive library for ideas on containers colors and shapes. Although many bonsai are planted in shallow containers, I prefer deeper pots because of our severe low temperatures. Although it is a bit early to begin transplanting, drastic pruning and wiring can be performed if the bonsai are kept above freezing afterward. A temperature of 35° F is ideal, but 27° - 30° F is fine. Start thinking about Spring; **because it's that time of the year again...** W.N.V.

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