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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York

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Chinese Quince is the subject of our Lecture and Demonstration at the March meeting!

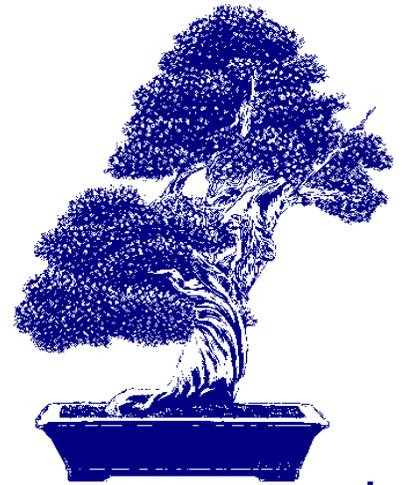
After the business meeting and election of officers for next year, **Bill Valavanis**, internationally acclaimed bonsai expert and artist, will present a lecture and demonstration on Chinese Quince Bonsai. Information and handouts will be presented on Chinese and Japanese flowering quince and how they are trained and cultivated for bonsai. This is a most delightful species which has a lovely apple blossom like flower in early Spring, followed by lovely fruit, and autumn color tints in the Fall.

Anyone who has attended one of Bill's lectures knows that they are always well prepared, educational and entertaining. He will offer a complete program before beginning the workshop, so plan to attend the presentation even if you will not be participating in the workshop. Observers will be welcome during the workshop, but remember that attention will be given to paid participants. The Quince bonsai that Bill creates during his demo will be raffled that evening.



March workshop

A Chinese quince workshop will follow the presentation where each participant will prune, wire and shape specimens which have been in training for at least five years. They will not be transplanted during the workshop. Most are planted in mica bonsai training pots and are approximately 24 inches tall (before pruning). The trunks are over one inch in diameter with movement. The plants are \$45 and in limited supply. Bring your own tools and wire, however some wire will be available for sale at the workshop. Please phone **Ron Maggio** (872-0382) to register before the March meeting.



Meeting Date

Tuesday
March 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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Election Time

At the March meeting we will be electing new society officers. During the business meeting, the candidates for the offices will be presented and voted on. If anyone has any nominations give one of the nominating committee a call and let them know. Just make sure the person you are nominating knows about it before you call.

Nominating Committee

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

Spring Show Committee Meeting

There will be a spring show meeting on March **26th** to discuss the upcoming BSUNY Spring show in May. The meeting will be at 8:00PM, at the bonsai studio of Bill Valavanis. This meeting will follow a board meeting at 7:00PM. Anyone interested in helping with the show in any aspects, give Bill a call (334-2595). For those interested, members are also welcome to attend the board meeting. Ask one of the board members for details.

New GardenScape Procedure

Like last year, there will be no passes for people working at GardenScape. However, the Bonsai Society will be buying flower show tickets to distribute for the members signed up to work at the clubs exhibit. See Bob Pfromm if you are going to be working at GardenScape.

PROGRAMS for 2010

March 11-14	GardenScape 2010 Society Display
March 23	Chinese Quince Lecture/Demo/Workshop Bill Valavanis
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 Demonstration Japan
July 27	Hosta Garden Tour
July ?	Bus trip to US National Arboretum in Washington, DC
August 24	Open Workshop
September 13 (Monday)	Ryan Neil Demonstration Oregon

Special Treat

We have just 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.



By Tom Friday

Help Needed For Gardenscape 2010

GardenScape 2010 will take place at the Dome Arena in Henrietta on March 11 to 14. Our society's booth will be in the main showroom. 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 and help our society spread bonsai information to the public.

Also, we need fine quality bonsai for the show. Please phone **Bill Valavanis** at 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,

<http://www.rochesterflowershow.com/>

Hope to see you there. Please tell your friends. It should be a great show.



BSUNY GardenScape Display 2009

Approximately 43 members and two new members braved the winter cold to attend the February meeting. They were rewarded with an great lecture and demo on Raft style bonsai by our society President Harvey Carapella. Harvey also gave out four handouts, two related to Rock Plantings and two related to Raft and Sinuous style bonsai.

In his lecture Harvey spoke briefly about all types of Rock Planting Bonsai. Harvey used an excellent curved rock from the Binghamton area and donated it for the program.

Eugenia (Brush Cherry) trees were the material used. They had been pre-wired and shaped before being carefully positioned, and attached to the stone with tie down wires attached to the rock with marine quality epoxy. Harvey took time with pruning and discussing the overall design and adapting the trees to the rock. He also answered questions regarding after-care, watering, and how to attain the completed image in the future. The final result was a grove of individual tree trunks. It will be a 3 to 5 year project depending on growing conditions. Bob Loomis won Harvey's rock planting that was raffled off. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets. Thank you Harvey for your interesting, and informative presentation. Great Job!

Thanks also to member Dennis Burns for coming up with a better way of lighting up the demo. He hung the clubs lights from the rafters so it shined down on Harvey at a slight angle, it was a great improvement, thanks Dennis.

We appreciate the members who helped set up and rearrange the tables and chairs after the meeting. Also Bruce Kirby brought in his New York Prefect Snack apples and Rick Marriott added cheeses and pepperoni to his already famous refreshment selections. Dana's Ginger Snap cookies were great.



Bob Loomis with Harvey and Raft Bonsai

In Memory-Virginia Schreiner

Virginia Schreiner passed away February 24th, 2010. Virginia was a long time member of our society and her son, Paul, would bring her to club meetings. Both of them were vendors at our club exhibitions at Monroe Community Hospital. Together with Fred Stanzel who passed away in 2005, Virginia took care of serving us refreshments at our annual exhibitions and pitched in to help set up and clean up too.

Virginia Schreiner contributed much to our society and will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to Paul Schreiner and his family. A donation in her name will be made by the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York.



Bill Valavanis tree



Quince in Fall colors



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