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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



Bonsai Critique & Design

Our November meeting will start off with a short business meeting followed by Harvey Carapella, Mark Arpag and Jim Dolce who will present a *Bonsai Critique* on trees brought in by the members of the club. If you have a bonsai and would like some advice on what to do with it, how to trim it, design it or make it well again, this will be the place to bring the tree. The only rule is that they have to be in bonsai pots. Trees not in bonsai pots will be discussed if time permits.



So if need ideas or you've got a problem bonsai then bring them along. Every year, this has proved to be an informative, informal discussion about bonsai design.

This will be a lot of fun, and filled with a lot of useful information for all.

Hope to see everyone there!

November Display Table

If you have something that is looking good please bring it along and share it with the rest of the members. Let's try to bring in some nice deciduous bonsai with good autumn color or colorful fruit (if you have any left). Evergreens are always welcome too.



Fall Colors at Bill Valavanis's Arboretum



Trident Maple over rock in Fall at National Arboretum

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday
November 16, 2010
7:00 PM

Critique/Design:
Mark Arpag, Jim Dolce
& Harvey Carapella

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

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October Highlights

Tom Friday

The October meeting featured a demonstration by Peter Warren from the UK that was well attended by 65 members and guests. Those who were there came away with lots of new ideas and pointers from Peter as he worked on a Bird's Nest Spruce. He answered questions and told stories about his over five year apprenticeship in Japan. Our thanks go to Peter for sharing his expert skill and knowledge with us. The demo tree was raffled off and won by 'Turk' Morel. Hope we see it on display in the future. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

Tree Information: Bird's Nest Spruce (*Picea abies Nidiformis*) is a variety of Norway Spruce and is a low-growing, rounded conifer with a distinctly flat top. It has dark green needles that are much shorter and smaller than those of the typical spruce species. As the plant gets older, the outer section often grows higher than the middle, giving the plant its characteristic central depression or the "bird's nest" shape from which it derives both its botanical and common names. Why not give this dwarf variety a try?



Ron Maggio with his viewing stone that won the 'Peoples Choice' Award at the International Stone Appreciation Symposium in Pennsylvania in October 2010



Peter Warren with 'Turk' Morel

Winter Care Handout

Members who receive the BSUNY Billboard by e-mail will notice that our Winter Care Handout is attached, and on our website under Links and Resources. Members who do not receive it by e-mail can pick up a printed version at the November meeting.

Please remember that if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask one of our more experienced members. They will be glad to assist you in keeping your trees alive during the winter months.



Holiday Party Reminder

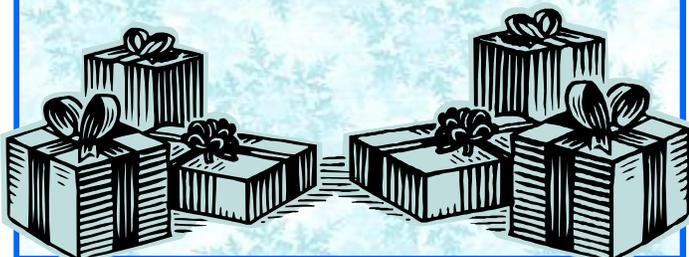
We will have our holiday party on December 14th.

The club will supply the punch, soft drinks and coffee. This will be a dessert party so have dinner before you come, and everyone is asked to bring a dessert dish to share.

There will also be a *mystery auction*. What you do is bring a wrapped gift to the meeting that is preferably bonsai related and **(NO GAG GIFTS PLEASE)**.

The wrapped gifts are auctioned sight unseen. It's a lot of fun. *We generally have wonderful and sometimes interesting items!* If the gift is bonsai related, please label it so, but no other hints.

Come prepared to eat and have a good time.



Bonsai Website Surfing

With the onset of colder weather many of us bonsai enthusiasts will be inside and on our computers a lot more. Following are a few sites that may be of interest. Enjoy.

www.bonsai-NBF.org/site/index.html - The National Bonsai Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1982 to support the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, located at the U.S. National Arboretum. Great bonsai.

www.bonsai-BCI.com - This site is the official site of the Bonsai Club International. Under Bonsai Species Guide, they have general instructions for the care, propagation, potting and pest care for many different species. This is an excellent site for getting general information on a particular type of tree.

www.ABSbonsai.org - The official site of the American Bonsai Society. There are a number of articles here, some from recent ABS Journal issues. There are also links to essential articles.

2010-2011 Programs

- **November 16, Bonsai Critique/Design:** Mark Arpag, Jim Dolce, Harvey Carapella
- **December 14:** Holiday Meeting & Auction, Slides of travel in Japan
- **January 25, Harvey Carapella Demo:** Subject to be determined
- **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**
- **May 21-22 Club Activity:** BSUNY Exhibition with Demos by Harvey Carapella, Mark Arpag, and Peter Waasdorp
- **June 7, Min Hsuan Lo (China) Demo**
- **June 28, Summer Picnic / Auction / Sale**
- **July 26, Bergen Water Garden Tour**
- **July 30-31, Bus Trip & Garden Tour**
- **August 23, Summer Workshop:** Bring your own tree to work on.

It's That Time Of Year Again...



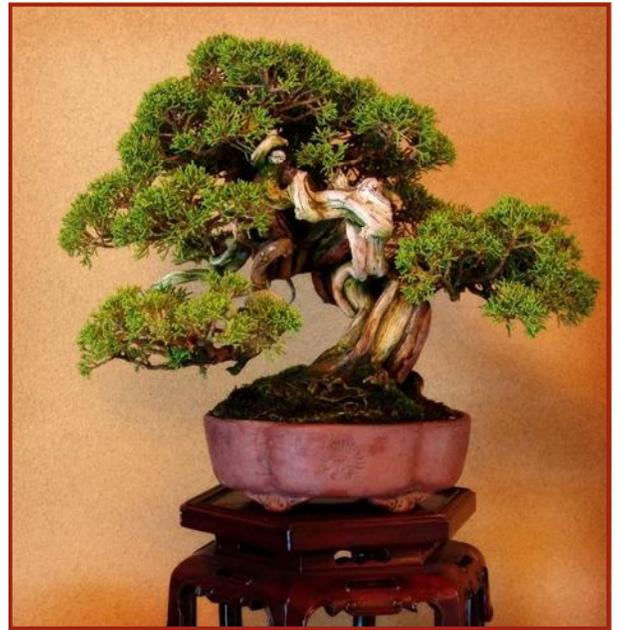
This is the time to begin protecting your winter hardy bonsai for the winter. However, the longer you can leave them outdoors before it gets really cold, the better off your bonsai will be. Really cold to the plants is about 20-25°F, (to me below 70°F). I like to wait until the bonsai, especially conifers, get a nice dusting of light snow before putting them away. In our area, the best time to put hardy bonsai away for the winter is the end of November- right after a good Thanksgiving dinner- or the first part of December.



The cool weather we have in autumn helps the bonsai prepare their cold hardiness for the long winter season. Remember to remove all fruit, old leaves and thick moss before protecting the bonsai. Spray with a contact fungicide such as Captan when putting your trees away. It is important to eliminate sun and wind for the winter and to provide an even temperature. If you did not protect your indoor species by now, there is probably no need to. This is a good time to review your fertilizing and pesticide schedule for the past year while it is still fresh in your mind. Did you spray and feed enough? What will you do differently during the next growing season? Make some notes and review them next spring. It's amazing how much you forget over the winter. Have a happy Turkey Day and don't forget to water your bonsai even if it's cold outside. They still need a drink because,

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