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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of  
Upstate New York



## 37th Annual Spring Show

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On May 15th and 16th we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. This will take the place of our normal Tuesday night meeting. Our featured speaker will be **Pauline Muth** who is an experienced bonsai artist and lecturer.

On Saturday, she will do an Introduction to Bonsai, featuring the 5-basic styles using shimpaku ([Juniperus chinensis sargentii](#)). This will include a keynote presentation.

On Sunday, the subject will be the construction of a raft shimpaku.

More about Pauline; [www.pfmbonsai.com](http://www.pfmbonsai.com)



### Wine & Cheese Reception

All members are invited to arrive at 5:30 Saturday evening for a private viewing of our exhibition. Enjoy light refreshments, vote for your favorite bonsai and enjoy relaxed conversation with fellow members!

### We need your trees!

Please make sure to bring your cleaned and prepared bonsai to the Monroe community Hospital on Friday, May 14th at 5-6 PM for our show. Set up will be completed by 8 PM. The trees do not have to be masterpieces but should look nice. We also will need help to set up the exhibition and during the exhibit. For more information call Bill Valavanis (334-2595) or Bob Pfromm (421-0718 )



**2009 Members' Choice Award**  
in memory of **Yuji Yoshimura**

### Show

**Saturday and Sunday  
May 15-16, 2010**

**Monroe Community  
Hospital**

**2:00PM Demonstration**  
(both days)

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## Bonsai Road Trip

The bus is currently full, 31 passengers.

We will have a waiting list in case of unexpected cancellations. Please email to:

**secretary@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org**

if you are interested in adding your name to the wait list.

Any opening will be offered to Bonsai Society members first.

Information on the hotel will be forwarded by email soon.

This promises to be another great Bonsai adventure!

**Bonsai Society of Upstate New York  
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Rochester, New York 14692**

## It is a Club event!

Don't forget, the spring show takes the place of our regular Tuesday meeting.

Try to participate in the show somehow. Submit a tree, sell raffle tickets, work security. Please call Bob Pfromm at 421-0718 to sign up for a slot. It's not difficult but needs to be done. Thanks...

## 2010 Programs

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-Aug 1	Bus trip to US National



## April Highlights

Tom Friday

At the April meeting David Easterbrook, curator of the Montreal Botanical Garden's bonsai collection, gave a talk and slide presentation on Chinese Elms to over 72 members and guests. After the talk, David demonstrated his talents and worked on one Elm tree from start to finish, including trimming and wiring. Members asked many good questions, and David gave a lot of great tips on growing Elm bonsai. David also trimmed and reshaped one of Bill Valavanis's Chinese Elms. Earlier in the afternoon David did a workshop featuring Cork Bark Chinese Elm that was held at the lodge for six members.

Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*) is one of the better trees for starting out in bonsai.

Chinese Elms are strong, adaptable, and forgiving (almost always!). David reminded us not to confuse these trees with Zelkova, which are more winter-hardy, and are a different species. Chinese Elms can be trained in most every bonsai style, except maybe, formal upright. Broom style is also a good option. Chinese Elms have small, serrated leaves, and can develop twiggy branching—another plus for bonsai.

The Cork Bark Chinese Elm bonsai that David created was raffled and won by Bruce Holley. Elm roots for future planting were won by Margaret Humphreys and Richard Murphy. The society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets.

Thank you David for your interesting, and very informative presentations. They were enjoyed by all.



David assessing Elm tree at the start of his demo



**Voila!**

As they say in French.

'The finished tree'

## Local Boy Wins Big!

**Will Hebert** won the best demo tree of the 27th annual Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies 2010 Spring Festival!

The festival was held at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, New York, April 16th through 18th.

The tree is a Japanese Yew created by Michele Andolfo, one of the premier bonsai artists from Europe. He lives in Italy. This yew was pulled up from a school property that was having landscape work done. A bonsai person near Cambridge grabbed it, and called Pauline Muth; she said go get the rest. Too late, they had already shredded them. Michele said this type of raw material in Europe is worth about \$4,000, just for the raw material.

Will helped him all afternoon. I've been to most of the 27 Mid Atlantic conventions and this is the best demo material they have ever had, and a good artist to work it too. It is an excellent tree now and just think what it will look like when it develops in about two more years. Congratulations to Will for purchasing the winning ticket.

Now he needs to begin saving for the pot.

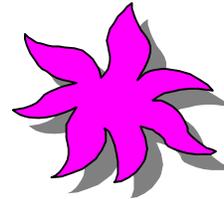
by Bill V.



**The Tree**



**Will Hebert—Michele Andolfo**



**Hope to see you at the Exhibit this weekend!**

