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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



## Kenji Miyata

Formal upright Foemina  
Juniper Bonsai Lecture/  
Demonstration & Workshop



The Second April meeting will feature **Kenji Miyata**. He will present a lecture/demonstration on a large formal upright **Foemina Juniper bonsai** for the evening meeting. The bonsai he creates will be raffled at the conclusion of the meeting. Please note that since we have a speaker from out of country we will again charge members \$5 and guests \$10 to offset the increase in expenses.

In the afternoon prior to the evening program Kenji will also have a **Bring Your Own Tree workshop** from **1-4 pm** in the same lodge that we have our evening meeting. Bring ALL your own material and clean up supplies. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to get a professional bonsai artist opinion on a problem tree or to get a new idea of how to proceed with untrained material. Have fun and learn.

The **workshop** fee is **\$35** payable to the society. There is a limited number of openings available so register and pay early to avoid disappointment. Sign up by calling **Ron Maggio** at **872-0382** or e-mailing him at **treasurer@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org**

**K**enji Miyata is from Toyohashi, Shizuoka, Japan and has been certified as a Bonsai Master by the Japan Bonsai Association. He began his four years of schooling as a bonsai apprentice in 1973 at age 15 with Yasuo Mitsuya of Tokai-en. In 1977 he started his own bonsai business, the **Miyata-en Bonsai Garden**, where he maintained and cared for numerous private collections of prestigious and highly valued trees. Kenji successfully entered bonsai into the prestigious **Sakufu-ten Bonsai Exhibition**, which is limited to trees owned by bonsai professionals. Mr. Miyata has been conducting many demonstrations and workshops in the U.S. since 2000. He has a very dynamic style and is known for creating masterpiece bonsai.



Sawara Cypress trained by Kenji Miyata.  
Tree is over 35 inches tall.

This is your opportunity to see, hear, and learn from Mr. *Kenji Miyata*, one of the world's foremost authorities on bonsai creation and styling.

*Join us for this great afternoon  
and evening of bonsai.*

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

## Kenji Miyata (Japan)

Afternoon- Workshop 1-4pm  
Evening-Demo 7pm

Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park:  
1341 Westfall Road, near corner of  
Westfall Road and South Clinton Avenue

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### 2011 PROGRAMS

- **May 21-22:** Club Activity: BSUNY Exhibition with Demos by Harvey Carapella, Mark Arpag, and Peter Waasdorp
- **June 7:** Min Hsuan Lo (Taiwan) Demo
- **June 28:** Summer Picnic/Auction/ Sale
- **July:** TBD, Local Garden Tour
- **July 30-31:** Bus Trip & Garden Tours
- **August 23:** Summer Workshop: Bring your own tree to work on.

### Election Results

Our elections for 2011-2012 officers was held at the March meeting. Our new officers are our old officers who have graciously volunteered for another term. A special thank for all your hard work and to the committee chairs also. Our meetings are top notch thanks to all of you.

Harvey Carapella	President
Bill Valavanis	Vice-President
Marc Arpag	Secretary
Ron Maggio	Treasurer

# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

At our March meeting, Bill Valavanis presented an very interesting talk and demonstration on **clinging-to-a-rock style bonsai**. Bill began by showing a series of pictures of examples of this style of bonsai. After that he began his demonstration on a different note by showing how to do an **Inarch graft** on a dwarf maple tree. Diane Valavanis provided the extra set of hands needed to complete the graft. Bill answered a number of questions as he talked to the 55 members attending. The eight members

who took the workshop that followed the demonstration were provided with an interesting shaped stone from the bottom of Canandaigua Lake and a specially selected 'Red Elf' dwarf Firethorn. Bill with the help of Harvey Carapella, and Mark Arpag made sure that the participants went home with a great looking tree clinging-to-a-rock.

The **clinging-to-a-rock style bonsai** that Bill created was raffled off and won by Frank Leskovic. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. We also had three mini roses donated by **Iris Cohen** that were raffled along with Bill's demo tree. The winners of the mini roses were: Dana Wolf, Marty Botinski, and Richard Murphy.

*Thank you Bill for your interesting and informative program!*



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1. Bill showing photos of examples of clinging-to-a-rock style bonsai.
2. The demo started with Bill showing how to do an **Inarch graft** on a dwarf Maple.
3. Many questions were answered.
4. Tree in handmade pot on this months display table.
5. Diane helping Bill with an Inarch graft on a dwarf Maple.
6. Bill's Firethorn clinging-to-a-rock bonsai.
7. Mark helping Teresa to attach wires to her rock to hold the Firethorn tree in place while Irene gives some of her usual good advice.
8. Lots of string was used to make sure that Justin's tree is well secured to the rock.
9. Frank Leskovic looks happy after winning Bill's demo tree in the raffle.

## MAY SHOW REMINDERS

### 38th Annual Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibit

On May 21st and 22nd we will be having our annual spring show at the Monroe Community Hospital. **So start preparing your trees now.** As always, we need lots of help and there's something for everyone to do. Check out the list of committee chairs on this page. Then, if you still don't know how you want to help, give one of our directors a call and they will be glad to set you up. If you've always wanted to get involved and don't know how, now is the time. Please make sure to sign up with **Bob Pfromm** at the April meeting to help with security at the show. Show posters will be available to distribute at the meeting.



### Tree Labels for Spring Show

If anyone has any new or unusual species or variety of bonsai that they plan to exhibit at the spring show, please contact **Iris Cohen** about making a nice printed label for it. Names of the species in a saikei are helpful. If there is anything special about the pot or a rock that you would like on the label, this can be done. If you have any questions about the identity of the bonsai, you can ask any knowledgeable member of the bonsai club or call Iris about the correct name. **Please do not wait until the last minute** as these labels take time to make. If you have any questions about the labels you can contact Iris at: 6 Bevell Lane, North Syracuse, NY, 13212. Phone: 315-461-9226, e-mail: [iriscohen@aol.com](mailto:iriscohen@aol.com)

#### Exhibit Committee Chairs

<b>Directors</b>	Harvey Carapella	426-6548
	Bill Valavanis	334-2595
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	Jerome Cushman	924-3500
	Doug McDade	392-7973
	Bob Pfromm	421-0378
	Tom Friday	
	Teresa Imburgia	
<b>Reception/Admission</b>	Mark Arpag	244-6241
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<b>Security</b>	Bob Pfromm	421-0378
	Mark Arpag	244-6241

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	John Robbins	265-3716
<b>Printing</b>	Tom Friday	
<b>Raffle</b>	Doug McDade	392-7973
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<b>Sales Tables</b>	Karen Proctor	235-0567
<b>Bonsai Placement</b>	Bill Valavanis	334-2595
<b>Demos/Videos</b>	Peter Waasdorp	716-357-3456
	Harvey Carapella	426-6548
	Mark Arpag	244-6241
<b>Educational Exhibit</b>	Mark Arpag	244-6241

<b>Tree Labels</b>	Iris Cohen	315-461-9226
<b>Membership Table</b>	JoAnn Maggio	872-0382
	Irma Abu-Jumah & Peter Waasdorp	368-5630 716-357-3456
<b>Refreshments</b>	Rick Marriott	247-3401
<b>Members Choice Award</b>	Jim Dolce	247-1527
	Mark Arpag	244-6241
<b>Web Photos</b>	Irma Abu-Jumah & Tom Friday	368-5630
<b>Tokonoma</b>	Glenn Morton	
<b>Set-Up</b>	Entire Membership	
<b>Clean-Up</b>	Entire Membership	
	Dave Steele	671-2438

## Boston Bonsai Bus Trip



Visiting **Bonsai West**, **New England Bonsai Garden**,  
**Suthin's Royal Bonsai** and **Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection!**  
Leaving Sat. 7/30 returning Sunday 7/31.

**BIG Bus with facilities on board,**  
**\$100.00 per person reserves your seat!**  
**Past Adventures have sold out, don't be left behind...**  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR DEPOSIT TO THE APRIL MEETING!**

Still have questions, contact Mark Arpag at  
[secretary@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org](mailto:secretary@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org)



## It's That Time of the Year Again...

Spring has arrived! Maples and flowering trees are starting to leaf out and bloom. By now, all your outdoor, winter-hardy bonsai should be outside in the full sun. If they are showing small leaves already then it's a good sign that they made it through the winter in good condition. But, it's too early to be sure. Winter damage does not always show up until the really hot weather arrives in June. Be sure to protect bonsai which are in full leaf from sudden cold. The key temperature I look for is 25° F but 30° F is safer. If the temperature threatens to drop below what you feel comfortable with, then move your bonsai indoors for the night, then move them back out the next morning. It's a big job, but it's worth it to save the bonsai. Members have lost some trees when fooled by the weather (and the weathermen) into leaving them out when they should have come in. At this time of year, it is best to just reconcile yourself to a lot of running in and out with trees. By now, my watering is a daily task, usually about 3-4PM. Flowering bonsai require more water than conifers. Bonsai which have been recently transplanted will not require too much water, but do need extra protection from wind and for



the first few days, from too much sun. Misting helps newly transplanted bonsai. If deciduous species have not leafed out by the time you transplant, you can put them directly in the full sun, but watch out for wind. Start thinking about fertilizing, but just think for now. The next three to four weeks are the most active and fun for bonsai enthusiast. Ninety percent of my transplanting and new bonsai creations are done now, so I have to go, because, It's that time of the year.....

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