

# Billboard

Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



## February Meeting: Five Basic Bonsai Styles With Harvey Carapella

At our February meeting, Harvey Carapella will present a program about **The Five Basic Bonsai Styles**. The five basic styles to be demonstrated are: Formal Upright, Informal Upright, Slanting, Semi-Cascade, and Full Cascade. All have their own individual beauty and contentment. When shaping a tree, you must first decide which style is best suited to the tree's natural design. By learning more about the five basic bonsai styles you will get a reference point for styling and shaping your trees through out their life cycle.



The **five trees demonstrated on**, by our illustrious President, will be Shohin Bonsai size and **all will be raffled off**. Five winning tickets, first winner get his or her choice and so on. **Take note**, the more tickets you purchase give you a better chance to win a bonsai styled by one of our own award winning bonsai artists. Harvey will be working in the middle of the audience so that everyone will have a better view of the small size trees. There will also be another one of Harvey's great handouts of helpful information to take home and review. **Don't miss this one.**



2010 Members Choice Award  
Harvey's Hawthorne

**Display Table:** If you have a tree that you would care to bring for the display table, please do so.

**A Little About Harvey:** Harvey Carapella is a retired graphic designer and currently an assistant professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is the current and a past president of our society. For over thirty years he has worked to apply his knowledge of design to the art of bonsai, and has made presentations to several bonsai clubs, and at symposiums, and conferences. He has also won the award for best deciduous tree at the **2nd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition** for his Japanese Maple.



Harvey's Japanese Maple

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 pm

Harvey Carapella:

### Five Basic Bonsai Styles

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

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## 2012 PROGRAMS

- Mar. 15-18 GardenScape 2012 Society Display
- Mar. 27 Literati Style Bonsai, Demo/ Workshop at meeting: Bill Valavanis
- Apr. 24 Accessory Plantings, Demo/ Workshop at meeting: Jerome Cushman
- May 19-20 Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition
- Jun. 9-10 3rd US National Bonsai Exhibition
- Jun. 11 Yasuo Mitsuya Demo Topic TBD
- Jun. 26 Summer Picnic/ Auction/ Sale
- Jul. 24 Mert Bohonos - Garden Tour
- Aug. 28 Bring Your Own Tree Workshop
- Sep. 25 TBD
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## January Meeting Highlights

Our January meeting was highlighted with a presentation by our own Jon Robbins. The topic of Jon's PowerPoint presentation was the Basics of Wiring Bonsai. Wiring is a method of bending trunks and branches using wires in order to achieve various ideal styles and shapes. Wire is an essential tool of the bonsai lover, and wiring is an essential skill of the bonsai enthusiast. So, it is necessary for anyone serious about bonsai to become experienced at and familiar with wire and wiring. Some of the topics Jon covered were: Where to begin wiring and what thickness of wire to use; Types of wire; When to wire; How to properly wire the tree limbs; How long to leave wire on; Care of the tree after wiring; The tools that can be used while wiring; and lastly, When to remove the wire and the proper way to do so. Over forty members attended and asked many good questions.

The 'Name That Tree' contest was back this month thanks to Mark Arpag who brought in a great Crape myrtle for everyone to guess at. The lucky winner and best guesser was Joe Galley who received a bonsai related prize. Try your luck next month.

*Many thanks go to Jon Robbins for his educational presentation on a daunting technique for newcomers to bonsai. Remember not to cross your wires!*



1. The large number of members and guests enjoying Jon's PowerPoint presentation.
2. Mark Arpag's 'Name That Tree' - a very nice Crape myrtle.
3. Different species of trees require different methods of wiring.
4. Jon answering a question about how to do fine wiring on a tree.
5. Nick asking Jon a question during a break.

# Your Help Needed For GardenScape Show



**G**ardenScape 2012, *Recipe For Springtime* will take place on **March 15 to 18** at the Dome Arena in Henrietta. Our society is again having a booth in the main exhibit area. 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 inform the public about bonsai.

**We need your fine quality flowering 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 13th** at 5 pm and need your help. Also, we will be taking down the display on Sunday, **March 18th** at 5 pm and many hands make light work for everyone. More information about the show can be found at: <http://www.rochesterflowershow.com/>



Azaleas shown at the 2010 BSUNY Spring Show

## Officer Election Reminder

### Last Chance

At the **March meeting** we will be electing our 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;**  
**Rick Marriott, 247-3401**  
**and Will Hebert, 413-0346**



## Flower & Garden Showcase

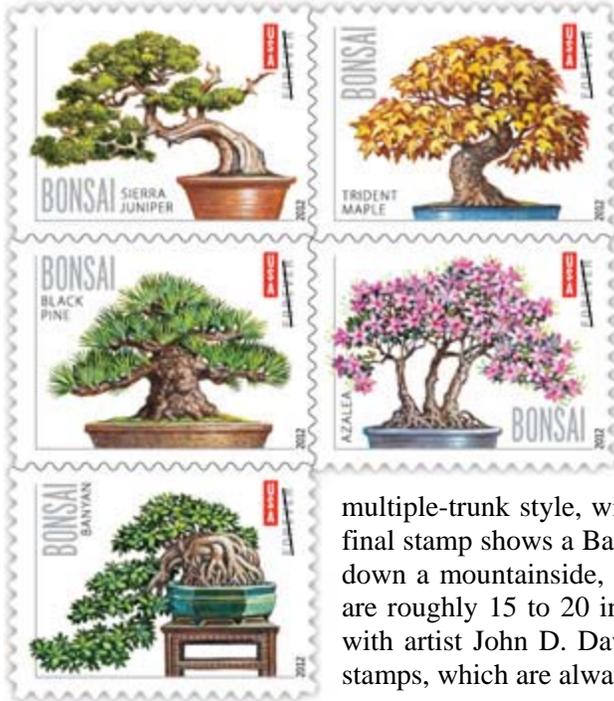


**T**he Garden Factory will be having its First Annual *Flower & Garden Showcase* on March 31st-April 1, 2012. BSUNY has been asked to participate and provide advice and answer questions on the art of bonsai. We will also have a display of bonsai trees.

Throughout this event, The Garden Factory will be hosting guest lecturers. **Mark Arpag** will be doing a talk on Saturday, and **Bill Valavanis** will do a talk on Sunday. The International Bonsai Arboretum will also have a display and sales area at the show.

We will need member trees for the society display. If you have a tree or trees for our society display please contact **Bill Valavanis** at 334-2595. Please see **Bob Pfromm** to schedule your time to help during the show.

# Bonsai Stamps Issued By U.S. Postal Service



On January 23, 2012, in Sacramento, California, the U.S. Postal Service issued a **Bonsai stamp** in five designs. With these five stamps, the U.S. Postal Service celebrates the beauty of bonsai, a horticultural art form that has become quite popular in the USA.

One of the common styles of bonsai is shown on each of these five stamps. The **First** stamp depicts a Sierra juniper in semi-cascade style, in which the tip projects over the pot rim but does not extend below the base. **Second** is a Trident maple in informal upright style, in which the trunk bends slightly to the left or right. **Third** is a Black pine in formal upright style, with the trunk straight and tapering evenly, with symmetrical branches, from base to apex. **Fourth** is an Azalea plant in multiple-trunk style, with several trunks emerging from one root system. The **Fifth** and final stamp shows a Banyan in cascade style, in which the trunk evokes a stream flowing down a mountainside, with the tip extending below the pot's base. The plants depicted are roughly 15 to 20 inches tall. Art director and stamp designer Ethel Kessler worked with artist John D. Dawson on the *Bonsai* stamps. They are being issued as Forever® stamps, which are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

**LOCAL NEWS!** The U.S. Post Office has confirmed that they will have a "temporary retail station" on site at the **3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition** on the first day, June 9, 2012 from 9 am to 5 pm. The newly released series of Forever Bonsai Stamps may be purchased there and can be cancelled with a special "Pictorial Cancellation" which Harvey Carapella designed. A two color commemorative envelope will also be available for sale to affix the new stamps to and receive the special "Pictorial Cancellation". **Another first for the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition!**



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