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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



President's Message

Greeting Friends,

I don't know about you but I just love reconnecting with my beloved Bonsai after winter releases its grip! Last month's program by Bill on Spruce was just awesome and those that signed up for the work shop went away with great Little Gems which really live up to their name. Our members clearly love Spruce Bonsai and there were a number of different types and styles that filled 3 8 foot tables!

This month Suthin will join us after several years of no travel. He is one of the most talented Bonsai Artists in the country and a genuinely great guy. Also this month the Suiseki Study Group begins a renewed energy with a Saturday program hosted by Bob Blankfield, stayed tuned for more details. RSVP will be required and there may be a limit on participants but no charge for this special program. Next month is MAY and that means our Annual Bonsai Exhibition. It's not too early to start planning your display and preparing your trees!

Mark



Mame Cherry - don't forget to take photos of your trees to evaluate their progress!



The "before" photo taken Spring 2017 by Jason Henderberg at the Garden factory. The "after" taken this Spring shows what can be done with very humble landscape shrubbery in a relatively short time. Spring is a great time to start new projects!

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday April 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Suthin Sukosolvisit with a
surprise program!**

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Buckland Lodge at Brighton Town Park

Our Refreshment Manager, Marti Macinski will provide snacks, coffee, and individual drinks. If you are willing to bring something to share, please email Marti at mmacinski@mac.com.

2024 Programs:

- April 23 - 7 pm Suthin Sukosolvisit presentation, with workshop in the afternoon. Reserve now, limited to 8 people, at a price of \$150 each
- April 27 - 1 pm Suiseki Study Group
- May 19 - 9 - 5 Club Show at Golisano Autism Center
- May 18 & 19 - IBA Spring Open House
- June 11 - Corin Tomlinson, special meeting and afternoon workshop
- June 15 - 1 pm Suiseki Study Group
- June 25 - 6:30 pm Club Picnic & Auction
see page 4 for more dates for 2024

Spring programs - don't miss these opportunities!



Our March meeting featured our own Bill Valavanis, with a program on Spruce, and a workshop in the afternoon. The workshop, of course, sold out. We enjoyed Bill's expertise and artistry - always so inspiring.

Then in April, our featured artist is Suthin Sukosolvisit. We have not had the honor of his presence in many years, so this is quite a treat. Some background info from Suthin's website:

Born in Thailand, Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai. His expertise also includes Japanese maple, Juniper, Azalea, Black Pine and many other species.

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We are excited that Suthin will not only offer his presentation at our meeting, but during the afternoon, he will offer a workshop (you bring the tree of your choice) from 1 - 4, for a fee of \$150.00 (this money goes to the club). Increase your excitement about this program - connect to Suthin's website here: <https://www.suthinbonsaistudio.com/>

May brings our Club show at the Golisano Autism Center. Get your tree(s) ready starting now. Maybe you'll want to sign up for a few of

Bill's Open Workshops for some good advice and counseling?! And make sure you plan to get tickets to give/sell to all your friends and family! Tickets will be available at the April 23rd meeting.

In June we have a surprise pop up meeting. Corin Tomlinson happens to be "in the neighborhood" for a workshop with Sean Smith. We're highjacking him and bringing him back for a special June meeting on the 4th/11th. He'll do a presentation and demo, and will also offer a workshop in the afternoon. This is a special treat. Don't delay in reserving your spot in the workshop.



Access to ABS online magazine via BSUNY membership

As part of your membership, you are entitled to link to the online magazine for the American Bonsai Society. This is the link:

<https://www.americanbonsaisociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-March.pdf>

In addition to this online access, you can also find the physical copy of this journal in our library. We also have the physical copy of the BCI magazine.

Suiseki Study Group re-organizing

This is a repeat from the March Billboard, but we think it might take a bit for folks to learn about this study group and make plans to join in on the activities, so here it is again.

We are happy to report that an active committee including Mark Arpag, Les Allen, Bob Blankfield and Tom Macinski have come together to revive and invigorate our Suiseki Study Group. The purpose of the Suiseki Study Group is to provide an opportunity for members to delve more deeply into specific aspects of the art of collecting, appreciating and displaying Suiseki. The Suiseki Study group has planned a few sessions throughout this year, and will meet regularly to plan more. If you want to be involved with this, either as a participant, or helping to steer the committee, do speak up!

This is the list of plans for the Suiseki Study Group this year, and these dates are listed on the calendar as well.

Saturday, April 27 1pm - Daiza discussion at the home of Bob Blankfield. More details to come.

Saturday June 15 1 pm - Topic and location TBD

Saturday August 17 9 am - Tanseki walk in previous location which will be supplied when you sign up. Followed by lunch (dutch treat) and discussion.

Saturday & Sunday September 7 & 8. Suiseki exhibit by club members at International Bonsai Arboretum Open House

Tuesday, October 22 7 pm - Club meeting, Study group exhibition and presentation on collecting by Les Allen

SUISEKI CORNER

ROCKY'S CORNER

Abegawa ishi (Mount Fuji stone)

14" x 9" x 5"

Previous Owners:

Mr. Katsuji Kawai, Senji Morimae

Current Owner: Ronald C. Maggio,
USA

Recently displayed February 2024

Nippon Suiseki

Association Exhibition (Japan) and
published in

their 61st catalogue

Ron Maggio



SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Shohin Bonsai Pots

The tree is an Informal Upright style, the dense foliage is creating a nicely balanced dome shape apex. A nice heavy trunk for such a small tree, but it's not in the direct center of the symmetrical pot, as it should be. No matter what shape the pot is, as long as it is symmetrical the tree should be potted dead center. Red and Green are Direct Complimentary colors, creating a dramatic visual appeal. The Pink pot is not Red, but is in the Red family of colors, so it still has a dramatic appeal. A Pink pot is unusual adding its own interest and actually is the Focal Point, because it is so unusual. With Shohin Bonsai the pots can create a lot of interest and in many cases be the Focal Point, adding to the dramatic and visually exciting bonsai. The pot below the Pink pot is a great example of what I mean. The multi colors and dimensional relief surface is so interesting and exciting that while it compliments the bonsai it also demands your attention.

Harvey Carapella

BSUNY Community Outreach

A quick reminder that we have a “user-friendly” presentation available for any BSUNY member to provide a talk at garden clubs, nature-oriented organizations, or any interested group. This past October, the Osher group at RIT received a bonsai presentation and presently, we have talks lined up for the Henrietta Garden Club in April, and the Geneseo Garden Club in October. If you know of any organization that might be interested in hearing about bonsai, please let John Wiessinger know at natureetours@gmail.com

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2024 Program dates:

- May 19 - 9 - 5 Club Show at Golisano Autism Center
- May 18 & 19 - IBA Spring Open House
- June 25- 7 pm Club Picnic and Auction
- July 23 - 7 pm Field Trip TBD
- August 17 - 9 am Tanseki walk
- August 27 - 7 pm Bring your own Tree
- September 7 & 8 - IBA Fall Open House with Suiseki exhibit by club members
- September 24 - 7 pm TBD
- October 22 - 7 pm Suiseki Study Group Exhibition and presentation on collecting by Les Allen