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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



## From our President

Greetings Friends,

Our Sweltering summer is speeding by and if you blink the 9th US National Bonsai Exhibition will be here! Please don't blink we have so much to do before then.

With this great show comes multiple opportunities to study and learn more and add to or improve your Bonsai and your joy! If you are a member of this Bonsai Society it is an absolute must to attend the Show and if you are able to also participate in the ABS programs too. If you are willing to help out with either or both events please reach out.

Last month our Suiseki Road Trip to Erie was a great success and last weekend we enjoyed the peace, quiet and tranquility of nature and also found interesting Stones to take home for further study. Please remember that this driest and hottest summer in many years can be hard on your trees, please give them extra care !

Looking forward to seeing you at our August Open workshop!

Mark



Portal to our Tanseki adventure

## Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 pm Bring your own tree

This program is always popular. We know you've been working away on your trees, keeping them watered, keeping them cool(?), removing wire, adding wire, fertilizing, etc. And with all this work, you have lots of questions about one or two trees - what to do now? This is your chance to get several suggestions from our in house resident experts - Harvey, Joe, Bob and Mark. Bring a couple of trees, bring a notebook to write down all the suggestions you will be given, and learn what the possibilities can be!

And don't forget our silent auction, which we've skipped for a few months with the June big auction, and the July summer outing. Bring your donations and bring your checkbook.

### Buckland Lodge at Brighton Town Park

*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](mailto:mmacinski@mac.com).*

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## 2025 Programs:

- August 26 - 7 pm, Bring your own tree
  - September 15 - Noon - 4 Bring your own tree workshop with Toru Suzuki. \$75 for club members, \$100 for others. Limited to 10. Held at International Bonsai Arboretum. Reserve with Treasurer Diane Koretz: [Diane.Koretz@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.Koretz@gmail.com)
  - September 15 - 7 pm Toru Suzuki, speaker from the US National Exhibition *Note the day change to fit with the US National Exhibition*
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## US National Exhibition - LOTS to know

Maybe you have been under a rock, or a tree, or otherwise not paying attention. It's time to wake up and realize that the 9th US National Bonsai Exhibition is right around the corner, and you need to plan to be there!

What's going on, and how can you help? The National Exhibition itself is Saturday and Sunday, but there's lots to do during the preceding week. Here's the overall schedule, let us know when you can help:

Tuesday, September 9, all day - morning is ironing curtains (bring an iron if you have one), afternoon is moving tables, hanging curtains, setting up posts, curtains and skirting

Wednesday, September 10, all day - more of Tuesday

Thursday, September 11, all day - repeat Tuesday and Wednesday

Friday, September 12, morning only - final set up

Saturday, September 13, we need people in shifts of 8 - 12, 12 - 2 and 2 - 5 to answer questions, be security, check people in,

Sunday, September 14, same as Saturday except the 2 - 6 shift will be taking down, loading trucks, moving things back to IBA, general clean up.

Please do try to help at least one day during the week, (more is always welcome) and as much as possible over the weekend. This show is very important, and very special to the Bonsai community nationwide and world wide.

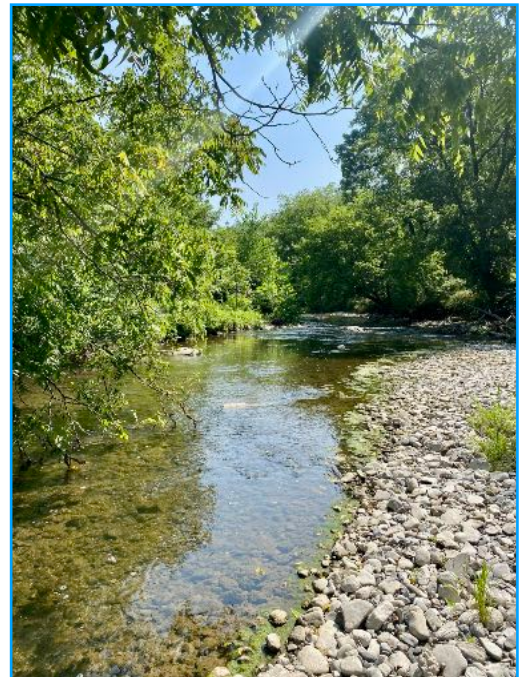
See you there!

## Suiseki Corner and Suiseki Study Group

Our Suiseki Study Group is open to all Club members - is keeping the enthusiasm high in 2025.

- The Suiseki study group met on Saturday, June 14 at 1 pm, at Bob Blankfield's home. Members brought stones and shared stories about the stone, as well as stories about collecting the stone.
- The group met again on Saturday, July 26, at Les Allen's home in Erie, PA. This road trip included Harry Clark's and Dave Bennet's gardens and fun lunch break at The Skunk and The Goat. It was a long day, but very inspiring and energizing for all who went. Many thanks for Les, Harry and Dave for sharing their work with our group.
- This year's Tanseki walk was on August 9. The day was perfect, there were lots of excellent stones collected, and many stories share, both during the walk and at lunch afterward at our favorite Penn Yan watering hole - Silverbird Woodfired.
- During the US National Exhibition, on Sunday, September 14, Les Allen will lead a guided tour of the Suiseki portion of the exhibit, with a discussion of the stones and their stories.

The Suiseki Study Group is a wonderful addition to our club as it expands our appreciation of another aspect of the Bonsai world. Consider joining this special group.



Peace, quiet and tranquility



## Welcome new members

These are folks who have joined our club in 2025. Please look for them at meetings and make a connection.

Matthew Anauo  
Bob Harding  
Dan Hrabar  
James Jeffery  
Brigitte Clement-Fleming  
Norman Madsen  
Patrick Russo  
Jim Sorrentino  
Maxwell Stwertka

And new members - don't be shy. Reach out to all of us at meetings and let us know how your trees are doing.



Another Shohin picture from Mark, just because there is a spot for it (See p. 4 for Shohin corner)

## Bonsai and Suiseki events around and about

Every year, Bill, Mark and many others find it difficult to stay home, and go trekking across the country in search of additional Bonsai knowledge and camaraderie. Going to other club events and exhibitions is an excellent way to learn something new, gain a new perspective and meet like minded Bonsai folks.

- American Bonsai Society Learning Seminars September 12 and 13, 2025  
with 9th US National Bonsai Exhibition Double Tree, Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY
- 9th US National Bonsai Exhibition September 13 and 14, 2025  
Total Sports Experience, East Rochester, NY  
Tickets and more now available on Bill's web site:  
[www.internationalbonsai.com](http://www.internationalbonsai.com)
- Winter Silhouette Bonsai Exhibition, December 6 & 7, 2025  
Kannapolis, NC

## SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Many thanks to Mark Arpag for stepping in while Harvey Carapella is unavailable.

This is Mark's shohin display from the 2023 National Bonsai Exhibition

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### 2025 Program dates:

- October 28 7 pm TBD
  - November 25 7 pm TBD
  - December 16 6 pm Holiday party and Auction
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*More info will come soon, but the Board has been busy working toward the 9th US National Bonsai Exhibition.*