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President's Message

Greetings Friends,

We find ourselves just one month from the 8th US National Bonsai Exhibition. All of the Exhibitions have been held in Rochester New York and the first was held in 2008, 15 years ago! We are so fortunate that Bill Valavanis took on this mission to showcase the finest American Bonsai, most of which few even knew existed and fewer yet had ever seen. The excellent Exhibition Albums stand as now historical documentation of the high level of Bonsai in the US. The comments at each show have been in awe of the beauty and that the level continues to get better. Everyone does Bonsai at their own pace and for their personal enjoyment but to really appreciate our Art you owe it to yourselves to experience Bonsai at its highest level. I promise you will be so glad you did! The weather cooperated and we were treated once again to Jerry Kral's Enchanted Garden. This was my 3rd time and each time he has added new rare plants and enhanced the design with new Art and Sculptures!

This month is our very popular Open Workshop. I hope to see you and trees, many people leave with a brand new excitement for the trees they brought! August has been our go to Suiseki Collection Trip, but this year we will go after the National Exhibition when it will provide some much needed peace of mind. Many people go away during the summer and have friends, neighbors or family members water their Bonsai. Please take the time to show them how to water, also I recommend telling them to water EVEN if it rains! We use free draining soils and better to potentially overwater than to lose trees from under watering. It is best if you can find a Bonsai Buddy to share watering duties and enjoy your time away rather than worrying. - Mark



Before and after 17 Trunk raft
Eastern White Cedar styled by Mark Arpag.
Remember to take before photos!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 22 7:00 pm

Bring your own Tree

Our August meeting is a wonderful opportunity to get some helpful advice for the development of some of your trees. Bring one or two trees and get valuable input from several of our most experienced members. No repotting at this session, but you should bring wire and tools so you can immediately implement some of the ideas.

This meeting is an important member benefit - you will get both plenty of advice and an abundance of entertainment.

Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park

The Brighton Town Lodge is at 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY near the corner of Westfall and Clinton.

Our Refreshment Manager, Marti Macinski, will provide coffee, individual drinks and treats., and will be calling some of you to help with set up and take down. Don't wait - you can volunteer by sending an email to: mmacinski@mac.com

2023 Programs:

- August 22 7:00 pm - Bring Your Own Tree - lots of advice from our more experienced members
- September 9 & 10 - US National Bonsai Exhibition
- September 11 - 7 pm Meeting: Koji Hiramatsu *note special Monday date with our speaker staying after the National Bonsai Exhibition. Mr. Hiramatsu will offer a workshop in the afternoon, from 1 - 4. The cost will be \$75.00. Register with Treasurer Diane Koretz at Diane.Koretz@gmail.com.*
- *See more dates into next year on page 3.*

8th U.S. National Exhibition



Obviously, the National is Big News, we're repeating much of the information from the July Billboard. Please let us know if and when you can volunteer - both to help move in and set up, and during the show itself. Review the list of day by day opportunities, and send an email to Bill Valavanis and Marti Macinski with your availability and preferences. Bill: wrv@internationalbonsai.com Marti: mmacinski@mac.com



Beautiful trees in a beautiful display



A well stocked vendor area will meet all your bonsai needs.



Tour the show with an expert during a critique.

Monday, September 4 (yes, that's Labor Day) - be at International Bonsai Arboretum at 9:30 am to load the truck with many of the display structures for the show. If you have a truck and can make it available on Monday and Tuesday, to load and unload, that is very helpful.

Tuesday, September 5 - 9:30 am. Drive from IBA to Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, in East Rochester, and unload all the display structures. Probably half a day.

Wednesday, September 6 - all day, starting at 9 am. Help place tables and framing, iron and hang curtains and bunting to set up the show. No experience is required for this, but a strong back is helpful.

Thursday, September 7 - all day, starting at 9 am. Finish placing tables, curtains and all structures in the morning. Trees begin to arrive in the afternoon. Help unload trees and vendors.

Friday, September 8 - 9 am until noon. Help finishing placement of tables, trees, vendors, curtains and more. Everyone is kicked out at noon for the judging to begin.

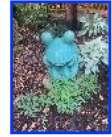
Saturday, September 9 - 9 am until 5. Help direct visitors and watch trees, which also involves "security" in the form of preventing people from touching the trees. We also need a few people to help with moving trees in and out of place to be photographed for the commemorative album.

Sunday, September 10 - 9 am until 4 pm. Same as Saturday. AND we need a few people to help break down the displays, load trucks, and deliver everything back to IBA. It would also be helpful to have 3-5 people at IBA on Monday morning to unload and put everything away

July meeting: Jerry and Karen Kral Garden Tour

Wow, wow, and wow again! Our July tour of the Kral Garden was so very special, and so very inspiring. Pictures cannot do justice - this is a garden that must be experienced. We all can appreciate the hard work this garden requires on a daily basis and year 'round. But just like our bonsai trees, the hard work is what lets the magic and artistry show through, and that is what this visit was all about - magic, artistry, and a truly emotional connection with everything that grows there. You can read about our Club's previous visit to this special garden, see Bill Valavanis' blog: <https://valavanisbonsaiblog.com/2018/07/24/the-jerry-kral-garden/> AND you can also view Jason Henderberg's 3D photo tour of the garden: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=sBdD9zWVx9K>.

BUT - if you get the chance for a tour and you missed this one, don't miss it again! Many thanks to Jerry and Karen for allowing us to share this special place.



DUES NOTICE

At our recent Board of Directors meeting, we made the difficult decision to raise dues. Effective for the 2024 year, dues will be \$50 whether for an individual or for a family. Please know that the Board considered this very carefully, and reluctantly concluded that all of our costs are increasing (rental of the Buckland Lodge, insurance, travel expenses for speakers, etc.), and yet dues have remained constant for more than 5 years. In addition, our club auctions, both at the Holiday Party and at the June picnic, have seen reduced income in the past 2 years. Dues notices will come out in December, and are payable by January 31, but we wanted to let you know about this as soon as possible, for planning purposes.

50th Anniversary Shirts

Some of you were so caught up in the picnic and auction in June that you might have missed the opportunity to order a 50th anniversary shirt. Joe Moore is putting together an order right now, so let him know what you want. The shirts are collared golf style, color choices are grey, black, blue or red, and the price is \$23.00. Reach out to Joe at jmoore431@aol.com to place your order, letting him know your size and 2 color choices.

2023 and 2024 Programs:

- October 24 *Tentative* We are working on plans for a Dinner to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Club. We expect to feature a display of Presidents' trees, and also to include an auction of significant trees with reserve pricing. Look for details coming in a separate email soon.
- November 28- Design studio led by Mark Arpag. Bring one of your trees for input. Our in house experts will help you think through the design of your tree.
- December 19 - Annual Holiday Party and fundraising auction. Start sorting now and plan to donate your extra items to our fundraising auction. No gag gifts, wrap items as possible, and bring your checkbooks to help support your club.
- January 23 - Harvey Carapella Topic TBD.
- February 27 - TBD
- March 26 - Bill Valavanis Topic TBD
- April 23 - TBD
- May 18 & 19 - Club Show
- June 25 - Annual picnic and auction
- July 23 - Bring your own tree
- August 27 - Bring your own tree
- September 24 - TBD

Your Board of Directors is working hard to schedule interesting and informative speakers and programs for the next year. These are the dates and we'll update the content as it is confirmed.



Shohin Bonsai, Silverberry

This is a Two Line, Full Cascade or Semi Cascade? It's right on the border line between either one. I'm going to call it a Full Cascade, because the tree extends out and down almost the whole depth of the pot, and the fruit hangs down below the bottom edge of the pot. The pot is a little small for the overall mass of the tree, if it was in a little larger pot it would probably be a Semi Cascade. Because the fruit is the exact same color as the pot, they strongly harmonize together forming the Focal Point. The bright Red pot and bright Green foliage are a Direct Complementary color combination creating a strong color contrast. Direct Complementary colors are directly opposite each other on the basic color wheel. The other Direct Complementary color combinations are Yellow & Violet and Blue & Orange.

Harvey Carapella

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New FREE Bimonthly International BONSAI OnLine Magazine

After publishing International BONSAI for 42 years and producing 164 issues, Bill Valavanis has decided to suspend the printed edition and start producing the magazine in a FREE digital bimonthly format in order to order to expand his educational offerings. International BONSAI OnLine will continue with the high standards of quality introduced to English language bonsai magazines, and continues to be the first and only professional bonsai magazine published in the United States. In the first month of publication over 16,000 people have viewed the magazine and over and over 1,300 have subscribed. Check it out, and subscribe FREE too!

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