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President's Message

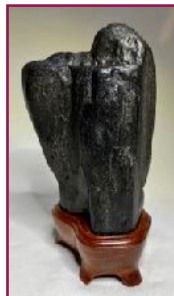
Greetings and Happy New Year Friends!

The big news for 2023 - we are Celebrating 50 years of the Bonsai Society in Upstate NY! The next big news for this year is the 8th US National Bonsai Exhibition held in September in Rochester! These are things to be excited about but they require our members to be actively involved. We have some of the most talented, dedicated, generous people I have every had the privilege of knowing and it is because of them that we have been able to enjoy the Art of Bonsai at a high level.

This past year was a very busy and successful one on many levels but a disappointment in that with many members enjoying the bounty of programs and special events but only a core of the same people contributed to making it successful.

That needs to change. This year will only be a success if everyone contributes in as many ways as they can. That includes your time, your talents, your ideas and enthusiasm, but certainly not the least financially. I know your Club can count on you! On that note, DUES are DUE this month January 2023. We not only appreciate your timely renewal but we need it too. Thanks you all for your renewed commitment to making the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York such a great Club and insuring we continue for another 50 years!

Mark



Bob Blankfield's latest diazas - maybe you can share your work in future Billboards?!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Harvey Carapella will discuss and demonstrate Cascade Style Bonsai

This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to hear from and watch one of our founding members. Harvey Carapella has been a Bonsai hobbyist since 1979 (44 years!) This is his first lecture/Demo since COVID. Harvey will present a Lecture on Cascade Style Bonsai, and then will work on a Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper, which will be raffled off. And because Harvey has taught for many years (Assistant Professor at RIT for 45 years teaching Basic Design and Basic Drawing) there is pre-"homework" in the form of a handout that will accompany the email forwarding this Billboard. In addition to his professorship, Harvey has been a Freelance Graphic Designer/Illustrator at RIT for 36 years, He is also a past president of this club for over 20 years, a Nationally recognized award winning Bonsai artist and the Art Director and Designer of International Bonsai Magazine. You don't want to miss this!

**Brighton Town Lodge at
Buckland Park
1341 Westfall Road, Rochester**

Our Refreshment Manager, Marti Macinski will provide some snacks, coffee, and individual drinks. If you are willing to bring something to share, please email Marti at billboard@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org.

2023 Programs:

- January 24 - 7 pm Harvey Carapella program on Cascade style Bonsai
see page 3 for more dates for 2023, and for some more info about the upcoming events



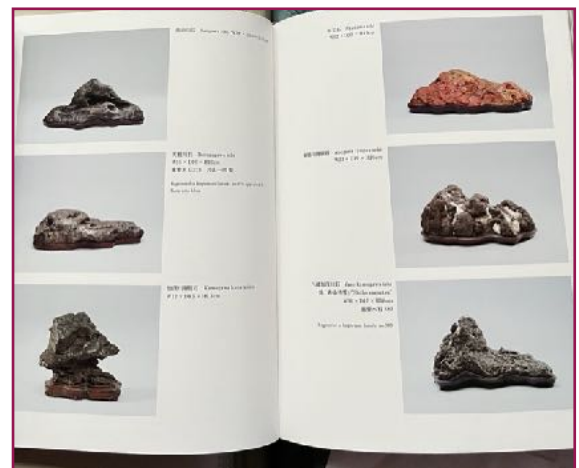
Kunio Kobayashi just release a hard cover book “The World of Bonsai Artist Kunio Kobayashi”. He is head of Shunkaen Bonsai Museum and also chairman of the Nippon Suiseki Association.

The book includes many beautiful Suiseki. Some of the pages include Suiseki from years past.

Included in this beautifully photographed book are also Bonsai, Dobans, Suibans, display stands, and Tempai.

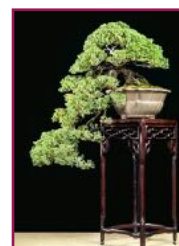
See Bill Valavanis if you are interested in purchasing this very fine book.

Les Allen



WINTER SILHOUETTE BONSAI SHOW

Bill and Mark attended and presented at the Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show in Kannapolis, NC. These are some pictures from that show. This show is always the first weekend in December - put it on your calendar for next year.



2023 Dues Notice

Dear BSUNY member,

We hope that you have enjoyed your membership in the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY, Inc. and that you have found it helpful with your bonsai work. With your continued support we can continue to provide high quality educational material at our meetings.

Membership dues for the 2023 calendar year are now due. Please send your check now to keep your name on our membership list and to continue receiving the Billboard and other membership news.

Starting in 2021, we changed our policy so that annual membership dues are due during the month of January, not later than 1/31/2023 for membership through the end of 2023.

Please note that all news and announcements, including the Billboard, will be provided only via email going forward.

If you have questions about your membership, please send those questions to:
treasurer@bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org.

Thank you, Diane Koretz, Treasurer, BSUNY

2023 Dues are due

BSUNY Dues and Membership form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please make payable to and mail
your check to:
Bonsai Society of Upstate NY, Inc.
PO Box 92215, Rochester, NY 14692

Individual member: \$30.00
Family membership: \$35.00

2023 Program dates:

- January 24 - 7 pm Harvey Carapella, Cascade Bonsai
- February 28 - 7 pm TBD
- March 28 - 7 pm Bill Valavanis, spruce bonsai with workshop in the afternoon
- April 25 - 7 pm TBD
- May 21 - 9 - 5 Club Show at Golisano Autism Center: 50th Anniversary Club Show!!!
- June 27- 7 pm Club Picnic and Auction
- July 25 - 7 pm Field Trip to Dwarf Conifer Garden
- August 22 - 7 pm Bring your own Tree
- September 9 & 10 - National Bonsai Exhibition
- September 11 - 7 pm Meeting:
note special date as we will offer a speaker who will stay after the National Bonsai Exhibition

SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Mame Shohin Bonsai, Trident Maple

The trunk of this Semi-Cascade bonsai has very interesting twists and turns. The trunk is planted in the direct center of the round pot, which is the ideal position for a Symmetrically shaped pot. My only suggestion, would be to prune off all the larger outside leaves with the long stems, leaving only the more compact smaller leaves, (see bottom photo). The Yellow/Green foliage and Yellow pot are an Analogous color combination. Analogous colors are made up of each other and Harmonize together rather than Color Contrasting each other. Although, Analogous colors can have a Light & Dark contrast even though the colors Harmonize. In this case the foliage and pot are a similar value and creates a quiet restful feeling.

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 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! www.internationalbonsaionline.com