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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



## From our President

Greetings Friends,

I was pleased to hear our Picnic and auction was a great success in Bill and my absence!

Thankful for all who contributed to making sure it was successful, I am eternally grateful!

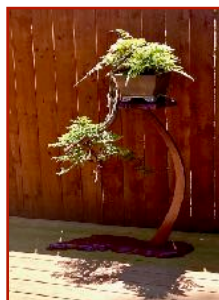
We have had a fairly hot summer so far and with attentive watering & fertilizing your trees should be doing well and I hope all of you are doing well too. It is easy to be surprised when things change for better or worse as we tend to take things for granted. Whether it's our Bonsai or our family and friends it's important to pay attention and always provide affection.

Unfortunately a few of our members have suffered injuries or ailments and several have lost family or friends in the recent month. We have always been there for each other and I hope that always remains.

In other news, Bill and I were notified that all our submissions to the Pacific Bonsai Expo were accepted by the 5 jurors making selections.

Our summer has only just begun but if someone blinks it will be gone so please enjoy it and your Bonsai every single day.

Mark



Korean Hornbeam Family photo and  
Eastern White Cedar enjoying a sunny day



Early Summer Scene

## Garden Tour Meeting

**Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm**  
**Johnson's Nursery and Garden Center,**  
**11753 East Main St., East Aurora, NY**



When some of us went to the Buffalo Bonsai Club's show, we were tipped off about Johnson's Nursery in East Aurora. Some of us checked it out on the way home, and that led to this special tour for our July meeting. We will meet at Johnson's at 6 pm, as they are staying open late just for us.

You can visit their Facebook page to get an idea of what they have.

Some folks are going to make a pilgrimage to Ted's Hot Dogs nearby beforehand, but that is something you can choose to do on your own, nothing is going to be organized. And because we are on the road, we won't be having snacks, drinks, coffee, etc. Feel free to bring your own drink or snack for your own personal use.

## 2024 Programs:

- July 23 - 6 pm Special Garden Tour at Johnson's Nursery in East Aurora
- 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

## Ron Maggio - in Memoriam



Ronald Charles Maggio Sr, passed away in the early morning on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 82 years old. It was a sudden and unexpected. Ron was heavily involved with the continued success of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY since he joined thirty years ago. Ron served as the club Treasurer for many years and was always ready to help provide assistance at events that promoted bonsai awareness. He also was a fundamental leader of the Suiseki portion of our club and amassed a substantial collection of prominent stones from all over the world. At meetings with raffles, Ron often was the lucky winner who pulled the correct ticket but behind the scenes his good fortune was built on generously buying lots of tickets! He was best known for his energetic personality and willingness to help others as was evident in his many volunteer endeavors. Ron will be missed.

Viewing hours will be on Wednesday, July 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 at Falvo Funeral Home in Webster.  
Funeral mass will be on Thursday, July 11th at 11:00 at the Church of Holy Spirit in Webster.



## Suiseki Study Group

The newly invigorated Suiseki Study Group - which is open to all Club members - is meeting again and has a regular schedule for the year.

Put these dates on your calendar and make plans to join the group.

The June meeting was on June 15 at 1 pm, and Bill's report on that meeting is below. Little did those in attendance know that that would be their last time to see Ron Maggio. We have included some Suiseki photos Ron had provided from previous Billboard's as a tribute to his dedication to educating other club members about Suiseki - those pictures are available on page 2.

**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. Email sign up will be announced in July with a special email.

**Saturday & Sunday September 7 & 8.** Suiseki exhibit by club members at IBA Open House

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



On Saturday, June 15, 2024, seven members of our Suiseki Study Group met at the International Bonsai Arboretum for a program. Ron Maggio, Bob Blankfield and Bill Valavanis led the discussion on displaying suiseki. Bill shared a comprehensive 12 page handout he obtained at a recent ABS Learning Seminar. It contained valuable, concise information on: suiseki links, viewing stone appreciation glossary and Japanese suiseki classification.

Each brought several examples of their stones, storage boxes, display tables and accessory plantings. After the stones were introduced several displays were composed with the input of all seven members. The following were displayed: suiseki with accessory plantings, bonsai with suiseki and suiseki with grass plantings (larger accessory plantings where the plants were the main object of display.) Also discussed was the upcoming Suiseki Study Group display t the upcoming 2024 Autumn Open House at the International Bonsai Arboretum on September 7-8, 2024.



## SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



### Shohin Bonsai, Variety Shimpaku Juniper

This tree is a Two Line Semi Cascade, the tree extends out horizontally from the container, but does not drop below the top edge of the container. The container is moving from Right to Left as does the tree, creating a strong visual harmony between the two. Another strong element of harmony is the color and texture of both the container and the trunk of the tree, they are the same. This is creating a very strong overall composition between the container and the tree as one, rather than two separate elements. Because of this strong visual harmony the Focal Point is the White dead wood. The contrast of the bright White against the dark Brown trunk and pot and the dark Green foliage demands your attention. The trunk visually feels like a continuation of the pot.

Harvey Carapella

## Places to go for Bonsai

Throughout the year, Bill, Mark and others from our club go to various Bonsai Shows, meetings and private workshop events. We'll list these on a regular basis so you can decide if you should join in the fun.

Midwest Bonsai Show - August 17 - 18, Chicago Botanic Garden  
Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show Dec 7 - 8 Kannapolis NC

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