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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



## President's Message

Greeting's Friends,

Last month marked our 50th Bonsai Exhibition shared with the Community! It was great to see our members proudly display their beloved Bonsai including some for the first time or second time as well as a few return cameo appearances by former Members Choice Award winners! *Very special thanks to Bill Valavanis and Harvey Carapella, whose planning, execution, contributions and more were over the top, as always.* The set up, the show itself and take down went well thanks to the hours of planning and prep as well as enthusiastic and experienced Members pitching in to help, you have my deepest appreciation!!!

I want to also thank our Members from Erie, Pa., Buffalo, Syracuse, Ithaca and other long distances for making the commitment to your Bonsai Society, THANK YOU ALL!!!

This month we are looking forward to our Annual Picnic Sale and Auction and we need this to be the great time AND great fund raiser we have come to expect. Our expenses have gone up substantially since Covid impacted everything. Please be generous with your donations and gifts for this great event! *See page 3 for more details.*

This is a great month to catch up on Spring work that was delayed by our crazy weather and make decisions on reducing some of your work load ...hint, hint 😊 - Mark



## CLUB PICNIC & AUCTION

Tuesday, June 27, 7 pm

The club picnic is always a good time to connect with other members, share some food and bonsai stories, and then get down to the business of the auction- our club's major fundraiser.

First - the picnic. **We'll start at 6 pm.** The club will provide shrimp as we gather, and then pulled pork and rolls (thanks, Joe Lentner!). We're hoping all club members will bring your favorite dish to share. To make sure we cover all the food groups, please send an email indicating what you plan to bring. There is no such thing as "too many desserts", but we do want to make sure we all get a balanced meal. Please let Marti Macinski know what you plan to bring: [mmacinski@mac.com](mailto:mmacinski@mac.com).

Then - the auction. Bring your overstock items, and register with treasurer Diane Koretz. And bring your checkbook, cash or credit card. As bids are completed, Diane will record the details. AT THE END, you can settle up with Diane for the items you purchased. You get to clean out those extra pots, trees and tools, and you and the club benefit, as the club keeps 20% of the proceeds. **(You do have the option of donating the entire proceeds to the club.)**

More info on the auction on Page 3.

### Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park

*The Brighton Town Lodge is at 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY near the corner of Westfall and Clinton. The club will provide coffee, tea, drinks, shrimp for appetizers, pulled pork for the main dish - we hope everyone else will bring the rest.*

## 2023 Programs:

- June 27 - 7 pm Club Picnic and Auction
- July 25 - 7 pm Field Trip to Dwarf Conifer Garden

## Shohin Feature

### Mame Shohin Bonsai, Japanese Maple



What a sweet perfect little tree. It's a one line Full Cascade in a shohin size cascade pot. Even though it's a very small tree, it still has heavy surface roots, a heavy lower trunk and great taper, all in great proportions. I am sure there are some who will say the leaves are a bit too large, that doesn't bother me a bit, there's just enough foliage mass to balance the visual weight of the pot. If the large leaves really bother you that much, there's a couple of ways to control that. You could leaf prune it several times during the growing season, which will reduce the leaf size or just continually prune off the largest leaves leaving only the smaller ones.

Harvey Carapella

## BSUNY 50th Anniversary Club show a resounding success!!

The 50th anniversary Club Show was an enormous success. Some pictures from members are here for those of you who weren't able to attend.

It was great to see some newer members display their trees: this Facebook post from Toby Ziegler says it best: "This was my first display in an exhibition. . . . I appreciate all of the help, input and constructive criticism from everyone in the club and feel luck to be a part of this." Many thanks to Jason, Evan and Tom for great pictures!



## And some more Club Show pictures



## Make plans for the June Club Picnic

Our club picnic in June is a great opportunity - for many reasons.

- Clean out your extras - pots, seedlings, duplicate trees, books, magazines and more (all Bonsai related, please). You can auction them off, and either donate all the proceeds to the Club, or the club will keep 20% and send you a check for the rest. **( Or you can donate the entire proceeds!)**
- Show up with your checkbooks and cash, and bid early and often. Another club member's trash can become your treasure, and your purchases support the club.
- Come at 6 for the picnic, and enjoy some social time with fellow club members.
- Bring a dish to pass. Email Marti Macinski with what you plan to bring: [mmacinski@mac.com](mailto:mmacinski@mac.com)



## 2023 Program dates:

- August 22 - 7 pm Bring your own Tree
- September 9 & 10 - National Bonsai Exhibition
- September 11 - 7 pm Meeting: *note special Monday date as we will offer a speaker who will stay after the National Bonsai Exhibition, the speaker will be Koji Hiramatsu*

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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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