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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



From our President

Greetings Friends,

We all are deep into the busiest times for Bonsai and their People, that's you and me! Every moment YOU spend with your trees is rewarding but exhibiting them is YOUR return on your investment of time, please make sure you show love and respect to your Bonsai and we look forward to enjoying them together at our Club Show! Please don't forget your best Suiseki, either as a stand alone display or with your Bonsai.

This year we are very excited to bring back our Wine and Cheese VIP Reception, this time as a Fund Raiser for our club and The Golisano Autism Center! This is going to be a great event and I am personally committed to selling 10 tickets to the event. I invite everyone to commit to helping out if you are able to at what ever level you are comfortable with. Even just one \$25 ticket purchase by each member would be huge! If you display a tree you are FREE, if you help set up or take down you are FREE. Beyond that every \$25 ticket you get to sell or give as a gift to friends or family is to support Two NONPROFIT organizations and both worthy of your support. And note, the ticket to the Reception includes admission to the show on Sunday.

I am also excited about the workshop for 20 members of the Autistic community on Sunday morning benefiting the Golisano Autism Center. This is your Bonsai Society and we NEED your help and support to make this a great success. Please remember our mission and also PROJECT INVOLVED, no matter how small please help out!

Best Regards — — -Mark

Club Show!

Saturday May 17

Noon - 2, bring trees for photos

2 - 5 set up tables, curtains and trees

5:30 - 7:30 Wine & Cheese VIP

Fundraising Reception

Sunday May 18: 9 am - 4 pm

BSUNY Annual Club Show

Many hands make light work, so plan to show up throughout the weekend so our show is a success.

Saturday, May 17, from noon - 2, bring your trees for photographs, courtesy of Joe Noga. What an opportunity! (Photos will continue during setup). At 2, we'll set up tables, curtains, table covers, and eventually - trees! This is definitely a working session, so comfortable shoes and work clothes are appropriate.

5:30 is the VIP Wine and Cheese reception, a joint fundraiser with the Golisano Autism Center. Those of you who bring trees and/or suiseki and/or help set up will be given one ticket as you arrive with your tree(s). We are hoping that you will also help sell tickets for this event to your friends and family. The tickets are \$25, and can be picked up at Bill's IBA. Please leave your check or \$\$ with a note of how many tickets you take. We will have tickets at the door, but please let us know if you have folks that plan to come. These tickets include admission to the show on Sunday.

Sunday - The Club Show from 9 - 4. Please come, bring your friends and family, share your love of bonsai and take a bow for all your hard work!

2025 Programs:

- May 17 - club show set up : noon - 2, bring trees for photos, 2 - 5 set up tables, drapes, etc and place trees,
 - May 17 - 5:30 - 7:30 Fundraising Wine & Cheese reception
 - May 18 - 9 am - 4 pm - Club Show!!!
 - See dates with more info on page 4
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March meeting and workshop - Larch, larch, larch

Alan Adair, our Larch master, held a workshop in the afternoon to help the sold out crowd get more familiar with the intricacies of larch as bonsai. The participants enjoyed the variety of trees available for the workshop, as many of them were interested in more developed trees. Everyone did a great job, and learned a lot from Alan.

In the evening at our meeting, Alan gave an overview of Larch, including some of the particularities of growing and working with Larch. Members brought trees to display, helping everyone understand the variety of options with this type of tree as Bonsai.



As with many of our speakers lately, we weren't sure Alan was going to give up the demonstration tree for the raffle! But his noble dedication to the Club came through. Thanks Alan, for a very informative day about Larch!



Preparing for Club Show - more information



The Shohin Study group met before the last meeting, with the specific purpose of composing a Club Shohin display. There were many choices, and lots of discussion about balance, display, types of trees and more.



Outside of the Shohin Study group, many members took advantage of Bill's open workshops to work on their trees, with some nice results. These workshops are a great opportunity to refine trees.



Bird's Nest spruce ready for the show with new shoes!
And procumbens juniper developing a strong personality



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.

More info will be listed each month, but for now, here are some things to put on your calendar.

- Michigan All State Bonsai Show May 10, 2025
Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park For info: www.meijergardens.org
- Suseok Seminar May 25, 2025
Online Zoom Meeting
See Word document attached to Billboard email and announcement in Suiseki corner, below
- Buffalo Bonsai Society Club Show June 7 & 8, 2025
At Buffalo-and Erie County Botanical Gardens see www.buffalobonsaisociety.com
- Sean Smith Open House June 7 & 8, 2025 Marysville, PA
- Mid America Bonsai Exhibition August 15 - 17, 2025
Location: Chicago Botanic Garden www.midwestbonsai.org
- American Bonsai Society Learning Seminars September 12 and 13, 2025
In Association with the 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

All of these events offer incredible opportunities to learn, purchase, network and more.

Suiseki Corner

The Way of Korean Viewing Stone Appreciation: Suseok

Suseok, Korean viewing stones, has a rich and well-documented history, and is an integral part of the ancient Asian art of viewing stone appreciation. Despite this, Korean practices are largely unknown or poorly known to scholars, stone collectors, and art connoisseurs in western countries. We will explore the world of Korean viewing stones, or suseok —how they compare with Japanese suiseki and Chinese scholar's rocks, their unique history and development from the 15th century to modern times, aesthetics, display techniques, and how collectors today can find and appreciate them. We have been gathering information for over a year, translating books and articles, consulting with the Korean Suseok Association and private collectors in Korea and North America, and even traveling to Korea, to produce this program. We believe it is the most comprehensive program in English on Korean viewing stone appreciation.

Join Zoom Meeting East Coast May 25, 2025 2:00pm
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Meeting ID: 883 4881 7106
Passcode: 897796



Here is Tom Elias' vsana.org
Stone of the Month for March 2025
belonging to Les Allen.
It is a Japan Setagawa-ishi.

SHOHIN BONSAI FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Shohin Bonsai, Variety: Flowering Cherry

It is still in the development stage, in need of more secondary branching and a clear Apex, but a great start. Informal Upright style with a serpentine beginning at the base of the tree. I would like to see it potted lower in the pot, it's sitting a little bit too high. That would make it feel more like it is part of the pot rather than being pushed out of the pot. The White and Pink flowers are clearly the Focal Point and visually harmonize together with the White pot balancing both as one. It also gives it a quiet restful feeling. The subtle texture on the surface of the pot repeats a similar texture on the trunk. All these features work together to create a subtle harmony throughout the tree.

Harvey Carapella

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2025 Program dates:

- June 24 - 6 pm, Club picnic and Auction
 - July 22 - 6 pm, Field Trip, Oriental Garden Supply
 - August 26, 7 pm, Bring your own tree
 - October 28, 7 pm TBD
 - September 15 - 7 pm, Toru Suzuki, speaker from the US National Exhibition.
Note the date change to fit with the schedule of the US National.
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