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Newsletter of the Bonsai Society of Upstate NY



## President's Message

Greetings Friends,

Our September meeting will feature Koji Hiramatsu for a bring your own tree workshop and an evening Demo program.

Gerald Rainville will translate and assist.

We are very fortunate to have such talented presenters, both men are good with all Bonsai but are also renowned Shohin Bonsai Artists!

As you know we strive to bring the best educational and entertaining programs that appeal to everyone. Our expenses have increased dramatically recently as costs for everything has gone through the roof. One example is our Lodge rental fees, which almost doubled because evening rentals were discontinued and full day rentals are the only option. Increasing dues could not be put off any longer. There have been many change over 50 years and only a few to our dues.

It is part of our responsibility ( ALL of us) to insure OUR Club continues to remain serving the Bonsai Community for the next half Century.

We ALL need to take this mission to heart by supporting the Club in many ways, volunteering our time and talents, donations, participation etc.

If you are not sure how, ask myself or one of our dedicated Board Members! See you soon!

- Mark



## NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 11 7:00 pm

Koji Hiramatsu

This meeting is a rare treat to hear and watch an internationally recognized bonsai artist. Koji Hiramatsu is an award winning fourth-generation bonsai grower and artist from Takamatsu, Japan, an area famed for pine bonsai production. Mr. Hiramatsu's information is available in more detail on the website for the upcoming U.S. National:

[www.usnationalbonsai.com](http://www.usnationalbonsai.com) .

In addition to speaking in the evening, Mr. Hiramatsu will offer a workshop in the afternoon from 1 - 4 at International Bonsai Arboretum. This is a Bring Your Own Tree workshop, and you can reserve one of 10 limited \$75.00 spots by sending an email to Treasurer Diane Koretz.

[Diane.Koretz@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.Koretz@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:mmacinski@mac.com)

## 2023 Programs:

- 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](mailto: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 and August Billboards. 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](mailto:wrv@internationalbonsai.com) Marti: [mmacinski@mac.com](mailto: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

## August meeting: Bring Your Own Tree

We are nothing if not flexible. When we arrived at Buckland Lodge, it was clearly a different group of people inside. The best laid plans . . . don't always work! So we pivoted, and moved to a pavilion near the entrance, and our fearless President blocked traffic to help members find the new location. No coffee (sorry Joe!) but we had enough snacks and cold drinks to keep everyone going. As always, our senior members shared their expertise freely. Many members gratefully accepted advice to help them move their trees styling forward. And the sunset was beautiful - thanks to Tom Jones for the photo.



### Help with BSUNY Outreach

Are you willing to help BSUNY share bonsai with our community?

The greater Rochester area has many clubs and organizations that are looking for interesting programs. We have a bonsai program that can inform the public and encourage plant-minded people to try bonsai.

We're looking for BSUNY members to help us with outreach by providing a bonsai program in our area. We have a user-friendly, self-guided program available so anyone in our club can feel comfortable about making a public presentation. Local garden clubs have already been contacted that a bonsai presentation is available and all we need is a person(s) to provide one or two programs. John Wiessinger is coordinating the sign-up for the garden clubs and will provide a self-guided PowerPoint for you to use.

See John during the week of setup or at the National for details about helping out with this great outreach program for our club.

John Wiessinger, Outreach Coord.  
natureetours@gmail.com

### 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](mailto: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: Literati
- February 27 - TBD
- March 26 - Bill Valavanis Topic TBD
- April 23 - Suthin Sukosolvisit
- 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 Feature



Shohin Bonsai, Ixora Bush  
This Bonsai slants just enough to go from an Informal Upright to a Slanting style bonsai (barely). Also because the Apex is not directly over the center of the trunk, but extends slightly out to the right. The fullness of the small compact foliage really brings out the triangular form, one of the strong features of Ixora Bush. The spiked Red flowers of this particular variety is working in conjunction with the fantastic ornate Shohin pot to become the Focal Points. The ornateness of this pot is a great example of what is possible when creating Shohin Bonsai. The pots can be both dramatic and eye catching. If you notice, there is moss growing over the roots and up the trunk, you have been taught to remove it so not to damage the bark. But, if you leave it for only the growing season and remove it every Winter before putting them in to storage you can actually encourage heavy surface roots over 3 or 4 seasons.

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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