



# The Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford

NEWSLETTER

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## MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival

### Regarding the MABS Joshua Roth Regional New Talent Competition.

I received an email from a board member relaying that at a BSGH board meeting a discussion was held about what club members could be put forth for the MABS Joshua Roth Regional New Talent Competition. The board was suggesting Lily try her hand. I spoke with her about it and she seemed interested.

She submitted a very nice portfolio of her trees and some Sanctuary material that had been all her work in styling and maintaining. Lily took all the photography. She cropped but didn't retouch any of the photography. She downloaded and output the entire portfolio.

I only helped in making her descriptive copy properly spelled English.

And, she was indeed juried into the competition!

So anyone planning on attending MABS, check in on her when you arrive Friday.

I will be specifically avoiding the competition area but I'm sure she'd appreciate seeing interested supporters with a few familiar faces.

If she gets a decent piece of material, she has the skills.

Several people in anticipation of her being juried in have donated items that are on the Sanctuary Bonsai website. The intention is that after sales tax the proceeds go to help defray Lily's expenses associated with attending the competition. If you would like to contribute a plant, pot, etc. they would be generously accepted and posted to the website ASAP.

This is when a teacher gets to be proud. We all understand, teachers are best judged by their students' successes. Win or lose, BSGH is well represented again this year. Maybe Lily can take it all the way to Louisville. Join me in wishing her the best of luck.

**Todd from Sanctuary Bonsai**

It's not too late to register for MidAtlantic!! We need as many members to attend as possible, not just because we get money back to the club for all who attend, but because this is an excellent opportunity to learn from some of the most knowledgeable bonsai artists today. We will be hosting Kathy Shaner on April 23 for a combined meeting with the Springfield Club, but you'll have much more opportunity to learn from her as well as from Mr. Yasuo Matsuya and Stephen Tolley. For more information on the Festival, go to [www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com) and don't forget - prices go up April 1st!

**SAVE THE DATES: APRIL 15 — APRIL 17, 2011**

## CONNECTICUT FLOWER SHOW:

Thank you to all who volunteered at our two booths at the Connecticut Flower Show!! The Show was extremely successful and the attendance on Saturday may have broken records. We can hope that we impacted some of the visitors to the Show in a positive way and have encouraged them to attend a meeting or two, with the goal of membership.

# A Message from Pauline Muth and Marco Invernizzi

Dear all

We are deeply concerned about the events in Japan. Unfortunately one of the best Bonsai artists and friend Isao Omachi suffered the loss of all belongings. Many of you met him during the BCI Convention in Italy and I kindly ask you to help this initiative that Marco Invernizzi started using Face Book. I think also BCI through his web page and Magazine can do something to help these friends and make the word friendship something real.

Marco wrote:

"Isao Omachi is the rising star of Bonsai in Japan. He used to live and work in Yamada-cho in the Iwate prefecture with his wife, 2 daughters and his parents. The recent tsunami didn't take their lives but EVERYTHING ELSE they own. They lost EVERYTHING including one of the most amazing bonsai collections in Japan. They need our help. They need it now. *Gambatte* in Japanese means: "good luck!" or "do your best!" The best we can all do is to donate money. 3 bank accounts will be soon open and ready to receive your donations: 1 in Europe, 1 in USA, 1 in Japan and a PAYPAL account. I'm sure that the Omachi family will share whatever we will be able to collect with relatives and friends in need. Help us to help them. Don't wait, please don't wait! Thank you, You can find Omachi on FACEBOOK, if you speak any other languages than English please translate this message and share it with everyone!"

[http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_161322040589059&ap=1](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_161322040589059&ap=1)

You can send a check to:

Omachi Relief Fund

P.O. Box 22

Yorklyn, DE 19736

The checks are NOT tax deductible!

It is also possible to donate through Paypal info:

Omachifund@aol.com

# calendar

March 21 Regular meeting at Wethersfield Community Center beginning at 7pm  
Meeting topic—Repotting: If you have a tree you'd like to re-pot, please bring it in to the meeting. If you saw us at the Flower Show and are interested in getting some advice or help with your tree, please bring it to the meeting.  
We also need to pick out trees to bring to MidAtlantic, so if you have a tree you're particularly proud of and would like to send for display, please bring to the meeting. We'll vote on any trees submitted for the exhibit.

April 5 Board meeting at Jose Warden's house, 7pm—feel free to bring a sandwich or box supper. Visitors are always welcome.

April 13 Kathy Shaner in partnership with the Springfield Bonsai Society, location and program to be determined. This is NOT our usual meeting date and will not be in Wethersfield.

May 3 Board meeting, location to be determined

May 14 All day workshop with Suthin Sukosolvisit of Royal Bonsai Garden—workshop space may be reserved with Sally Cartwright. To participate in any workshop, your dues must be current and the workshop fee must be prepaid. As of this year, the board has raised workshop fees to \$40 for a half day and \$80 for a full day. At this writing, the location has not been finalized.

May 16 Regular meeting in Wethersfield—Bring Your Own Tree—after the Kathy Shaner event and Suthin's workshops, everyone should have something to bring in and work on. Beginners—bring your problem trees for help and advice.

June 4 Club Picnic, Paderewsky Park in Plainville. From 9—1 there will be a workshop with Mr. Min Hsuan Lo, followed by a lunch break, demonstration and an auction. Many of you will remember Mr. Lo from his visit several years ago.

July 15,16 30th Anniversary Show, Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford, the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in Hartford. Plan to bring your best trees to exhibit and show off. If anyone would like to do a demonstration, please start thinking about it now.