



# The Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford

NEWSLETTER

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## CHANGE OF DATE & VENUE FOR APRIL MEETING!!

### Kathy Shaner at BSGH April 13!!

Starting her career in bonsai in 1983, Kathy Shaner has become internationally known and recognized for her excellence in the art of bonsai. After becoming a member of more than ten bonsai clubs and studying under several of California's most respected instructors, she was granted an apprenticeship in Japan with master Yasuo Mitsuya. Several years later she became the first non-Japanese citizen *and the first woman* to be certified by the professional bonsai grower's branch of the Nippon Bonsai Association.

Today, Kathy conducts seminars, workshops and lectures on a national basis in addition to designing and maintaining many private collections. She uses her knowledge and ability to find the "soul of the tree" to teach her students in a clear understandable manner. She was recently named curator of the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection - North, and also serves as resident bonsai master at the El Dorado Bonsai School in Placerville, California.

We are exceedingly lucky to be able to host Kathy in a workshop and for a lecture/demo/critique with the Bonsai Society of Greater Springfield. There will be a workshop from 1—5pm at Westmore Park at 119 Flagg Road, West Hartford. If you are interested in the workshop, please contact Sally Cartwright to see if there are any openings. For Hartford members, the cost of workshop participation is \$40. There are openings for observers—observers may watch the interaction between artist and participant, but please, be courteous. Do not ask questions of the artist unless she asks. The participants have paid for the workshop and deserve to get the most possible out of it. The evening meeting will be held from 7—9:15pm at the Elmwood Community Center in Elmwood, West Hartford. If anyone needs directions, please contact one of the Board members for help. The evening meeting will be any combination of lecture/demonstration/critique. If anyone would like Kathy's possible critique of your tree, please bring it along. If she has the time, she'll critique several trees during the evening meeting.

# SATURDAY, MAY 14 WORKSHOP WITH SUTHIN

We are hosting Suthin Sukosolvisit for a full day of workshops on Saturday, May 14. There will be a morning and afternoon session, so you may sign up for either or both at \$40 per session. The morning session will begin at 9:00 am and the afternoon session at 1:00pm. Workshops will be held at the home of Bob and Maureen Neems.



Suthin has been studying and practicing Bonsai since 1970. He and his wife Dara own and operate Royal Bonsai Gardens in Stoughton, MA. As you can see from the photo, he is an extremely talented bonsai artist. He has lectured around the world and throughout the US. He has curated private collections while maintaining his own. He has won

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## CLUB PICNIC, JUNE 4—PADEREWSKI PARK, PLAINVILLE

Our annual picnic will be held on June 4 at Paderewski Park on Cooke Street in Plainville. We will be lucky to be visited again by Mr. Min Hsuan Lo, who will conduct a workshop from 9 to 12:30. We'll break for a potluck luncheon and then conduct our semi-annual auction. More info to come on this in our next newsletter.



## BOARD of DIRECTORS NOTES & THOUGHTS

Annual Show: We've been thinking of alternative methods of advertising. Instead of having a table at the Rose Garden Festival, we're thinking of holding open houses at area nurseries. We would let the nursery publicize the event, and ask their customers to bring their bonsai for advice and information. This plan would revolve around having club members willing to staff such events. What do you think? Is this something you'd be interested in doing on a Saturday?

We will also be distributing bookmarks and posters at the May meeting for members to put up in local nurseries to advertise the show. If you have a particular nursery that you like or think would likely bring in attendance to the show, please let us know.

Last year on Saturday evening, a number of members stayed on to staff the Wine Cheese and Trees event. While no one came to the event, we had a great time critiquing the trees in the event. Is there any interest in doing this again this year?

# calendar

April 13 Kathy Shaner in partnership with the Springfield Bonsai Society, workshop from 1—5 at Westmore Park, 119 Flagg Road, West Hartford. Lecture/demo/critique will be held from 7—9:15 at the Elmwood Community Center, Elmwood Center, West Hartford.

April 15—17 MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Festival, Grantsville, PA Don't miss this!!

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. The workshop will be most likely held at the home of Bob & Maureen Neems in West Hartford.

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, Paderewski 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.

June 7 Board of Directors meeting, location to be determined

July 5 Board of Directors meeting, location to be determined

July 16,17 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.

July 18 New members meeting, Wethersfield

August Vacation!!

September 6 Board of Directors meeting, location to be determined

September 11 Ryan Neil, workshops, location to be determined.