



The Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

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Congratulations, Lily!!!!

2nd Place Winner of the Joshua Roth New Talent Competition,
Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies 2011

SUTHIN SUKOSOLVISIT - MAY 14 WORKSHOP



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 extensive awards with the trees he has designed and we are very lucky to be able to learn from him in these workshops.

You will find that no matter what tree you bring, you will learn something new about it. Please don't hesitate to call Sally Cartwright to sign up for one of these sessions. If you don't have a tree yet that you feel confident bringing to work on, bring it anyway. If you don't have a tree at all, come as an observer. You will definitely learn. This is an excellent opportunity for you newer members and less experienced folk to learn from an artist who is extremely talented and knowledgeable, who can teach us so much. Please come!!

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 — CLUB PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held on June 4 at Paderewski Park on Cooke Street in Plainville. The park has a pavilion in case of rain, picnic tables and a charcoal barbeque. The club will provide burgers, dogs and drinks, but as usual, we are asking members to bring appetizers, salads and dessert—not in huge quantity, but enough for 3 to 5 people each. That should be more than enough food. **Please let Vreni know what you'll be bringing** so we have some idea of how many people are coming and what might still be needed.

The program for the picnic includes a workshop beginning at 9 am with Mr. Min Hsuan Lo. Many of you will remember Mr. Lo from 3 years ago when he was a guest lecturer before MidAtlantic. He was born in Taiwan with a father who ran a bonsai nursery and who taught his son a love of trees and the art of bonsai. Mr. Lo has studied with every bonsai master in Taiwan. He began teaching in 1992 and has since developed a very original style based on the natural beauty of the tree. He does not believe that there should be any man-made, artificial look to a well designed bonsai. There are 4–5 openings in the workshop to work with Mr. Lo. Please contact Sally if you are interested in working on a tree with him.



We will break at 12:30 for the picnic, and Mr. Lo will do a short demonstration, followed by our semi-annual auction. Remember to look for bonsai related items or trees to bring for bidding. This is a great time to get together with other members, share successes and commiserate over the winter's losses, enjoy a good meal and an excellent teacher. We've planned on beginning the auction around 3, so you'll still have some time to enjoy the rest of the day.

BOARD of DIRECTORS NOTES & THOUGHTS

At our May meeting we will be distributing bookmarks and posters to advertise our Annual Show for members to put in local nurseries and garden centers. If you have a particular nursery that you like or think would likely bring in attendance to the show, please let us know.

Geof will be hosting an open house at his home in Sheffield—or if members prefer, at Elizabeth Park in Hartford, on May 22. Please contact him if you are interested in this and we might be able to conduct the open house on a monthly basis. Most of us have found that working with other members of the club in this informal setting is a good learning experience. We always learn something.

Frank Brooks mentioned that he has found a source for featherstone, a very easily carved soft stone that makes great landscape planting spaces. We are looking into doing a workshop, so let Sally know if this is something that interests you.

calendar

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 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. Workshop and demo with Mr. Min Hsuan Lo, great food and conversation, and the semi-annual Club Auction!

June 7 Board of Directors meeting

July 5 Board of Directors meeting

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

September 11 Ryan Neil, workshops, location to be determined. Ryan is a young American artist. Check out his website at bonsaimirai.com to see examples of his work and philosophy.

October 4 Board of Directors meeting

October 17 Bring your own tree workshop

November 1 Board of Directors meeting

November 21 Program to be announced

December 6 Board of Directors meeting

December 19 Christmas party!