



The Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford

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30th ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW, JULY 16th, 17th

Our 30th Annual Bonsai exhibit and show was held July 16th and 17th at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in Hartford. While I wasn't able to be there for the show, by all accounts it was quite successful. I did arrive in time to help break it down—thank you so much for all the help of those who stayed to make sure we had everything packed up and cleaned up. We'll publish more results from the show in the next newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 11, WORKSHOP WITH RYAN NEIL

International Bonsai Mirai is a full service bonsai nursery located outside of Portland, Oregon. The secluded garden and incorporated school is operated by Ryan Neil, apprentice to the renowned bonsai master Mr. Masahiko Kimura of Saitama prefecture, Japan. During nearly six years of grueling study, Ryan obtained a refined knowledge of bonsai he now wishes to share with willing and dedicated enthusiasts from all corners of the world.

Throughout the West, bonsai enthusiasts are continually offered new ideas and new methods of doing things, often about the same subject, and more often by different teachers. Although this provides people with a wonderful sample of the talent in the bonsai world, it unfortunately also leads to a lot of confusion about what is right and what is wrong.

The puzzle of pertinent bonsai knowledge cannot be constructed by pieces from different puzzles. This is why International Bonsai Mirai offers study opportunities in a **multitude of forms** allowing students to gain access to the full scope of Ryan's

knowledge. Ryan believes once a solid foundation of bonsai knowledge is formed the sky is the limit in terms of what any individual can achieve.

His Concepts Coourses teach students species specific bonsai care, techniques and development. He also conducts one-on-one classes to allow students to get clear, concise information. As well as the above, he also conducts study groups that allow groups of students to work on their own trees and learn. We are extremely lucky to be able to host Ryan in his fourth form of study, the lecture/demo/workshop. Please check out his website, bonsaimirai.com and see how incredible his trees are.

OUR CLUB IS HOSTING RYAN ON SEPTEMBER 11!!!!!!!

Please join us at Bob Neems's home on Sunday, September 11 to attend this workshop. There are still openings for both morning and afternoon, or if you don't have a tree you feel ready to present for critique or assistance, please attend as an observer. You *will* learn either way. If you are interested in signing up for either session or both, please contact Sally Cartwright as soon as possible to get your name on the list.

calendar

September 6 Board of Directors meeting

September 11 Ryan Neil, workshops, at Bob Neems's in West Hartford. Ryan is a young American artist. Check out his website at bonsaimirai.com to see examples of his work and philosophy.

September 19 Bring your own tree workshop—continue work begun during the workshop with Ryan or get advice and help from other members

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!