



Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford

All regular scheduled meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00PM - 9:30pm at the William J. Pitkin Community Center (Wethersfield Community Center), 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Ct (860) 721-2950

February 15th Meeting - Using Photoshop with Bonsai

...Again this meeting will be held at Todd's Sanctuary Bonsai at 7:00PM @ 237 Burnham Street, East Hartford, CT

Dave Caudle will show us how to use Photoshop program to style a bonsai. This program can be used for creating virtual bonsai from a picture of one of your trees. You can move branch, remove branches, change slant add jin or shari. Another good use if you have a special tree and can not decide on a pot, you can just virtually repot in a variety of styles and colors of pots to help the decision. Anyone with a tree they would like to try this on is requested to send Dave a picture of the tree, preferably with a light uncluttered background. Send JPEG file to Dave at david.caudle@comcast.net

If we have time Geof has found a really interesting web site with some really good bonsai videos from the authors trips to Japan as well as tutorials. The site is www.bonsaifarm.tv

Hartford Flower Show - February 18th - 21st

The Greater Hartford Bonsai Society will again be setting up two displays for this year's show. Todd has designed a pot display for the educational booth in the Federated Garden Club area and Geof & Dianne have designed the display for the landscape area. Geof will need about 15 trees for the display, so if you have a tree to put on display, please contact him ASAP. We also need at least four people a day to man both areas to answer questions, promote bonsai, our annual show and the club. A few of us have already signed up to set up the landscape display on Monday morning the 15th. If you would like to give a hand and join the fun and contact Vreni or Geof. All volunteers will get free admission for the day by picking up a name badge at the Federated Garden Club located on the left of doors to the entrance for the Show. If you bring your parking ticket to the same booth for validation you will also receive a discounted parking rate.

Click here flower show info www.ctflowershow.com

Calender of Events - 2010

- January 5 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- January 18 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm at Sanctuary Bonsai
- February 1 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- February 15 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm at Sanctuary Bonsai Photoshop workshop on styling trees
- March 1 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- March 15 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm
- April 5 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- April 16 - 18 27th Annual MidAtlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival
 - <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/fescurr.htm>
- April ?? Regular Meeting 7:00pm Charles Cerino
- May 3 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- May 23 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm ????????
- June 5 - Club Picnic and Auction
- June 7 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- June 21 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Ted Matson
- July 5 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- July 10-11 GHBS Annual Show
- July 19 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm New Member Workshop
- August - No Club events scheduled
- Sept 7 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Sept 20 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Rodney Clemens

SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

January 2010	Frank		
February 2010			

Meeting Cancellation Notices

In case of inclement weather check WSFB, Channel 3 for cancellation of regular scheduled meeting. We will also try and get out an email notice to all those on the GHBS mailing list

Ramblin's from Todd

Happy February Folks-

Seems like Spring is forever away yet I know it will be here before I'm ready. Now is a good time of year to make sure you have the materials you'll need to support your Springtime plans. Nothing takes the fun out of Spring like running around at the last minute to get the soil, pots, and other sundries you need to take advantage of the season. Last year I went to Midatlantic and while I was away for just 4 days lost any opportunity with my deciduous nursery stock. They went from swelling buds to leaves while I was away. We only secured a few slower trees from the ground. Bonsai is Boy Scouts, be prepared.

I was joking with a close friend lately, lamenting our inability to keep up with technology. Specifically texting. It is the new wave with the social, and particularly my younger students. I am constantly bombarded with texting slang. Do a general search on texting slang and you'll be amazed what surfaces. There is too much information!

I find myself inundated with LOL (laugh out loud or lots of love. You divine the difference.), *OMG* (Oh My God. Oh My God how can I keep up with this S#*t?), and BFF (Best friends forever, unless it's just Beef spelled really wrong.). Nice sentiments, but a whole new language for a fine wine like me. In my conversation, it occurred that we in the bonsai world may need our own "click" words for texting.

Try these on;

RNN- Nope, nothing to do with Nursing although most Bonsai artist's need one. Try, Really Nice Nebari! Turn it to the sexual side by adding WW, wink wink!

RGT- Not a direction vs. LFT, Really Good Taper. Same WW.

SON- Not about my Father's....., Student of Nick. No WW required unless you want a discount on pots.

CEP- That accounting firm shut down years ago. Calcium Encrusted Pottery. Oh.....loathe that abbreviation!

TNR- This Needs Repotting. Add LY for last year.

APC- Again, not the mogul. Appropriate Pot Choice. Like any of us really have that luxury!

DOD- Defoliation or Death. If you don't decide, your tree will.

JAC- Still good advise for all beginners, Join a Club.

ING- Nope, not the big financial firm. It's Not Good.....(You fill in the rest. We all have our stories.).

TAB- That's a Bonsai?

YII- Yeah, it is!

HUH- Huh.

WMMITPLATMFAT- Wanna meet me in the parking lot after the meeting for a thrashing? WW.

That was fun. Submitted solely for your amusement. I hope this finds you all well and anxious for Spring. I know we are. T

April 16-18, 2010 - Kerhonkson, NY, USA

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies

The 27th annual MABS Spring Festival, April 16-18, at our family-friendly location, the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, New York.

Renowned international professional bonsai artists, Charles Ceronio (South Africa), Michele Andolfo (Italy), and Michel Phaneuf (Canada), will present lecture/demonstrations, workshops, and critiques of bonsai. Registrants will have weekend-long opportunities to observe and spend time with the artist between demonstrations, and to view the exhibit trees which will be displayed by MABS member clubs. In addition, 19 bonsai vendors will be on site. This year's event will also feature the A.B.S.- supported Joshua Roth New Talent Competition which will take place on Friday. For more information visit: <http://midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com>