



# BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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January 2009 Newsletter

All regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00PM -9:30PM.

## IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

Due to the January 19th and February 16th falling on holiday we will not be able to meeting at the Wethersfield Community Center. As a result these two meetings will be held instead at Sanctuary Bonsai (or Todd's place) in East Hartford. The time will remain the same.

### December's Annual Holiday Party Monday 20

Well we finished off another great year for the club with our annual party held at Butterfly Chinese Restaurant, located West Hartford. There were about 30 members present and enjoyed a good meal. The only order of business was the election of officers for 2009. Vreni will be our new President, Goef, Vice President & Programs, Dave B., Treasurer, Frank B, secretary.

Following the meal we held our annual auction with Dave B doing a great job as auctioneer. The high lite of the auction was probably the two completed pots that Jack Hoover had made at our September meeting. There was quite a variety of items including pots, plants, books, scrolls etc. The auction realized a profit of \$488.00 which will help de-fray the cost of programs for the following year

### January 19th Meeting

Geof will be bringing in material and plants so the we can hopefully create two saikei or "tray landscape". These will be used for our display at the Connecticut Flower show in Feb. The theme for the landscape display this year is "America the Beautiful. After the flower show they will be raffled off at a future meeting. This will be a group effort so bring your thinking caps on. Also anyone wishing to bring in a tree to work on or get some idea for future work should bring them in

### Connecticut Flower Show

This years show will be held from Feb 19th thru the 22nd. Again will be setting up to displays, one landscape display and one in the learning section of the Federated Garden Club. We will be working on parts of the display at the January and February meetings.

This is a fairly large undertaking and we need a lot of volunteers to help sit at he displays to answer question and hand out flyers of the club and our July exhibition. Bob will be distributing a list to sign up for various time slots. We also need help on Monday morning the 19th to set up the landscape display.

If anyone has tree that they would like to display please contact Bob or Geof. We will need about 15 trees to fill out the display.

## MidAtlantic Spring Festival

This year's Spring Festival marks MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' (MABS) Twenty-Sixth Anniversary! The Spring Festival will commence Friday evening, April 17, 2009 and will continue through Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2009, at the [Hudson Valley Resort & Spa](#) in Kerhonkson, NY.

The registration flyers will be forthcoming and I cannot encourage you enough to attend this convention. You have many to choose from but MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies is a convention supported by the clubs. Thirteen sustaining member clubs actually sponsor this great event. The Hartford Club is one of them.

Every member that attends effects the financial gain we receive. The way it works is whatever profits are made are divided amongst the clubs, with seed money for next year's event being withheld. 50% of the profit is divided equally between the clubs, the other 50% is distributed by attendance. In short, the more folks from Hartford who attend, the higher our stipend. So, if you're choosing an event, consider this one.

It's always a great venue, the hotel is in a beautiful location in easy driving distance and your attendance can glorify your club's treasury.

One year we got a check for over \$1200.00!!!! That translates into two visiting artists with both a workshop and a lecture/demo Lily and I, Jack Hoover and Mike Levin from Bonsai West are amongst many other quality suppliers that will be in the vendor area. If you're budgeting your conventions, give this one pause. We'd love to see you there and don't expect you'll be disappointed.

FYI, just a reminder that the next two club meetings will be held here at Sanctuary as the Wethersfield Community Center will not be open. We welcome you. If you need directions, see the website at [www.sanctuarybonsai.com](http://www.sanctuarybonsai.com). Hoping to see you soon.

For more info go to <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/>. Also new this year first time attendees will get 50% off basic registration fee

Todd

## Larch Workshop with Nick

Nick Lenz will be coming to Connecticut and there will be a Larch Workshop from 1:00pm till 5:00pm on March 21. This is a good time of the year and we all know about Nick's work with larches. This is a BYOT and you can bring others trees as well. The workshop will be limited to six attendees and the fee is \$50.00. The workshop will be held at Sanctuary Bonsai. To sign up for this event or more info, contact Geof.



## 2009 Schedule

- Jan 6 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Jan 19 — Regular Meeting 7:00PM Program TBD
- Feb 3 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Feb 16 — Regular Meeting 7:00PM Program TBD
- Feb 19th—22nd Connecticut Flower Show
- March 3 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- March 16 — Regular Meeting 7:00PM Program TBD
- March 21 — Nick Lenz Workshop 1:00-5:00Pm @ Sanctuary Bonsai
- April 7th — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- April 17th --19th Mid- Atlantic Bonsai Exhibition
- April ?? — Regular Meeting 7:00PM Program TBD
- May 5th — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- May 4th — Sandro Segneri Afternoon workshop and Evening Demo
- June 2nd — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- June 11-14 — American Bonsai Learning Seminars Boise, Idaho
- June 6th — Annual Picnic
- July 7th — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- July 11th & 12th Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford Annual Exhibition
- July 20th— Regular Meeting 7:00PM Program TBD

Snacks & Refreshments		
December 15, 2008	Annual Holiday Party	
Jan 2009	Linn Ward	Dave B.
February 2009	Yulia	Jose Warden
March 2009	Con C	Jose Amat

### Meeting Cancellation Notices

In case of inclement weather check WFSB, Channel 3 for cancellation of a regular schedule meeting. Vreni will also send out e-mail to all those on GHBS e-mail list.