



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

January 18th Meeting - Bonsai on a Budget

..Our next meeting on Monday, January 18th, 7:00 PM, will be held at Sanctuary Bonsai as the regular meeting space is unavailable due to holiday.

Todd Hansen will be doing a presentation on how to keep doing Bonsai on a budget. "Bonsai on the Cheap" is a title thrown around. Personally, "Bonsai on a Budget" seems more appropriate.

Learn how to get cheap or free plants and have fun doing it. Learn to use commonly found tools vs. specialty Bonsaiware. Make your tools last and work well for a long time.

Are you doing most of your growing in the ground? Why would you?

How about ways to save on potting supplies? Save on soil the safe way.

Sure, we'd all like to have a Nick Lenz tree that he worked for 3 decades, in a Sarah Rayner pot.

That is an honor and a privilege, but also big bucks! But, it doesn't mean we cannot become accomplished Bonsai Artists on a budget.

What's better than that Nick tree in the Sarah pot?.....Well for me it's the Juniper I styled years ago in a fabricated pot I made with Jack Hoover. Did it win awards? No. Has it exhibited? Yes. Did I feel accomplished? Yes. Was it critiqued by Masters from around the world? Yes, and you can too....on a budget.

Hartford Flower Show - February 18 - 21

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 contact Vreni or Geof

Feb 15th Meeting Using Photoshop to Style Bonsai

...Again this meeting will be held at Todd's Sanctuary Bonsai at 7:00PM. Dave Caudle will show us how to use Photoshop to style a bonsai. 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

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 Bjorn Bjorholm
- 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

SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

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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