



BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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November 2007 Newsletter

All regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in West Hartford from 7:00PM -9:30PM.

October Meeting—Marco Invernizzi

The October Meeting and afternoon workshop was held at the Pond House at Elizabeth park with Marco Invernizzi's as our guest. The afternoon workshop was lively and enjoyable with Marco moving around the room sharing his thoughts and enthusiasm for bonsai. The evening portion which was also very well attended.

While we did not have a good demo tree for Marco to work on we turned the meeting onto a lecture/critique. Members brought it a variety of wonderful trees for a critique and very informative to have a bonsai master like Marco, who spent a lot of time on each tree giving his ideas of where he saw the tree going as well as horticultural advice in the different species from watering, fertilizing, when to wire, prune, transplant and final pot selections. Marco also had some ideas for choosing demo material for guest artist to work on long term rather than instant bonsai.



Upcoming Events

November Meeting — November 12, 7:00pm-9:30pm @ The Pond House

Todd will start off the meeting with a discussion/demonstration on Wiring 101. After this we will have a Bring Your Own Tree workshop. Todd will also be available for members who will want to break of into a smaller group to discuss and practice wiring techniques. Todd will bring in tree branches to practice on or bring your own tree to wire.

NOTE THIS MEETING CHANGED TO 2nd MONDAY

Nomination/Election of Officers for 2008.

The nominating committee has recommended the following as nominees for next years slate of officers. Diana –President, Geof –Vice President, Dave— Treasurer and Vreni—for Secretary. Anyone else wishing to be placed in nomination please contact me ASAP. Election of the 2008 slate of officers will take place at our December Holiday Meeting

Frank

Dec 17th Annual Holiday Party

Location TBD, Plans are underway for our annual holiday party and election of officers. As well we will have our annual fund raising auction whose proceeds go a long way in allowing us to bring in guest speaker. So gather up your un-needed bonsai items to donate



Dave and Vreni hosted an open house at there home in Sept and as can be seen the weatherman really cooperated. I was unable to attend myself though I hear that everyone who took the time had a nice day. For the members that have not attended one of these you are missing some great opportunities. It is a great way to get to know other members as well as get a lot of info on bonsai.

NOTE the November Meeting is Nov 12thNOT THE 3rd MONDAY

Calendar of Club Events for 2007

- July 14 — Club trip to NE Bonsai & Bonsai West More info to follow
- July 16 — New Members Meeting
- BYOT—Trees will be available to purchase
- August — No Board Meeting or Regular Monthly Meeting
- August 18th Open House Workshop & Get together @ Diana's -More info to follow
- Sept 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Sept 8-9 Tower Hill Bonsai Societies Exhibition
- Sept 17 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 BYOT Workshop and Plant Sale
Wiring 101 with Todd
- **Sept 30 Open House Workshop & Get together @ Dave & Vreni's -More info to follow**
- Oct 2 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Oct 7 — Workshop at Nick Lenz's
- **Oct 9— Afternoon Workshop with Marco Invernizzi @ Pond House 1:00PM—5:00PM**
Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Marco Invernizzi
- Nov 6 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location — Todd's House
- Nov 12 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Wiring 101 and BYOT
- Dec 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Dec 17 — Annual Christmas Party

2008 Events

- February — Connecticut Flower Show GHBS bonsai display
- April — Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Conference
- June 19-28 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar San Antonio, Tx. <http://www.absbonsai.org>
- June — GHBS Annual Bonsai Exhibition
- July — GHBS Annual Show

Ramblin's from Todd

Happy October folks-

Fall is here and the Swamp Maples tell part of the tale. The cool clear nights tell the rest of the story. Unfortunately, I have to start another Ramblins' with an apology. Geoff called me 15 minutes into the last meeting and said, "Are you on your way?" My reply after a day of total work turmoil was, "Where?" My day job took over my evening and I completely forgot about club meeting, including the wiring instruction I was supposed to give. I sincerely apologize to all and will make the next opportunity to share even better. Geoff- please reschedule for whenever you want and I'll be there.

Admittedly my new semi-retired, starting a casual bonsai business has had some transitions that were completely unexpected. The biggest being how much display work I would still have to do. The second biggest is juggling client needs vs. horticultural needs. Mother Nature is certainly as demanding as my most unreasonable client. I knew I should have fully retired!

Not to say that this is without reward. There are days, here and there, where a more casual attitude can prevail. One recently lent me the time to pursue the Manager at Lowes and arrange a swap out of Blue Rug Junipers from the landscaping in front of the store. A deal was cut. I'd buy new Junipers from Lowes and neatly replace the new for the old. These plants had been walked on, plowed over and generally abused and ignored for years. But, during all those years they grew. Almost hard to believe as a very clay soil was like concrete and the roots ran deep. I watched Lily dig and....Not True! We both dug, we both sweated and gleaned most peculiar stares from shoppers coming and going. One older gentlemen walked by, winking at Lily, and asked, "Who's doing all the work here?"

It took the better part of an afternoon to wrest 2 Junipers from the ground, evaluate them, and get them into pots. One more to get! If they live they will be great trees. Lowes parking lot is a hostile environment. One is destined to be a full cascade but had few roots, one a semi-cascade chock full of roots. Check them out!

We've also found the time to field plant over 600 trees of many varieties. The lack of rain is requiring watering every other day. Please someone do a raindance! NOW! I'm too old (at least not too lazy) to carry 40 watering cans into a field. This is hardly outstanding in the field!





Snacks & Refreshments		
November 12	Lynn Ward	Lois Kaminski
December	Annual Holiday Party	
January 2008	Barbara Strong	Vreni Breakell-Caudle
February 2008	Stephen R	Frank Brooks
March 2008	Jose Amat	Stephen Tine
April 2008	Ann & Bob Raymond	

Meeting Cancellation Notices

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