



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

Oct 18th Meeting - Bring Your Own Tree

At the Wethersfield Community Center in Room S-2 starting at 7:00pm

This months meeting will be a BYOT so bring a tree or two and tools. This a great time to gUjb otherg insights and observations as well as help a newcomer to see how others look at thejf trees"

Nov 15th Meeting - Sketch a tree

At the Wethersfield Community Center in Room S-2 starting at 7:00pm

This should be a very interesting and informative program, So many times we hear the recommendation to draw our tree to get an idea of what we want it to look like. Or bonsai teacher at a workshop will sketch his ideas before starting to work the tree. Brian Kelley a member of the Springfield Bonsai Society will be on hand to talk about sketching trees and give us some helpful hints on techniques of sketching. I know I will never be a Picasso but after this I might do better than stick figures"

Dec 20th Meeting - Annual Holiday Party and Auction

At the Wethersfield Community Center - More info to follow.

We will also have our annual election of officers at this meeting and the nominating Vta a JhhYY is working on getting U'gUhY'cZ' officers to VY recommendYX'Zcf Y'YVh]cb.

Calendar of Events - 2010

- April 16 - 18 27th Annual MidAtlantic Bonsai Society Spring Festival
 - <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com/fescurr.htm>
- April 19 Regular Meeting 7:00pm Charles Cerino at Wethersfield Community Center
 - Afternoon Workshop 1:00pm -5:00pm
- May 3 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- May 17 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Sandra Segneri at Wethersfield Community Center
 - Afternoon Workshop 1:00pm -5:00pm
- May 22 - All Day workshop @ Nick's Place 10:00am - 5:00pm
- May 22-23 Tower Hill Botanical Garden Bonsai Exhibition 10:00am - 5:00pm
- June 5 - Club Picnic and Auction
- June 6 - All Day workshop @ Nick's Place 10:00am - 5:00pm
- June 7 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- June 21 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Ted Matson at Wethersfield Community Center
 - Afternoon Workshop 1:00pm -5:00pm
- July 5 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- July 10-11 GHBS Annual Show
- July 19 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm New Member Workshop at Wethersfield Community Center
- August - No Club events scheduled
- Sept 7 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Sept 20 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Rodney Clemens
- Oct 5 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Oct 18 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Bring Your Own Tree Workshop at Wethersfield Community Center
- Nov 2 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Nov 15 - Regular Meeting 7:00pm Brian Kelly - Sketching Your Tree at Wethersfield Community Center
- Dec 7 - Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Dec 20 - Annual Holiday Party at the Wethersfield Community Center

SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

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Urban Yamadori
Written by Geof Holmes

One never knows where you may turn and find a bush just begging to be made into a beautiful bonsai.

Recently I went to a restaurant I that have been to many times and upon leaving something made me look down at the Boxwood hedge growing near the door. To my amazement there before my eyes was the perfect start of a tree. Shari running down the trunk and jins also. Nice movement in the trunk and nebari too. Luckily I have known the owner for many years and went back the next morning to look at it again and ask if I could trade it for a nice fresh Boxwood. He agreed, but asked why? I told him I had a hobby and it was destined for bonsai. Besides I said the front is already dead and will never grow back. He said fine. I took a cutting to match up the Boxwood and went to the local garden center to find a replacement. They had the perfect replacement and for 20% off. The next morning I grabbed the shovel and a container and off I went. When I arrived and looked further at the potensai I realized it had a second trunk and it also had a shari! I dug around the root ball and plunked it into the new container. Then popped in the new bush watered it well and went home to contemplate my new tree. I set to work removing dead shoots, cleaning the shari and thinning excess foliage that did not fit with what I saw as the finished tree. It is wise to remove at least a third of the foliage when collecting a potensai. Since you are cutting the roots there is less of them to support the remaining foliage. I also made sure the container was big enough to fit the root ball. The loam it was in was somewhat dry so I worked in a bit of new bonsai soil and watered it well. Then as added insurance I water with Root Master about one teaspoon per gallon. You can buy Root Master at your local garden center it is great stuff mostly B vitamins and some hormones. I use this also when repotting trees. I put the tree in the shade and let it sit to recover. Within a day or two I noticed it had perked up quite a bit. It certainly will have a bright future. Check out the photos.

I took the tree with me to a workshop with Nick Lenz and Nick said "it was the best Boxwood thieved or collected" he might have ever seen! So you don't have to spend lots of money to buy good bonsai material just keep your eyes open and also don't forget to ask permission before collecting your prize.



Just after collecting



Initial cutting and trunk cleaned up



Trunk & Shari close up