



BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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Sept 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.

It sure seems like along time since I have written out a newsletter. It doesn't mean nothing has been happening though. There were quiet a few club events starting with the picnic, beginners meeting our club road trip and the open house workshop.

Our picnic was held in June and unfortunately the attendance corresponded with the inclement weather. Michael Perisianno joined for a morning workshop and the afternoon demo. Most who attended the workshop worked on some really great Kingsville boxwoods. Michael also did a demo on one of the boxwoods as shown in the before and after pictures. Michael had two articles in Bonsai Today #97 & #107. As Michael pointed out one of the most difficult challenges is to reduce the large canopy and still retaining sufficient foliage. One needs to study the branching and determine its potential contribution. He also recommended wiring the secondary and tertiary branches as you go along so as to not cut away any small important branching. After finishing he suggest more detailed wiring pruning and a 3 month super feeding program.



We also enjoyed a terrific lunch and social hour followed by our annual auction.

Many thanks to Todd for the use of his facilities and the members who graciously donated items to the auction and all others who helped make it another good event



There were good turnouts for the beginners meeting and a few took advantage of the road trip to NE Bonsai and Bonsai West. Most of us came home with some very nice trees, pots, tools. We would like to thank Teddy and Mike for their hospitality. While at Bonsai West Mike gave us a guided tour of his garden as well as Colin's and gave us quite a history lesson of the origin of his collection of trees. I think Diana is planning another one for next year.

Speaking of Diana she did a wonderful job as hosting an open house in her backyard. She provided us with great weather, good food and all in all a great atmosphere to get together with others to work on our trees and get ideas and suggestions as well. Thanks Dianna



Upcoming Events

September Meeting — September 17, 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 off into a smaller group to discuss and practice wiring techniques. Todd will bring in tree branches to practice on.

There will also be a tree/plant sale going on. Any one wishing to sell any of their excess bonsai or pre-bonsai material are encouraged to bring them along

Open House BYOT Workshop at Dave & Vreni's September 30 from 9:00— whenever

Please bring your workshop material, tools, and wire. If you don't own any tools, we will have the club tools available. This is an informal meeting....fun and friends are our only agenda. Bring your own beverage, lunch and chair. Dave & Vreni reside in Kensington, CT Contact Vreni at vrenibc@comcast.net or call 860-826-9056 for directions. Come for an hour or two or three, enjoy the day working on trees or just some friendly conversation

Marco Invernizzi — Tuesday October 9th

There is a planned afternoon workshop with Marco Invernizzi from Italy on Tuesday, October the 9th at the Pond House from 1 pm to 5 pm. The cost of this workshop is 35.00. Marco is a fantastic bonsai artist who studied in Japan with Masahiko Kimura.

Marco's website. http://www.marcoinvernizzi.com/index_us.html

There are many openings for this workshop also. E-mail Geof if you would like to attend. gdholmes86@msn.com

Our regular club meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

Workshop with Nick Lenz

Geof has set up an all day workshop with Nick Lenz on October from 9 am to 5 pm at Nick's. This is truly a good opportunity to work your trees with a truly remarkable teacher. It will be held at Nick's in North Leverett, Ma which is little more than an hour north of Hartford. Great leaf peeping time also

The cost is 50.00 for all day.

Contact Geof to reserve your spots. It is limited to 6 people

NOTE the October meeting is Oct 9thNOT THE 3rd MONDAY

Calendar of Club Events for 2007

- June 9 — Annual Club Picnic Food, Demo, Raffles and Auction — Todd's House
9:30am—12:30pm Morning workshop with Michael Persiano—Kingsville Boxwood or BYOT
12:00pm-1:00pm — Social Hour
1:00pm — 2:00pm Lunch
2:00pm — Demo Followed by auction
- June 23 China Trade Bonsai Society Bonsai and Asian Arts Festival
- <http://www.chinatradebonsaisociety.org/annualshow.htm>
- June 21-24 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar <http://www.absbonsai.org>
- July 10 — Board Meeting 7PM @ Bob's House
- 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 TBD
- Nov 19 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Program TBD
- Dec 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Dec 17 — Annual Christmas Party

Ramblin's from Todd

Happy Sept. folks- Where did the Summer go? September heralds Fall with the change of climate and it's **really** hard to believe it's here already.

I want to start with an apology for dropping the Ramblins' for a few months. I've had a shift in life as business dropped off and I decided to downsize my company into a one man brokerage out of a home office. I've been looking for an excuse to simplify anyway. 12,200 square feet now fits into 4200. Big change! 14 to 21 year employees were sent off into new lives which was very emotional, yet very rewarding at the same time. Man, did they get quick and great offers!!!! Basic training must have worked. Promotional Industries will still service 3 very loyal accounts and Sanctuary Bonsai, a Division of Promotional Industries, Inc. is registered and legal. The brokerage will pay the bills and the bonsai nursery can be fun. I'm hopeful that on average brokering will require 15-20 hours a week. The rest will be growing the best pre-bonsai I can and enjoying a bonsai lifestyle. I purchased over 650 seedlings to stick in the ground, acquired some killer stock from several sources and will be digging over 200 trees from the nursery next spring.

At the September meeting I will talk briefly about wiring. Those that want to then segregate from the BYOT format and practice wiring can. I'll be happy to lend tips and watch over. At the ABS Learning Seminars at Saratoga Springs, I spent a full day with Kathy Shaner learning advanced wiring techniques and she really opened my eyes to all I was doing right and wrong. I also got a crash course in wiring from Marco Invernessi in Saint Louis. He said my wiring "didn't suck!". Additionally, I was given solid instruction at Colin Lewis' Ho Yoku School of Bonsai. I guess all that said, I feel comfortable teaching wiring and will prepare well to be through, informative, and brief. I promise to keep it short that those who want to work on trees can..

The SC Bonsai Study Group recently invited me to come down and demo at their monthly meeting. It was a blast and I got to work on some really good material. I just wished I had more time. Check out the before and after without much fine wiring. It needs a few years to fill out, but on a right path. This group is the nucleus of a great bonsai institution, the study group. More on that later.

Go do some good, do great bonsai and enjoy life. It's too short not to. Happy Birthday Diana! T

