



# BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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January 2008 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.

## December Meeting - Annual Holiday Party

What a way to end the year. A lot of great food, great friends, holiday joy and of course another really good auction. The only official business conducted was the election of officers for 2008. The results are Dianna—President, Geof—V President, David—Treasurer and Vreni—Secretary. Many thanks to all for the great selection of food items that was enjoyed by all. Following the great food we jumped into our annual holiday auction. As can be seen in the pictures there were a lot of good items and our Auctioneer Dave did another good job. We raised over \$900 from the auction. This will really help out to keep us very active and give us the ability of bringing a variety of good bonsai artist.

A hearty welcome goes out to all for their food donations, auction donations and opening the wallets for another successful holiday event.

A warm thanks for Todd for opening his house to us and Lily for all her work helping Todd get ready.



## Upcoming Events

### Jan 2008 Meeting — Monday, January 21

Our first meeting of the new year will be on our normal schedule of the 3rd Monday at the Pond House.

This months meeting idea came up at a recent board meeting. David Bressemer said he would like to see a meeting where we take trees that are not so great and make something out of them unlocking their potential. So **Trash to Treasure** is our focus. Bring in a tree you think needs lots of work or something you got for a bargain. It can also be a tree you once had a vision for that now you can't seem to find the tree in. If you have a bunch of little trees of the same species maybe we could make a forest. Maybe a rock planting with the tree you bring in will work. If you have a tree where one side has died back we can make a great windswept tree out of it!

There are some buys to be had at Home Depot and other places. I bought some Italian Cypress trees half price at the supermarket these were sold for mini Christmas trees, but they will make a great forest. Brian Damboise found a nice Ficus at Home Depot. **So get out there and find something to work on and bring it to this months meeting!!!!**

If any one has copies of the Spring and Summer 2007 issues of the ABS Journal there are articles by Cheryl Manning about taking Trash to Treasures—Transforming Troubled Trees

### Ct Flower Show <http://www.ctflowershow.com/>

#### Feb 21st—Feb 24th

We will be reviewing the upcoming CT Flower Show. Geof has been working hard on fabricating new material for this years display and the plan looks to be a more impressive display than last year. We will need volunteers for set-up, teardown . The landscape area will have table and chairs for working on trees and a path for viewers to walk through the display. Volunteers are needed to answer questions on the club and bonsai at both displays and anyone who wishes can bring in a tree(s) to work on and I am sure will have questions from the attendees.

We will need about 12-18 trees for both of the displays. If anyone has trees to bring in for the show please email Dianna majchrzak@cox.net.

### 2008 Dues

The annual fee remains the same this year at \$30.00 for an individual and \$40.00 for a household membership. Please make out your check to BSGH. You can pat at the next meeting or mail to:

David Bressemer

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## 2008 Schedule

- Jan 8 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location
- Jan 21 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Trash to Treasure
- Feb 5 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- Feb 18 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Tropical Workshop
- February 21 - 24 Connecticut Flower Show GHBS bonsai display [www.ctflowershow.com/index.html](http://www.ctflowershow.com/index.html)
- March 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- March 17 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30 Winter Pruning Deciduous and BYOT
- April 1 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- April 7— Special Meeting Location TBD Min Hsuan Lo, MABS Artist  
<http://artofbonsai.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=855>
- April 11-13 — Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Conference [www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com)
- May 6 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- May 19 — Club Meeting at Pond House, 7— 9:30
- June 3 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- June 7 — GHBS Annual Picnic
- June 19 -28 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar San Antonio, Tx. <http://www.absbonsai.org>
- July 12 - 13 — GHBS Annual Show

Snacks & Refreshments		
January 2008	Barbara Strong	Vreni Breakell-Caudle
February 2008	Stephen R	Frank Brooks
March 2008	Jose Amat	Stephen Tine
April 2008	Ann & Bob Raymond	??????????
May 2008	????????????	??????????

### 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.