



BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD

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March 2008 Newsletter

All regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00PM -9:30PM.

IMPORTANT MEETING INFO

Due to some unfortunate circumstances we have found ourselves in a position to change our monthly meeting location. The next two meetings will be at two different locations. The March meeting will be held at the Elmwood Community Center in West Hartford, Ct and starting in April all our meetings will be held at the William J. Pitkin Community Center (Wethersfield Community Center) in Wethersfield, CT. Following are the addresses and directions to both locations. Meeting times will remain the same

Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue West Hartford, CT 06110 Phone: (860) 561-8160

From I-84 East (toward Hartford):

Take exit 41 (South Main Street). Turn right at the end of the ramp. Go to the second light and turn left onto New Britain Avenue. Follow New Britain Avenue to the second traffic light and turn left onto South Quaker Lane. Take the first right onto Burgoyne Street. Turn right at the sign into Elmwood Community Center parking lot and proceed to the front of the building.

From I-84 West (toward Waterbury):

Take exit 42 (Trout Brook Drive). Proceed down Trout Brook Drive to the first traffic light and turn right onto South Quaker Lane. Take the first left onto Burgoyne Street. Turn right at the sign into ECC parking lot and proceed to the front of the building.

William J. Pitkin Community Center (Wethersfield Community Center) 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT (860) 721-2950

TRAVELING NORTH ON I-91:

Take Exit 24

At End of Ramp - Go Right onto Silas Deane Highway (Rt. 99)

At Approximately 2.7 Miles (11th traffic light), take a Left onto Nott Street.

After Stop Sign, take your Second Right onto Folly Brook Boulevard.

Take First Right onto Greenfield Street. Community Center is on your Right

TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-91:

Take Exit 28 For Route 5 and 15 (Berlin Turnpike Wethersfield-Newington).

Take Exit 85 (99 South Wethersfield - Rocky Hill).

At 3rd Traffic Light (Nott Street), take a Right.

After Stop Sign, take 2nd Right onto Folly Brook Blvd.

Take 1st Right onto Greenfield Street. Center is on Right.

Upcoming Events

March 2008 Meeting — Monday, March 17

Meeting will be on our normal schedule of the 3rd Monday at the Elmwood Community Center, West Hartford

Deciduous Bonsai Trees and Soil

This months meeting will focus on deciduous trees . Springtime is the best time to begin work on deciduous trees from re-potting to trimming. Just before or as the buds start to swell. We will also look at mixing up some soil for the re-potting. So bring in you trees and get ready to get busy as spring is in the air and a lot work to get done.

Selection of trees for Mid-Atlantic Show. As a club we are allowed to submit three trees for this show. Any member interested in displaying a tree a required to bring in the tree or a good photo and all members present will get a chance in the selection. So get those trees ready and bring them to the meeting.

Invitation

The Springfield Bonsai Club will be holding work-shops on April 26th and 27th in Springfield area. The guest artist will be Marty Schmalenberg. Members of our club have been invited to attend either of the days. The cost is \$60.00 for an all day work-shop.

Anyone interested can caontact Kris Springer at chefnit@yahoo.com

Upcoming Open Houses

These will be a member's houses and are BYOT, wire and tools or just come and sit around and talk about bonsai

May 17th — Bob & Maureens This will also be a partial workday to clean up the displays for our annual show

June 29th — Dave & Vreni's

Sept ?? — Diana's

Upcoming Workshop

Nick Lenz Sunday March 16. Will be held at Todd's house and will go from 9am-5pm. The price is \$50. The primary focus will be on Larch. One opening left

Mr Min Hsuan Lo, Monday, April 7. Afternoon workshop 1pm-5pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Four openings remain.

Pedro Morales, Monday, May 19. Afternoon workshop 1pm-5pm at the Wethersfield Community Center. Six openings remain.

Silent observers are also welcome.

Contact Geof at gдохolmes86@msn.com or 413-229-8874 to reserve a spot.

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
- March 4 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location Dave & Vreni's
- March 16 — BYOT tree workshop with Nick Lenz at Todd's 9am-5pm
- **March 17 — Club Meeting at Elmwood Community Center, 7— 9:30 Winter Pruning Deciduous and BYOT**
- April 1 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- **April 7— Club Meeting & Afternoon Workshop Location Wethersfield Community Center**
Min Hsuan Lo, MABS Artist <http://artofbonsai.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=855>
- April 11-13 — Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Conference www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com
- May 6 — Board Meeting 7:00PM Location TBD
- **May 17 — Open House and Workday — Bob & Maureen's West Hartford, CT**
- **May 19 — Club Meeting and Afternoon Workshop at Wethersfield Community Center, 7— 9:30**
Guest Artist Pedro Morales <http://www.pedrojmorales.com/index.html>

- 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>
- June 21-22 — Rose Garden Weekend at Elizabeth Park — Bonsai display
- **June 29 — Open House at Dave & Vreni's Kensington, CT**
- July 12 - 13 — GHBS Annual Show - Pond House, Elizabeth Park

Snacks & Refreshments		
March 2008	Jose Amat	Stephen Tine
April 7 2008	Ann & Bob Raymond	Con C
May 19 2008	Laura S	Joe G
June 7, 2008	Annual Picnic	Location TBD

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.

Ramblin's

Happy March This is what happened at Sanctuary Bonsai the other day. everyone!

Daylight Savings tonight! A true sign that Winter is waning and Spring, get busy time, is near.

First we evaluated a small, inexpensive Japanese Garden Juniper for branches that could become small trees.

Next, the entire trunk line was wired and all the chosen branches. A suitable stone with lots of detail was wired for stability as it was to be positioned in a top heavy state. The trunk line was manipulated to sit parallel to the ground and the small Trees were bent to an upright posture. Cuts were made on the underside of the trunk and rooting hormone applied.



The root ball was combed out but not trimmed. The tree was planted in conjunction with the rock with the trunk buried. Tall-est tree 3".

Going forward, the trees will mature and be pinched to keep the shape. This year the wire will be removed from the trees. In two years the planting will be repotted and hopefully the original root ball will be severely reduced or removed allowing the planting to fit in an appropriate container or perhaps on a rock slab. The trunk wire will be removed. Wire scars don't matter under soil and they may cause roots to spring

Obviously these aren't true bonsai, more like Chinese Penjing, landscapes in trays. Maybe Saikei of sorts? But, really fun and powerful at whatever scale. Do these up to the size trunk you can bend.



Ramblin's - Continued

Notice the last photo, moss and small grain soil was added to help with scale and balance.



At this month's meeting I'll be discussing Winter Pruning of deciduous trees as well as growing mediums and soil making. I have no intention of lecturing the whole meeting so bring dormant deciduous trees to prune. Now is a great time to prune Larch, Maples, Hornbeam, dormant Elms, etc and get jump on Spring. Additionally, now is a great time to be getting your soil mix together. It doesn't start soon, it starts now!

See you at the Elmwood Community Center. T

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 pay at the next meeting or mail to:

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