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March Meeting

The March meeting had more members and friends in attendance that I have seen in a long time. Attending were Jenny Grunberg, Dawn and Scott Dailey, Ed Greenleaf, Al Jacobs, Ann Page, John Tagett, John Cerovski, Carrie Lin, Greg Filter, Sechoing Lin, Ben Chien, Eric Newton, Caroline Verweyst, Louis Vasquez, Jean McIlvenny and visitor Katie Williamson.

First on the agenda was a discussion about the Girl Scout workshop. Thanks to the BS-K volunteers it went very well. We are looking forward to working with them again.

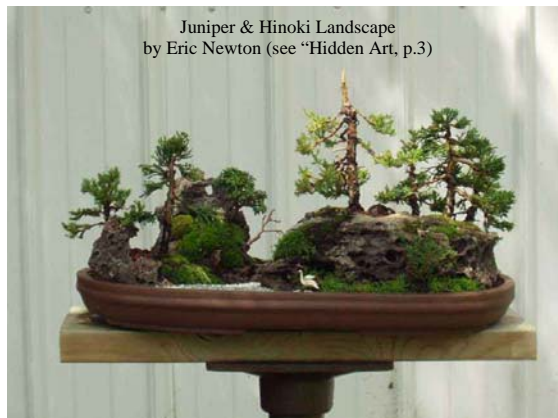


Next was Show and Tell with Eric showing a large assortment of trees. John Tagett exhibited a root over rock Schefflera that was begun in 2002. Last was Jenny with her Ficus.

Newt raffled off the club Juniper which he had styled. Jean was very lucky and won this beautiful specimen.

Newt then started the Root over Rock workshop with explaining how to first choose the rock. He then showed us how to fasten the roots over the rock and finished with potting the specimen.

The next meeting will be April 15 with Jack Sustic.



April 15 Meeting

The April workshop has been moved to the 15th. due to Easter falling on our usual meeting date. Bonsai expert Jack Sustic is returning to not only help us with our pines but also to show us how to prepare for the Michigan State Bonsai Show. Bring your pines to work on, your trees for the show, and any tools that you will be using.



The meeting will be held Sunday, April 15, at 1:00 PM, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Texas Township Campus, 6767 W. "O" Ave. just south of I-94. Go in the main entrance under the towers, take a left at the first hallway. Room 2120 will be up at the top of the stairs or wheel chair ramp on your left.

The BS-K usually, but not always, meets the second Sunday of each month, except August & December, from 1-4 pm, at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Please call Newt at 269-808-5056 or 269-731-3850 for meeting location, as it changes during the summer.

We are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible. As usual, we always welcome friends and visitors.

Lawton Nursery Dig

The Larch dig on March 31st. at the old Van Buren Conservation Farm in Lawton turned out to be a great success with nine BS-K members showing up.

The European Larches had really grown since the last time we were there and the soft loam made for easy digging. The best part was that the rain held up until I was halfway home.



Everyone got as many excellent specimens as they wanted to. I am looking forward to see some fine Larch bonsai in the coming months.

2007 Coming Attractions.

April 15, 1:00 PM, Jack Sustic Pine Workshop, Prepare Bonsai for All-State Bonsai Show.

May 11-13, 2007, All day, Michigan All State Bonsai Show, Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI

May 19-20, All day, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL Spring Japanese Exhibition and Bonsai Show

May 26-28, 2007 Rendezvous, Brussels' Bonsai, Olive Branch, MS

June 16, Ben Oki, All day, Newton's Ranch, Ben Oki

July 8, 1:00 PM, Azalea Workshop

Aug 12, 10:00 AM, Gee Farms Nursery Crawl

August 17-19, Annual Fall show & Exhibition, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL

September 6-9, 2007 Shohin Bonsai Symposium, Rochester NY

September 9, Ron Martin Workshop, pending.

Oct. 14, 1:00 PM, Pine Workshop

Nov 11, 1:00 PM, Club Dinner, Elections

December 9, 1:00 PM, Executive Meeting

Letters

BS-K Members,

Chris McDermott and I worked on the club web site for 2-3 hours last night and made some good headway! It is up and running. We have more pictures and plan on putting the old pictures back up but ran out of time.

We will be meeting again this weekend to do some more work. If anyone has anything they would like to have posted please save to a CD or flash drive and contact me. If anyone would like to join us that would be great.

Save only what you want posted into a folder (I just dumped my pictures into a file and we needed to sort them which took too much time). Name the folder: YEAR - NAME OF EVENT. For example: 2006 - Michigan All State Bonsai Show, or 2006 - Newts trees etc.

The photos should be cropped and in the correct orientation, but do not worry about resizing as the program does it automatically.

Thanks!!!

Eric Newton

The Knowledge of Bonsai Forum Proudly Presents Our First Annual Progressive Styling Contest Sponsored by Bonsai Europe Magazine

The Knowledge of Bonsai Forum has teamed up with "<http://www.bonsaieurope.com/>"; Bonsai Europe Magazine to host our First Annual Progressive Styling Contest.

The contest objective is to obtain stock and style it into a presentable bonsai within the time frame allotted by the rules. In order to include all levels of enthusiasts and all levels of stock, we have created both professional and non-professional categories and subdivided these into different stock categories. There is no price limit on stock.

With the goal of presenting a contest that is educational for all, we have modified the usual "before and after photo" styling contest common on most forums and added a few stipulations that we feel will turn this contest into something that can be discussed, learned from, and referred to by all.

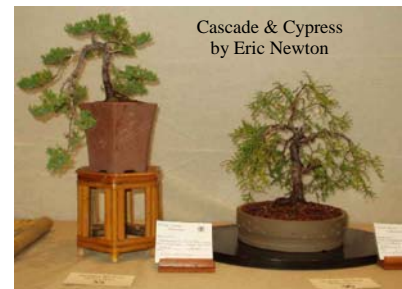
This contest will also require that participants submit three sets of progression photographs documenting their work. Each of these sets, as well as the first entry pictures and the final photographs will require a brief written explanation of the decisions made, techniques used, and thoughts behind the design.

Categories Include:

Professional
* Collected Stock
* Raw Stock
* Pre-Bonsai Stock

Non-Professional
* Collected Stock
* Raw Stock
* Pre-Bonsai Stock

General
* Best over all resulting bonsai from all categories.
* Most original design.
* Best solution to a problem.



Entries from around the world will be accepted. There is no cost to enter. The deadline for first submissions is July 31, 2007 and the deadline for final submissions is September 1, 2007. Judges will be announced soon.

For complete rules and more information on this contest visit The Knowledge of Bonsai Forum at "<http://www.knowledgeofbonsai.org/>"; www.knowledgeofbonsai.org.

Good luck to all!
Eric Newton

More Letters

Hi,

No sales announcements this time, but news of a fantastic effort by Carol Carpenter of the Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan. She has worked extremely hard to get a proposal for a USPS postage stamp series depicting bonsai past the initial stages of approval!

Now she needs us all to pull together and to gain as many signatures to a petition as possible. I have enclosed a .PDF of the proposal and the front page of the petition (you can make your own subsequent pages if necessary).

Even if you are the only one to sign, your one signature can make a difference.

Send your completed petitions to:

Carol Carpenter
Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan
192 Peninsula Trail
Traverse City MI 49686
(email: magool@chartermi.net)

I urge you all to support this effort.

Colin Lewis salesoffice@bonsaideals.com

From the Editor,

We are happy that so many of you are putting in the time and efforts to make this stamp possible. For copies of the petition email me at bonsaisocietykalamazoo@yahoo.com or see me at the next meeting for a hard copy.

Gregory Beach Bonsai

BS-K member Don Blackmond now has a web site showcasing bonsai materials that he is selling. He will have a lot of new items on the site as the weather improves.

Take the time to visit this site and see quality material at



www.gregorybeachbonsai.com.

For more information, contact Don at gregorybeachbonsai@sisterlakecable.com or use his link on www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org.

Pictured above is a Korean Hornbeam from Don's collection. To see more go to Don's web site.

Dear Jean,

We are writing this letter to inform interested parties about the North America vs. Europe Photo Contest that is currently underway at the Art of Bonsai project, www.artofbonsai.org.

The contest objective is for bonsai artists from North America and Europe to submit quality pictures of world class bonsai which will be judged and awarded points by qualified judges who reside neither in North America or Europe.

The goal of this contest is educational and is meant to inspire friendly competition between artists of both regions.

The rules and other information, as well as current entries can be viewed at <http://artofbonsai.org/forum/viewforum.php?f=62>.

Bonsai Today and the Art of Bonsai Project www.artofbonsai.org is currently promoting a bonsai photography contest and we are inviting bonsai artists from around the world to send in their entries.

There are multiple categories so that all types of bonsai can be judged along side of like entries.. The winners will be featured in an upcoming issue of Bonsai Today and be invited to have their bonsai featured in a gallery at Art of Bonsai.

For more information see the next issue of Bonsai Today or visit us at www.artofbonsai.org

Thank you,
Will Heath

www.artofbonsai.org

Hi everyone,

I just got accepted to display some of my trees at the "Hidden Artist in the Workplace" exhibit in Battle Creek, MI. As of right now I am unsure of the location. I will let you know. Hopefully this will open some more doors in the art world!!! Take care!!!

Newt

Hi everyone!

I just got some more info regarding this exhibit. I learned that out of over 70 entries, 14 were selected to display. It sounds like I will have limited space and they picked 3 of my works.

1st my Weeping Thread branch

2nd my Juniper landscape.

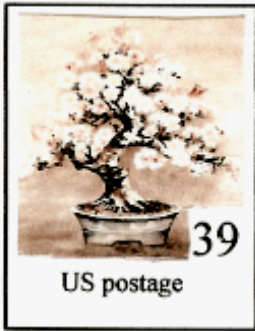
3rd my 3 tree Juniper penjing.

Funny all these trees need work to get them ready to display! Oh well.

It will be held Friday April 27,4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Carlyle Building,
15 Carlyle St
Battle Creek, MI, 49017

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