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June 16—Ben Oki Workshop and Meeting

Sunday, June 16, 2006 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Host: Eric Newton, 13425 M-96, Augusta, MI, 49012
5 houses east of the Barn Theatre, Phone: 269-731-3850

Fees

Participants; \$35, BSK and other bonsai club members,
\$45 non members
Observers; \$5, BSK and other bonsai club members,
\$10 non members.
Bring a lunch to pass.

Participants can bring a reasonable amount of plants for Ben to work on. He will do one for each participant and then rotate as time allows. Don't forget your tools and anything else you might need. If you have a drawing of what the plant will ultimately become, bring that also. If you don't want to bring plants, we have ordered a perfect day to visit with friends and see Newt's new improved digs.

From the west.

Take I-94 east to the 1st Galesburg exit, 35th street.
Take a left on 35th.
At the 2nd light take a right on Battle Creek Street
(there is a school on the corner).
This will take you to the light in Galesburg, go straight.
You are now on M-96.
The road will curve to the left and go over RR tracks
then take a right (follow the M-96 signs).
You will pass the Barn Theatre on the left, start to slow
down. My house is the 5th on the left past the Barn
Theatre.

From the East.

I-94 West to exit #92 the Climax/Augusta exit.
Turn right onto the I-94 business loop.
The road splits and the business loop is to the left,
stay on the business loop.
Turn left onto M-96 (it is actually a divided road so you
will have to turn right, then take a quick left through the
median).
Follow M-96 through Augusta. There will be a VFW
center on your right. We are the 4th house on the right
past the VFW.

Ninth Annual Michigan All-State Bonsai Show

As reported by Eric Newton

The show went very well. Ann Page and Eric Newton brought trees for the BS-K exhibit. Anita Buck-owing became a new member of our club. Welcome Anita.

Kudos to the winners.

Jack Sustic took 1st. place with his Shimpaku Forest.
Cyril Grum got 2nd. place for his Hinoki Cypress
Jack Sustic was on a roll, as he also took 3rd. with his
Satsuki Azalea.
Newt put his Weeping Threat Branch Cypress in his Bill
Neff pond pot and tied for 9th. Place.

There were 94 trees on exhibit, plus the club displays, with attendance up from last year. Next year's show will be the tenth anniversary show and will be held on May 3 & 4.

Ron Martin

Ron Martin, from Summerville NC, became a member of BS-K in late 2006. On May 22, 2007 I received email from Steve Martin, his son, that Ron had passed away after his brave fight against lung cancer.

Ron was a prolific writer with an amazing wit. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting him I felt as if he was a good friend. We corresponded and Omake published many of his articles.

Not only was he a Bonsai expert, but he ran Tokonoma Bonsai in North Carolina, and was on the board of ABS. Newt had corresponded with him and was arranging a September visit to our club. Sadly, he lost his wife Barb very recently, and then took ill himself.

This is truly a loss to Ron's many friends and the bonsai community. Our thought and prayers are with Steve and the rest of the family for the loss of your parents.

Steve asked that instead of flowers, donations could be made to the American Cancer Society. Here is a link to Ron's memorial page <http://www.acsevents.org/siteapps/p...I3NDKdINKZPBIoH>

Also, bonsaitalk.com has a link to Ron's memory.

2007 Coming Attractions

June 16, 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, Sensei to be announced Workshop.

Oct. 14, 1:00 PM, Pine Workshop

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

December 9, 1:00 PM, Executive Meeting

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan's

Annual Bonsai Show

July 27, 28, & 29th.

at Telly's Greenhouse

on John R. Road, just north of 16 Mile Road in Troy, MI

Show is open to the public 9 am to 8 pm each day.

This year's annual club show promises to be one of the best, with more workshops, educational programs and vendors than we have had in a long time.

World renowned bonsai artist William Valavanis will judge our show and personally lead two workshops as well as a lecture and slideshow on traditional bonsai.

We have also included in this year's agenda two "Introduction to Bonsai Workshops" which were especially designed with the beginner in mind. All ages are welcome.

Two of our club member will be also giving bonsai demonstrations that are free and open to the public.

Add raffles, vendors from around the country selling bonsai related goods, stock, and pots, the exhibition of our club member's bonsai, and a gathering of bonsai lovers, all in the wonderful setting of Telly's greenhouse, and we are sure that this is one show you will not want to miss.

For more information on our annual club show, directions, maps, and pre-registration information please visit our website at www.fourseasonsbonsai.org or email Show Chairperson Will at will@artofbonsai.org

Bonsai on the Beach ABS Learning Seminars June 21-24, 2007

With the assistance of the Virginia Bonsai Society
at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach VA

- 32 Knowledge packed classes
- 10 Outstanding instructors
- ABS 40th. Anniversary Bonsai Masterpiece Exhibit
- Knowledgeable vendors
- Joshua Roth ABS New Talent Contest
- The John Y Naka Award
- Raffles and limited auctions
- Chances to win bonsai lessons
- Children's workshop
- 2 lunches and dinners included
- A beautiful family vacation site on the beach.

For information www.absbonsai.org
Learning Seminars 2007
518-882-1039

Newt Accepted by Joshua Roth New Talent Competition

The Joshua Roth New Talent Competition is an annual competition to recognize and promote new bonsai talent in North America. First prize is a round trip airline ticket to Japan. The first stage of the competition is a judging of photographs of previously designed trees. The second stage will be the actual production of a bonsai during the "ABS Learning Symposium 2007", which will be held in Virginia Beach, VA at the ABS Seminar June 21 & 22.

Eric Newton has been accepted for the second round. We are looking forward to postcards from Japan. Good luck Eric.



Newt's Hidden Artist in the Workplace entry

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Please fill out and mail or bring to a meeting.

Member since: _____

Membership Type: *select one* _____ Student \$10 _____ Individual \$15 _____ Family \$20

Name _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **State** _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____ **Mobile Phone** _____ **E-Mail** _____

_____ *Do not publish my address to general membership* _____ *Call ONLY if absolutely necessary*

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