

# Bonsai Times

Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

BSLV

P.O. Box 1684, Bethlehem, PA 18016

February, 2010

## Message From the President

Welcome to a new year! It was really great seeing everyone at the annual dinner. I guess if you can't spend your evening working on Bonsai, you might as well spend it eating chinese food with other Bonsai enthusiasts. We should all take a couple of minutes out of our busy day to say thank you to everyone who makes it possible for all of us to get together and do what we do during the year. Thanks to all the Board of Directors for all they do, with special thanks to Jim Gillespie for setting up the lecture/demos and Linda Kondikoff for the wonderful job she always does on the newsletter. It's been a long cold winter, but spring will come!



BSLV President Dave Tetterer in deep concentration



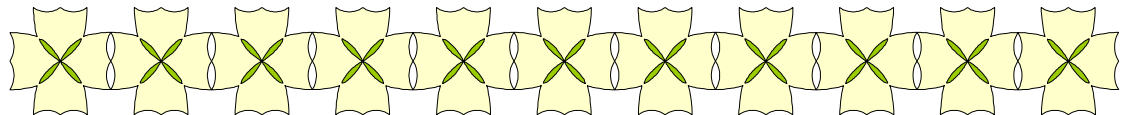
### Ron Lang On Bonsai Pots



Potter Ron Lang gave a power point presentation on making a bonsai pot from start to finish. He included fascinating shots of his wood-fired kiln and also shared pictures of his studio and tree collection. Joe Sauer and Jim Gillespie won the raffle for Ron's pots. Joe Sauer and Dave Tetterer won the raffle for two of Ron's hand-thrown mugs.

### BSLV BOARD

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*Bonsai to me: a little tree in a container that touches my soul. If it speaks to me much it is bonsai art. It does not matter at all how it does it as long as it does it.*

Walter Pall



# BSLV 2010 SPRING SEMESTER

All meetings are held at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. In case of inclement weather, please call Roger Krauss @ 610 867-5797 or Jack Kane @ 610 691-2161

*Note: No smoking anywhere on BAVTS campus!*

**February 18 (Thursday)** Berni Gastrich from Pound Ridge, NY, Discussion on Pine Development. His lecture will focus on choosing, maintaining, and developing pines of all species. He will concentrate on creating pines with short internodes and dense needle pads. He will bring bonsai from his own collection to show the progress of needle reduction over the years. This program will interest all members from beginners to intermediate. Although this is NOT a styling workshop, if you have a pine with a particular problem or if you have a question on development, bring your tree along. Time permitting, Berni may be able to address your tree.

Also at the meeting, we will continue the sale of MABS Saturday registration raffles @ \$5.00 apiece, which we began at our Chinese buffet dinner in January. The winner will be picked at the end of the meeting.

## Bernie Gastrich Bio

Dr. Berni Gastrich created his first bonsai, a mugho pine, in 1971. It is alive and well and he will bring it to his lecture! He was a student of Yugi Yoshimura and has made several trips to Japan. He is a retired optometrist and a member and mentor of Yama Ki Bonsai Society for more than 30 years and also is a past president of that organization.

**March 23 (Tuesday)** BYO Workshop Bring trees, tools, wire, etc. And get advice from the experienced members. Always popular, well attended and informative!

**April 16-18**

## MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES 27TH SPRING FESTIVAL

HUDSON VALLEY ROESORT & SPA  
KERHONKSON, NEW YORK

Featuring Charles Ceronio, South Africa  
Michele Andolfo, Italy  
Michel Phaneuf, Quebec, Canada

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# BSLV 2010 SPRING SEMESTER

**April 22 (Thursday)** Charles Ceronio from South Africa, Lecture/Demo, MABS speaker

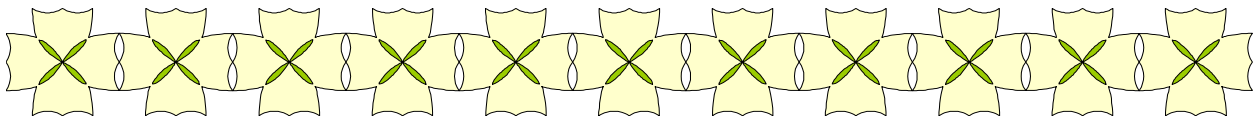
## Charles Ceronio Bio

Charles Ceronio, president and co-founder of Pretoria Bonsai Kai, started growing bonsai in 1968. Charles served as John Naka's assistant during his numerous visits to Pretoria and has been a disciple of Naka's ever since. Charles was also heavily influenced by Ben Oki and Roy Nagatoshi. Charles gave a lecture on "The Winds of Change to Indigenous Bonsai Styles for South Africa" at the first bonsai convention held in Cape town in 1980 during which he introduced six new African bonsai styles he created. In 1999 he published his highly regarded "Bonsai Styles of the World." During 1999 and 2002, two of Charles's trees were selected as being among the 100 best trees in the world in the JAL World Bonsai Contest held under the auspices of the Nippon Bonsai Association. He was a headliner at the 2005 World Bonsai Convention in Washington, DC. Currently Charles is working on a book on indigenous plants suitable for bonsai in Southern Africa.

**May 18 (Tuesday)** Show Prep/BYO Workshop Bring in trees selected for Wildlands Exhibit for final touch-ups along with stands and accents for trial. If not showing a tree, bring a tree and equipment for a traditional BYO workshop

**May 22 (Friday) and 23 (Saturday)** BSLV Exhibit at the Wildlands Conservancy, Pool Wildlife Sanctuary, Emmaus, 9am-6pm. Jack Kane (610 691-2161,) show chairman, will be contacting you about trees for exhibition and the "sitter" schedule.

**June 26 (Saturday)** Annual Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff Farm with special guest Ted Matson from California. More to come about that later!



*Two literati style bonsai trees  
by Robert Steven*

# BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS

.....compiled by Jim Gillespie

Contact Jim at 610-837-6688 or  
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Jim inspecting a styled tree at MidAtlantic

**February 5-7** California Shohin Society Biennial Shohin Seminar 2010 @ Hotel de Oro in Santa Nella, CA *registration*

**February 11-14** Kokufu Bonsai-Ten, Nippon Bonsai Association National Exhibition, Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan \$\$\$

**February 27-28** 19th Annual Mammoth Fundraiser for GSBF Bonsai Garden @ Lake Merritt, CA featuring Kathy Shaner *www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com*

**February 27-28** Bonsai-a-thon XIV: Fundraiser for GSBF Collection @ The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

**February 28-March 7** Philadelphia Flower Show @ PA Convention Center, Philadelphia, "Passport to the World" with PBS Exhibit and Rosade Bonsai Studio Exhibit *admission www.phsonline.org*

**March 26-28** Lake Charles Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit, Lake Charles, LA *www.usa.lcbsbonsai.org*

**April 16-18** 27th MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival, Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, Kerhonkson, NY, Lecture/Demos, critiques, workshops, vendors, exhibit, dinner, auction *registration www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com*

**April 30-May 2** Potomac Bonsai Association Spring Show/Exhibit @ US National Arboretum, Washington, DC, exhibit, vendors, demos *free*

**May 8** Nature's Way Open House with Kathy Shaner from CA, Linglestown, PA *free www.natureswaybonsai.com*

**June 5** Great Swamp Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit @ Frelinghusen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ, 10am-3pm, Sho Fu En Bonsai vendor *free*

## BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS, CONTINUED

**June 5-6** Brandywine Bonsai Society Exhibit @ Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA *admission* [www.brandywinebonsai.comcast.net](http://www.brandywinebonsai.comcast.net)

**June 10-13** Cowtown Bonsai @ LSBF 2010, Fort Worth, TX *registration*

**June 12-13** 2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition @ Monroe Community Hospital, Rochester, NY, exhibit, demo, vendors, dinner *admission* [www.internationalbonsai.com](http://www.internationalbonsai.com)

**June 25-27** Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention, Grand Rapids, MI *registration*

**August 27-29** Ron Lang Pottery 2nd Annual Kiln Opening & Workshops, Reedsville, PA *registration* [www.langbonsai.com](http://www.langbonsai.com)

**September 9-12** International Bonsai 2010 Symposium on North American Bonsai, Rochester, NY *registration* [www.internationalbonsai.com](http://www.internationalbonsai.com)

**September 17-19** Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention, Bremerton, WA *registration* [www.bonsaitree.comcast.net](http://www.bonsaitree.comcast.net)

**September 29-October 12** BCI 2010 China Tour \$\$\$ [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

**September 30-October 3** 5th Biennial International Stone Appreciation Symposium @ Harrisburg-Hershey Holiday Inn-Grantville, PA lecture/demos, critiques, workshops, 2 exhibits, vendors, banquet, auction *registration* [www.stoneshow2010@aol.com](http://www.stoneshow2010@aol.com)




“Penelope” by Nick Lenz



A sweater for your bonsai? This is a picture from a clever Fujitsu air conditioning ad!

# BSLV Annual Banquet

This year members converged for the annual BSLV dinner at Sakura Chinese and Asian Buffet in Whitehall.



Sho Fu En Bonsai

*"Experience Art in Nature"*

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## BSLV DUES

\$40.00/ individual  
\$45.00/ family  
*(still a bargain!)*



Benefits include:

- Educational Programs & Workshops
- International Speakers
- Newsletters
- BSLV Website
- 10% Discount on Sho Fu En Merchandise
- Auction/Picnic
- Annual Banquet

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