



# Bonsai Times

Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

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P.O. Box 1684, Bethlehem, PA 18016

February, 2011

## Message From the President

**It is difficult to realize how great a part of all that is cheerful and delightful in the recollection of our own life is associated with trees.**

**-Wilson Flagg**

Welcome back everyone! Although it's been a long, cold and snowy winter, the groundhog is forecasting that spring is only a few weeks away. Time to begin thinking about your trees. Beginning with larches and pines and into the deciduous trees, the time for repotting and trimming and styling trees is almost upon us. If you need advice on any trees, don't be afraid to bring them to the meeting, no matter what is scheduled, and get some free advice from some of the more experienced members. Remember, bonsai is a continued learning experience for all of us. See you at the meetings!

Dave T.



*BSLV President Dave Tetterer in deep concentration*

## BSLV BOARD

Have you visited the BSLV page on Facebook?

You'll see Bob Ruhe and other members as well as a selection of stellar trees!

Thanks to Paul Landis for setting it up!



- President:** Dave Tetterer
- Vice President:** Jack Kane
- Secretary/ Treasurer:** Bob Ruhe
- Program/Education:** Jim Gillespie
- Newsletter:** Linda Kondikoff
- Director:** Greg Krause
- Director:** Roger Krauss
- Director:** Paul Landis
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# BSLV 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!*

**March 1 (Tuesday)** *This meeting was rescheduled from February 22.* “Internet Bonsai & Suiseki” Part 1: Our own Jim Brant will give a Power Point Presentation on the scope of bonsai information available on the web. As a follow-up, our own Paul Landis will explain the influence of social media on communication relating to bonsai. Part 2: Short discussion on suiseki (Japanese art of viewing stones) by members who are more involved in this art form. Others are asked to bring in stones you have collected to be evaluated as possible suiseki.

We will hold the raffle drawing for MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Festival Saturday registration!

**March 22 (Tuesday)** “Blended Tree” Technique for Shohin Bonsai with Pauline Muth. Pauline returns from West Charlton, NY, to show us a method by which you can develop a shohin or root-over-rock bonsai rather quickly. The method involves binding the young trees together to form a single bonsai. The meeting will begin with her doing a 30-45 minute demo. Afterwards, up to 10 pre-registered members will participate in a workshop to create their own “blended tree” with supplied amur maples. The others in attendance are welcomed to stay as observers to the workshop. Cost: \$35.00 to participate in the workshop, which includes amur maples, plastic bonsai pot, soil. These participants are to bring their own tools and copper wire.

The amount of initial interest on the sign-up sheet at the banquet indicates that the class may be overbooked! Assure your place now by filling in the tear-off sheet and sending it in as soon as possible. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis!

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## **BLENDED TREE WORKSHOP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$35.00 (Please make checks payable to BSLV)

Mail to Bob Ruhe, 2495 Martins Lane, Hellertown, PA 18055

# BSLV SPRING SEMESTER, CONTINUED

April 15-18  
MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival 2011  
featuring  
Yasuo Mitsuya  
Steve Tolley  
Kathy Shaner

Location: Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey  
604 Station Road  
Grantville, PA 17028  
Phone: 717 469-0661

*Only 75 minutes from the Lehigh Valley!!!!*

[www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com)

\*forms were mailed out earlier\*

**April 22 (Friday) (tentative-will most likely be rescheduled to the 15th or 19th):** Combo meeting with Pennsylvania Bonsai Society at 7:00 pm, Steve Tolley, England. *Location: Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA.* Directions: From NE Extension of the PA Turnpike (I-476) to WB PA Turnpike (I-276) -before MidCounty tolls bear right, stay in right lane for Norristown exit # 333 (old exit #25). After tolls, stay left at end of ramp (traffic light) turn left onto Plymouth Rd. At traffic light turn right onto Germantown Pike West, continue approximately 1 mile (through 5 traffic lights) At 6th traffic light, turn right onto Jolly Rd, the Community Center is on the right.

**May 24 (Tuesday):** BYO Workshop, bring trees, tools, wire, etc. Get advice from experienced members. Always popular, well-attended and informative!

**June 25 (Saturday) (tentative)** Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff Farm... more info later in the

# BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS

.....compiled by Jim Gillespie

Contact Jim at 610-837-6688 or  
[jagill@verizon.net](mailto:jagill@verizon.net) for more information



*Jim inspecting a styled tree at MidAtlantic*

**February 13-20** 85th Kokofu Bonsai-Ten, Nippon Bonsai Association National Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Industrial Trade Center, Asakura, Japan \$\$\$

**February 26-27** GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Fundraiser 2011, Oakland, CA, featuring Kathy Shaner, [www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com](mailto:www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com)

**February 26-27** Bonsai-A-Thon XV: Fundraiser for GSBF Collection at the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

**March 6-13** 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, PA Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA, "Springtime in Paris" with PBS Exhibit & Rosade Bonsai Studio Exhibit, *admission* [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com)

**April 15-17** 28th MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival, Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Grantville, PA, lectures/demos, critiques, workshops, vendors, 2 exhibits, dinner/auction *registration* [www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com)

**May 7** Nature's Way Open House with Ryan Neil, Linglestown, PA *free*  
[www.natureswaybonsai.com](http://www.natureswaybonsai.com)

**May 8-20** Walking Tour of Kyoto, Japan, sponsored by Sukiya Living Magazine (JOJG) \$\$\$  
[www.rothteien.com](http://www.rothteien.com)

**May 13-15** Lone Star Bonsai Federation 2011 Convention "Gateway of Bonsai," HI Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, TX, *registration*

# BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS, CONTINUED

**May 15** Rosade Bonsai Studio Open House & Inventory Reduction Sale, New Hope, PA  
[www.rosadebonsai.com](http://www.rosadebonsai.com)

**May 20-21** Shohin St. Louis II featuring Koji Hiamatsu, Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL  
*registration* [www.stlshohin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.stlshohin@sbcglobal.net)

**May 21-22** PBS Exhibit @ Shofuso House and Garden, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA  
11am-5pm *free*

**May 21-22** 38th Upstate NY Bonsai Society Exhibit, Rochester, NY

**June 3-5** Shohin Bonsai Seminar, International Bonsai Arboretum, Rochester, NY, Limit: 30  
*registration* [www.internationalbonsai.com](http://www.internationalbonsai.com)

**June 4-5** Brandywine Bonsai Society Exhibit @ Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA  
*admission* [www.brandywinebonsai@comcast.net](http://www.brandywinebonsai@comcast.net)

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

**June 10-12** 38th Bonsai Society of FL Convention featuring Ryan Neil, Ramada Celebration Resort, Orlando, FL *registration*

**June 16-19** "Bonsai in the Bluegrass" ABS/BCI Symposium 2011, Fern Valley Hotel & Convention Center, Louisville, KY, workshops/classes *registration*  
[www.bonsaiinthebluegrass.com](http://www.bonsaiinthebluegrass.com)

**August 19-21** 34th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit with guest artist Ryan Neil, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago, IL

**September 3-5** Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention XXII "Elegance in the Emerald City" Seattle, WA *registration*

## **Free Events at the US National Arboretum, Washington, DC —Open 10am-4pm**

**January 29-March 27** Year of the Rabbit: A New Year Stone Exhibit

**May 6-8** Potomac Bonsai Festival, 2 exhibits, vendors, demos (Harry Hirao) Chase Rosade & Julian Adams)

**May 28-June 12** Bonsai Bling: Azalea Bonsai in Bloom

[www.usna.gov](http://www.usna.gov)

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## Art Inspired by Bonsai



Bonsai Lamp  
by Catellani-Smith Lighting



Bonsai Gear Clock  
By Takeshi