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*“The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.
The second best time is today.”*

Old Chinese Proverb



Lecture/Demo by Mike Novik



Mellow **Mike Novik** prefers an intuitive approach to tree design over one that is restricted by rules or formula. He advises us to study trees in the wild for their form and the natural direction-change of the branches. The flexible, cooperative American larch he styled was won by **Kevin Derr** and a smaller one was won by



Message

from the

President

It's been my observation that, after one of the coldest winters I can remember, my trees seem to have produced an abundance of buds. Was it the cold winter or a delayed spring which caused this? Or, was it something I did last year? Again, one of those mysteries surrounding bonsai. Regardless of how you approach bonsai, or for that matter, horticulture, art, science, magic; we can all agree it is a discipline. Doing the right thing at the right time has always been a formula for success.

Here's wishing you a sense of wabi & sabi.

Meeting in Quakertown

Patrizia Cappellaro De Martino from Trezzano, Italy, gave a lecture/demo during a joint meeting of the BSLV and PBS in April. Very analytical, she seemed to solve many problems simultaneously as she worked with expertise on a juniper. She discussed various “male” and “female” qualities of trees and described how she addressed them when styling. She said she was pleased with the increasing number of women interested in bonsai these days. She feels they bring a feminine sensibility to the art.



Patrizia Cappellaro De Martino artfully wires the top of her tree.

Photo by Jim Brant

Dale Cochoy Workshop

A group BSLV members attended a Saturday workshop and received an intensive lesson in pruning, wiring, carving and painting from **Dale Cochoy**, aided by **Jim Gillespie**. All agreed that the material provided by Cochoy was worth every penny and the information learned—priceless!

In case anyone has questions or wants to buy any of his grinding tools, Dale Cochoy's website is:

www.wildthingsbonsai.com

E-mail: DaleCochoy@Prodigy.net



Donald Graham fine tunes a Yaupon holly which has a magnificent trunk.



Pruners in hand, **Rick Held** prepares to swoop in on his Burt Davii fig.



Noreen Enot and **Dale Cochoy** try to make sense out of her Green Island Ficus.

A Look Towards Fall...

August 23-24- Tilley's Show

September 20 and 21- A Weekend with David DeGroot at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, David De Groot is the curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection at Weyerhaeuser Co. in Federal Way, WA. He is the author of "Basic Bonsai Design," 1995. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bonsai Society -registration forms available in spring.

September 23 (Tuesday)- BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) for advise/consultation.

October 21 (Tuesday)- Lecture/demo by Colin Lewis from Massachusetts (formerly of England)



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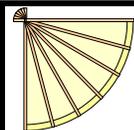
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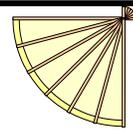
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lawnchairs!*

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PICNIC AND AUCTION

CELEBRATING OUR 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



Date: Saturday, June 21, 2003 (Raindate June 28)

Place: The Kondikoff Farm (see map for directions)

Schedule

9:30- Arrive, label auction items, display your tree*
and enjoy coffee & pastries

10:00- Lecture/demo by Mike Cartrett (see bio, page 7) tropical expert
visiting from Florida... "powder puff tree" (calliandra) to be
raffled.

12:00 - Lunch...a "movable feast" prepared by our own
Mike Fulmer (**\$5.00 donation**)...eat, wander,
socialize, view member display and shop
Sho Fu En Bonsai satellite store.

1:00- 4:00- Auction (75% members, 25% to club)

** Every member is encouraged
to bring one bonsai for our
backyard exhibit.*

*Save room for
the special
Anniversary
Cake!!*







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Route 946 - West to Danielsville

Route 512 - South to Bath

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Bio-Mike Cartrett

Mike Cartrett is the owner of Palm Beach Bonsai, a wholesale prebonsai nursery in south Florida. He searches out and collects tropical material from wooded and urban areas. Mike has been a bonsai teacher for over ten years and is a member of Asagao, one of John Naka's study groups. He has both organized and has spoken at a number of conventions in Florida and has lectured throughout the southeastern U.S. While a biology student at Florida State University, Mike saw his first bonsai and has been involved with them ever since.

The Tilley's Show-August 23 & 24, 2003

It's not too early to start thinking about it! BSLV members are once again invited to Tilley's Nursery in Coopersburg to show our trees to the public, educate the curious, and perhaps woo new members! The public casts votes for it's favorite trees and you could win a sizable gift certificate! Last year's show was a great success, but of course we need display trees and "sitters." You will be contacted later in the summer to find out if you would like to participate. in this event.



Kevin Gain focuses intently on his Green Island ficus at the Cochoy workshop on May 17.

Dale Cochoy Lecture/Demo

Dale Cochoy designed a beautiful Ward's Yew, a.k.a. "The Tree That Will Not Die" at our May meeting. **Gregory Krause** was the lucky raffle winner!

Three Jims and an Ed

I am indebted to three Jims.....my husband, **Jim Kondikoff**, who patiently solves my computer problems, **Jim Gillespie**, who provides some of the content and proof reads the newsletter, and **Jim Brant** for his contribution of pictures and info. Also a thanks to **Ed Bauer** who keeps me current with member info. I couldn't do it without you guys!

- Linda

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Jim Gillespie's Schefflera

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Bonsai Related Events

July 3-6- MidAmerica Bonsai Alliance, Cincinnati, OH.
Registration

Sept. 5-7- International Bonsai Symposium, Rochester, NY
Subscription & Registration

**Sept. 19-21- PNBICA Convention XIV Seattle, WA with American
Bonsai Society. Registration**

**Oct. 30-Nov. 2- Golden State Bonsai Federation 26th
Convention, Fresno, CA. Registration**

*For additional details, contact **Jim Gillespie**, 610-837-6688*



Linda Brant's Ginkgo