

# Bonsai Times

Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

B S L V

February 2004

*Nature always opposes the artist, but whoever takes art seriously will not let this opposition discourage him.*  
- Vincent Van Gogh

## Members Share Expertise



*Bill Castellon and Linda Brant discuss accent plants*

Five BSLV members spoke on topics of interest at the November meeting. **Jim and Linda Brant** with **Roger Krauss** brought in a selection of individual accent plants and discussed possible ways of using them in bonsai displays. Linda also showed a very textural mixed planting, or *kusamono*, that she said typically features 3-4 different plants plus one "surprise." Planted in a base of muck, such groupings may easily be switched from pot to pot. The Brants highly recommend this website for further information on the subject:

<http://www.bonsaiartistsco.uk/accent.htm>

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*Roger Krauss*

## President's Message

A president or any leader is only as good as the people he has around him. Ed Bauer ran our treasury with a perfection seldom seen these days. At board meetings he was a pillar of wisdom. Ed's term ran out this year and it is time to secure a new secretary/treasurer. I urge you to consider what the club means to you and what it has provided for you. Perhaps you would like to demonstrate your enthusiasm by taking on the secretary/treasurer position! Many who serve as officers today do so with the sense that they get more from our club than the \$30.00 it costs to join. We need your talents!

Here's wishing you a sense of *wabi* and *sabi*.

Roger



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**Dave Weaver** helped us understand more about *saikei*, *bonkei* and *penjing*. Seen here is one of Dave's "sheltering cove" landscapes.



**Dave Tetterer** and **Jim Gillespie** teamed up to define and explain *suiseki*. Using many examples from their own personal collections, Dave and Jim focused on the characteristics and qualities of both Chinese and Japanese interpretations of the art form. Thank you to all of our teachers for your preparation and your informative presentations! We all benefited from your knowledge.

A cast pewter sculpture commemorating 2003's MidAtlantic Convention was won by yours truly! Other raffle winners were **Joe Sauer**, alpine plant and pot; **Evelyn Kane**, alpine plant and pot; and **Jim Heacock**, *suiseki* book. Raffle items were provided by **Jim and Linda Brant** and **Jim Gillespie**.

## Membership Dues

For April 1, 2004  
Membership in the BSLV costs  
\$30.00 per year for an individual  
\$35.00 per year for a family  
Please send checks payable to BSLV to:  
P.O. Box 1684  
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1684

## Colin Lewis Demo

"A really good bonsai should take your breath away...even if you don't know anything about bonsai," claimed **Colin Lewis** as he styled a Scot's pine in front of 21 BSLV members on November 18. He emphasized harmony in design ("if the root is curly, so should be the top") He encouraged the bonsai artist to "believe in yourself" and to "learn as much as you can by osmosis...looking, watching." The ever-lucky **Roger Krauss** won the raffle for the demo tree.

Congratulations to  
**Mike and Jolleen  
Fulmer**  
who tied the knot on  
**September 6, 2003!**

## Local Bonsai Suppliers

### Arts of Asia Gift Gallery

Dave Tetterer  
518 Main St.  
Bethlehem, PA  
(610) 882-5882

### Shoe Fu En Bonsai

Jim Gillespie  
3183 Pine Rd.  
Danielsville, PA  
(610) 837-6688

The treasurer reported that as of  
January 14 there is \$3,635.95 in  
BSLV's coffers.

# 2004 SCHEDULE

All meetings unless otherwise noted start at 7:30 pm at the BAVTS horticultural classrooms.

**February 26 (Thursday)** Dennis Donald on tool sharpening and care. Bring along a dull, broken or misaligned too and if there is time, Dennis will give it a once-over.

*Dennis, a resident of Chadds Ford, PA, has been a member of the Brandywine Bonsai Society for 33 years and a member of the Delaware Valley Bonsai Study Group for 27. He is the current chairman of the Ameriseki Group. He has studied with John Naka and also at the Rosade Bonsai Studio. Besides lecturing and displaying a numerous shows, Dennis is also on the bonsai volunteer staff at Longwood Gardens.*

**March 23 (Tuesday)** selecting nursery stock, fertilizing, pests--in house presenters.

**April 16-18 MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival** *A Must!!!* (brochure sent earlier)

**April 20 (Tuesday)** lecture-demo by Craig Coussins

*Craig Coussins, a resident of Glasgow, Scotland, has been teaching bonsai and penjing for over 25 years. He has written three bonsai books and is working on his fourth. In 1978 he founded the Scottish Bonsai Association and in 1982 was on the committee which founded the British Bonsai Societies. Additional information may be found on his website [www.bonsaiinformation.co.uk](http://www.bonsaiinformation.co.uk)*

**May 2 (Sunday) Bus Trip to National Arboretum, Washington, DC, via Perkiomen Tours Bus.** View 3 bonsai collections: Japanese, Chinese and American plus suiseki, museum and gardens.

- 47 passengers with potty
- Departs: 8.00 am (location to be determined)
- Returns: 9.00pm (location to be determined)
- Bring lunch/there will be a dinner stop on return trip, a la carte

See Tear-Off Below

**May 25 (Tuesday)** BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree)

*Look forward to a possible tour of the Graver Arboretum during a Saturday this month!*

**June 26 (Saturday)**-BSLV Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff farm

## BSLV Bus Trip to the National Arboretum, Sunday, May 2, 2004

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

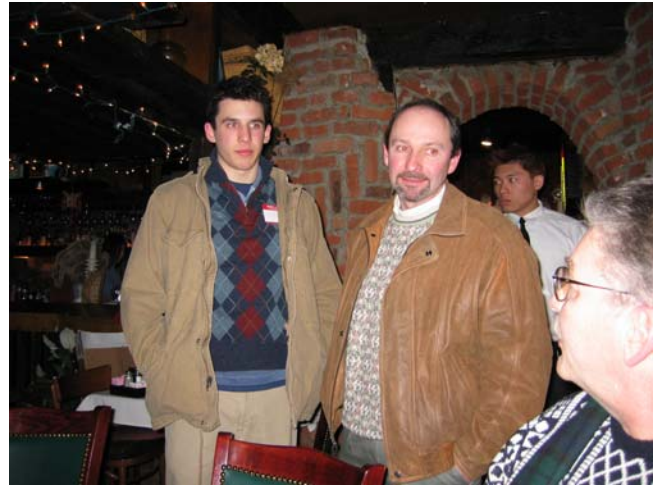
**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25.00/person**

Please make checks payable to Roger Krauss, 1218 Stanford Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Deadline: March 15. We will open this trip up to other clubs April 1.**

# The Banquet

Those intrepid souls who dared to brave the elements to get to Hunan Springs for the club banquet were rewarded with a bright spot in the midst of the winter doldrums. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other better, laugh and of course EAT! Spirits were high and the room got louder as the night progressed. We all quieted down at least long enough to hear who won the many doorprizes which were provided by the **Tettemers** (Arts of Asia) and **Jim Gillespie** (Sho Fu En Bonsai.)



# Bonsai Related Events

...for additional details contact **Jim Gillespie**, 610-837-6688

**March 6-14** Ameriseki Group Display at National Arboretum, suiseki. (viewing stones) FREE

**March 6-14** Philadelphia Horticultural Society 175th Anniversary Philadelphia Flower Show at PA Convention Center, 12<sup>th</sup> and Arch, Philadelphia, PA ADMISSION

\*Rosade Bonsai Studio Exhibit

\*PA Bonsai Society Exhibit

**March 12-14** Allentown Flower Show, Ag Hall, Allentown, PA ADMISSION

**March 13-14** Auction-Kawa Bonsai Collection & Pot Liquidation Sale, Radisson Hotel, Annapolis, MD FREE

**March 27-28** Ameriseki Group Displays at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA ADMISSION

**April 24-25** Rosade Bonsai Studio Open House, New Hope, PA FREE

**May 1-2** PBA-Potomac Bonsai Association Display at National Arboretum, Washington, DC, demos and vendors, FREE

**May 2-9** Shohin Exhibit (Dorie Froning (lecture 5/9) of Wilmington, DE and Jack Billet) at National Arboretum, Washington, DC FREE

**May 7-8** Nature's Way Nursery Open House, Harrisburg, PA FREE

**May 14-16** Native Plant Sale at Wildlands Conservancy, Emmaus, PA FREE

**May 22-23** Symposium on Art of Chinese Penjing at National Arboretum, Washington, DC, lecture/demos, tours REGISTRATION

**May 28-30** Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous 2004 at Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS Lecture/demos/workshops/sales REGISTRATION

**June 5** Great Swamp Bonsai Society Annual Show at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ FREE

**June 5-6** Brandywine Bonsai Society Exhibit at Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA FREE

**June 11-12** International Bonsai Seminar, miniature bonsai, lecture/workshop, Rochester, NY, SUBSCRIPTION/REGISTRATION

**June 17-20** BCI (Bonsai Clubs International) 2004 Convention in St. Louis, MO, BS of St. Louis and ABS (American Bonsai Society) lecture/demos/workshops/vendors/exhibits REGISTRATION

**September 10-12** International Bonsai Symposium 2004, Rochester, NY, lecture/demos/workshops, vendors/exhibits SUBSCRIPTION/REGISTRATION

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