



# Bonsai Times

Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

B S L V

February, 2008

*A good master is not doing his job if he's not learning from his students.*

*-Leroy Fuji*

## Message From the President

Happy New Year to All!

If you weren't at the BSLV dinner you missed a great time. Great company, great food and lots of door prizes! On behalf of the club I'd like to extend out our get well wishes to Linda Farmer and Steve Ripper and wish them a speedy recovery.



Bonsai always gives you something to look forward to, especially at this time of year. Many years ago when I first became involved in bonsai, I met an elderly gentleman at Rosade's Spring Open House. Without any other words he looked at me and simply said, "It helps you keep your sanity." Now that the days are getting longer and you're still contemplating whether to cut that branch, you know...that one you couldn't bring yourself to cut off last year?...well, it soon will be time to make the decision. Or possibly you could decide to wait until next year...I think the old guy had a point. Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Jim



*BSLV members consider design possibilities during a Pine Workshop at the October meeting.*

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# BSLV 2008 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 Joe Sauer @ 610 262-9796 or Roger Krauss @ 610 867-5797

*Note: No smoking anywhere on BAVTS campus!*

**February 26 (Tuesday)** Combination Program: Design and care of tropical bonsai by Roger Krauss. Members will also participate in designing traditional bonsai tokonome displays (Keido.) Members are encouraged to bring tropical and temperate bonsai, scrolls, accents and companion plants for advice and experimentation. More MABS registration raffle tickets will be available.

**March 25 (Tuesday)** BYO Workshop: "From Raw to Refinement" Bring trees, tools, wire, etc., including pots and soil if repotting is desired. Get advice from the members with considerable amount of experience.

**April 11-13 MABS 25th Spring Festival** same low room rates as in recent years, no increase in registration fee, full resort offering a wide range of facilities including full spa. More detailed travel directions later.

## MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies 2008 Spring Festival 25th Anniversary

April 11-13, 2008

@ Hudson Valley Resort & Spa

Kerhonkson, NY

(in Catskills only 2 1/2 hours from the Lehigh Valley

Just off NY thruway @ New Paltz or PA/NY Rt 209)

[www.hudsonvalleyresort.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyresort.com)

**Headliners: Min Hsuan Lo-Taiwan**

**Graham Potter-UK**

**Michael Hagedorn-OR**

**George LeBolt-NJ**

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

**April 15 (Tuesday)** Lecture/Demo by Graham Potter from UK. Mr. Graham Potter, who first became interested in bonsai in 1992, did not develop a passion for bonsai until 1999 when he met Kevin Willson who shared with him his own bonsai ideas and unique collection. Mr. Potter then founded The Kaizen School of Bonsai which is devoted to bonsai cultivation techniques and products (<http://www.kaizenbonsai.com>). His school is based upon the Japanese "Kaizen" concept which is concerned with the gradual improvement in processes to attain a particular goal or result. Improved processes ultimately results in superior quality.

## BSLV 2008 Spring Semester, continued

**May 20 (Tuesday)** Lecture/Demo by Jim Barrett from Arcadia, CA. Jim began his bonsai study with Khan Komai in 1958. He was both founder and president of Santa Anita Bonsai Society in 1965. SABS was the third bonsai society in the LA area and the first English-speaking bonsai society. Jim also served as the first president of the Golden State Bonsai Federation, the past president of BCI, and was on the ABS Board of Directors. Jim is the author of numerous bonsai magazine articles and has spoken at many bonsai conventions. Jim's talent spills over into another arena: Pottery. In his three decades as a potter, Jim has become well-known for his shoin-size pots. In addition to that, he also enjoys making suibans and large Japanese and Chinese style pots.

**June 21 (Saturday)** Tentative date for the BSLV Annual Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff Farm.



*"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

# 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

***Note: Major events you really should consider attending are shown in bold type***

March 2-9 Philadelphia Flower Show @ PA Convention Center  
[www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org) “Jazz it Up” with PBS Exhibit and  
Rosade Bonsai Studio Exhibit, *admission: (\$22.00 advanced,) \$26.00-\$28.00*

March 7-9 Allentown Flower Show @ Ag Hall, *admission*

March 15-16 Ameriseki Show @ Longwood Gardens, display of viewing stones,  
9am-5pm, Kennett Square, *admission*

**April 11-13 25th Anniversary Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival,  
lectures, demos, critiques, workshops, vendors, exhibit, dinner, auction. (see  
page 3) Drawing for Tool Raffle....a 17 piece set worth over \$1500!!! (see  
pdf attachment)**

April 6-19 Garden Tour of Kyoto sponsored by Journal of Japanese Gardening  
[www.rothteien.com](http://www.rothteien.com) \$\$

May 2-4 PBA Spring Show/Exhibit @ US National Arboretum, Washington,  
DC, exhibit, vendors, & demos

May 9-10 Nature’s Way Open House with Marco Invernizzi, Linglestown, PA  
[www.natureswaybonsai.com](http://www.natureswaybonsai.com)

May 17 & 18 (tentative) Wildlands Conservancy Native Plant Sale, location to  
be decided Note: Wildlands Conservancy is looking for horticultural volunteer  
to organize.....Possible that BSLV and WC could join to have bonsai exhibit/  
lecture/demo/workshop....more on that later.

# BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS, CONTINUED

May 23-25 Rendezvous 2008 @ Brussel's Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS  
*www.brusselsbonsai.com registration*

June 6-9 Bonsai Societies of Florida 35th Annual Convention, Cape Canaveral  
*www.bsf.com registration*

June 7 Great Swamp Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit @ Frelinghusen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ 10am-3pm

June 7-8 Brandywine Bonsai Society Annual Show @ Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA

June 12-15 Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention, Indianapolis, IN *registration*

**June 19-22 ABS Learning Seminars 2008, San Antonio, TX "Many Faces of Bonsai in Texas" *www.absbonsai.org registration***

**September 4-7 International Bonsai Symposium, Rochester, NY, "Deciduous Bonsai Featuring Maples" *www.internationalbonsai.com registration***

September 19-21 2008 Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association Convention, Spokane, WA *registration*

**September 24-28 BCI-IBS Congress, St. Vincent, Italy "Art & Teaching on the Top of Europe" *www.bci-ibs2008.it registration \$\$***

**October 2-5 International Stone Appreciation Symposium, Grantville/Hershey Holiday Inn *www.stoneshow2008.com registration***

**October 11-12 2008 National Bonsai Exhibit, Rochester, NY  
*www.internationalbonsai.com vendors, dinner, demos admission***

October 11-12 Carolina Bonsai Expo @ North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville, NC, exhibit/vendors/demos

October 30-November 2 Golden States Bonsai Federation Convention XXXI, Modesto, CA *www.gsbf-bonsai.org registration*



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# KIKU

Fortunately for us, Yama Ki's annual bonsai exhibit and an invitational exhibit organized by Bill Valvanis was also taking place during the Kiku Festival.



# Warm Smiles on a Cold Evening

Twenty nine BSLV members braved chilly winter weather to attend the annual banquet at Hunan Springs on January 22. Lots of eating and talking took place and several lucky members went home with door prizes provided by Dave and Mary Ann Tettemer and Jim Gillespie.





## More Warm Smiles on a Cold Evening



(left) Roger became increasingly confused and disoriented as the night progressed and thought he was scuba diving off the Nestle Coast.

### Pictures from November's BSLV Design by Committee meeting



## It'll Only Take a Minute!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please read the attached letter from the National Bonsai Foundation (open with Adobe Acrobat 6.0) Then, please go to this site: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/nationalarboretum?e> and sign an online petition to oppose budget cuts that are threatening the U.S. National Arboretum. After your vote is recorded you will be asked if you want to donate to "iPetitions" which has nothing to do with the Arboretum so you do not have to contribute. Thank you!

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