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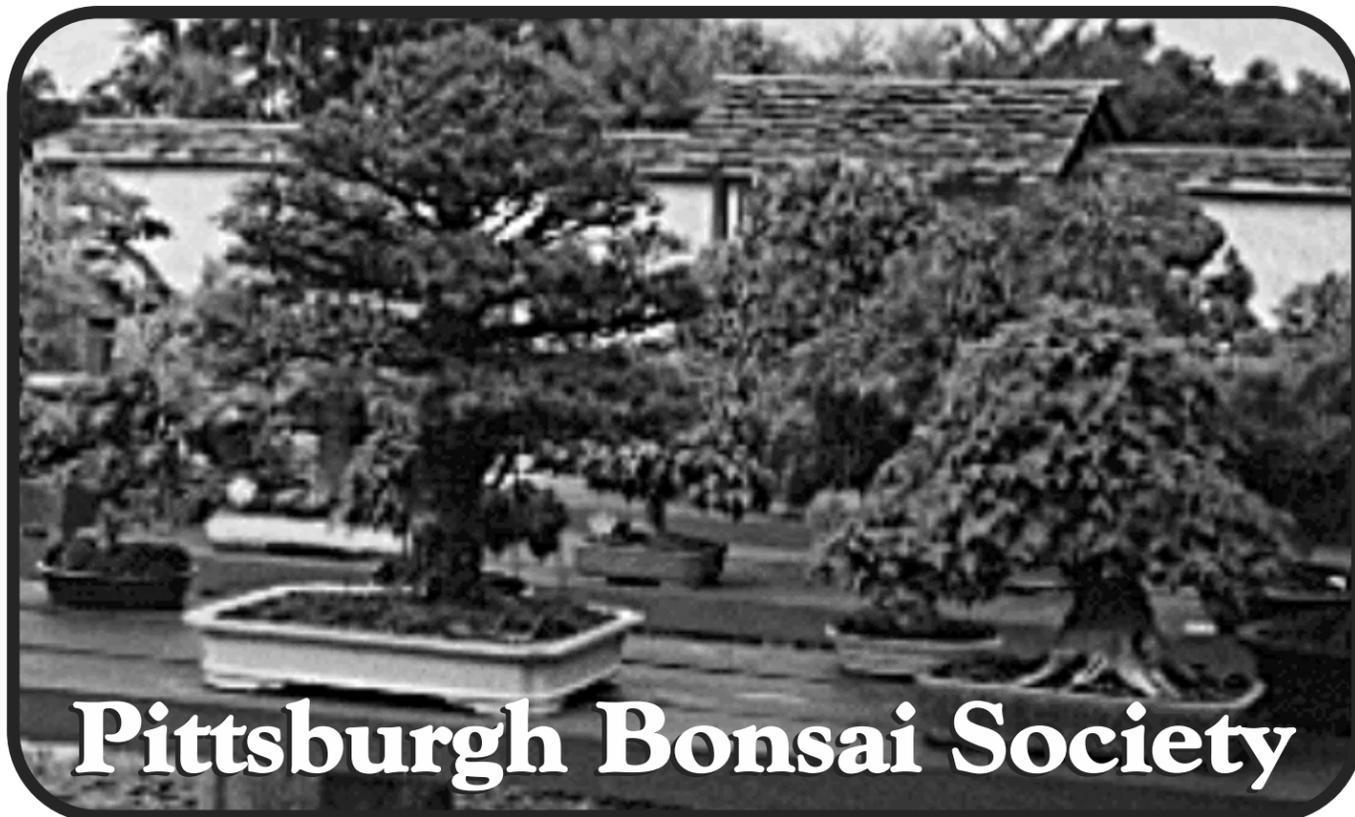
...to disseminate knowledge, encourage others and create interest in the art of bonsai

April 2005
Newsletter

TUESDAY APRIL 19TH



Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper Workshop! This session features established, staked procumbens 'nana' stock. You'll learn to reduce the ball, clarify the form, and the basics of pot selection. The fee to members is \$10.00 per plant, and these trees are worth every penny. Bring your tools, wire & supplies.



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...OOPS!

For many members, the March-April newsletter resembled mulch; it was tattered, torn and the missing the critical pages. (Maybe the USPS high-speed mailing machines were hungry?)

We've redesigned the newsletter to safeguard this and future issues. So here's April with all of the good stuff enclosed. We've even pushed the absolute last-ditch dues deadline and mailing list purge back to April 15th!

Thanks for your patience.
Jay Miller, Senior Editor



Some Random Notes...

In this issue, you'll find two actionable items.

One, the sheet containing the 2005 Events Calendar and your Contact List should be detached and placed on your refrigerator door.

Two, if you haven't sent in your dues, use the enclosed Membership Renewal form and send it in now. We're going to prune the mailing list on April 15th. The new Membership Directory is coming out in May.

March Program Recap

The first "Hands On" workshop featured deciduous trees: five-year-old trident maples, grown from seed, Japanese privet and Chinese elms. At one dollar per tree, many members purchased enough trees for several grove plantings. Keith Scott's blackboard listed simple rules for root pruning, buttress enhancement and basic styling for future development. Keith showed examples of what the trees would look like in 3-5 years.

He also brought samples of the actual plant stock we'll be working with at the Tuesday, April 19th Juniper workshop and the Thursday, May 19th "Azalea I" workshop. These are really impressive trees. Mark your calendar and don't forget your tools!
Jay Miller

Speed Up...

It's Mid-Spring on the bonsai calendar. Buds are bursting and roots are growing rapidly. So much to do, so little time! Repot your remaining deciduous trees right now. Prune dead branches and twigs. Continue repotting and start rewiring junipers and spruces. Begin pine wiring at the end of April.

Tool Time...

This is a "Hands-On" workshop year. That means you are required to bring tools, wire and other supplies to each meeting in order to get the most out of each session. If you bring a tree for critique and suggestions, ya gotta have tools to make the changes. If you are a beginner, call Evelyn Christie at Mizuki Bonsai Supplies. She has a wide variety of tools, wire, pots and other bonsai necessities. Call 412 244-9280, or go to the Mizuki website: www.bonsai-supplies.com.



Setup...

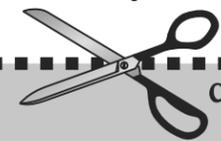
Your bonsai really need to be displayed properly. Remember last summer at the Annual Picnic?

Those beautiful display stands and benches were a great solution. Bob Dietz is ready to crank up the power tools for this year's production run. Available in custom heights at remarkably modest prices.

Call Bob at 724-348-4771



Renew Your Membership for 2005 In The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society



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Individual Membership \$22.00

Family Membership \$32.00

Membership Year: January 1 to December 31
Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

**Make your 2005 dues renewal check payable to
The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society and send it to:**

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