



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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*April 2006
Newsletter*



The April Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2006
(10 am-12noon)

Will be held at the Drew Mathieson Center for Horticultural & Agricultural Technology, 1600 Metropolitan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 Phone: 412 231-7200 (M-F 8-4) Directions insert for your fridge.

The speaker is Kelley Adkins, the trees are semi-finished *Ulmus Carpinifolia*, thus the materials fees of \$45 and \$85 for these spectacular trees. Availability: first come first served ! Bring your tools, wire, etc.

Note: Our Spring Show will be held here, too.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE

Tuesday, May 9, 2006
7 pm, Phipps Garden Center, Shadyside

Azaleas!! This workshop was so popular last year, we brought it back. Hardy stock for Zone 5. You'll learn how to clean, style and prune these colorful specimens. Modest materials fee: \$10 per tree. Don't forget your tools!



In Memory of Don Gould

The bonsai society lost a good friend and member last month. Don Gould was killed in a car accident on the Parkway on March 15, 2006. Typically, he had gotten out of his car to help another motorist when another vehicle slid into him on the icy road. As most of us know, Don was a premier potter of bonsai pots, but his eye for the oriental aesthetic went much further. He was a student of the folk art of many world cultures, and he incorporated patterns from East and West into his work. One day he would make a reproduction Chinese bronze in clay, and the next incorporate African and Celtic patterns into his glasswork. Don appreciated and taught us the value of shibui the subtle beauty of everyday objects, the inexpressible impact of a texture or glaze of a pot, the anonymous casualness of an antique Chinese, Japanese or Korean utensil. He understood that true art, or perhaps Zen art, was not contrived or created. So he handed out T-shirts that said, "Shibui Happens."



Don was the kind of person that you were always happy to see. He was always pleasant and ready to lend a helping hand. Many times he would call just to see if there was something he could do to help, whether it was to dig or



work on trees, help design a garden or just to joke around and lift your spirits. He could converse about anything from clay to Chaos Theory. I will miss that the most. Many of us will stop and catch ourselves thinking, "I wonder what Don will have to say about that?", or, "I wonder if Don's home, I have some questions for him." I know I will continue to consult him by using his bonsai pots and remembering the lessons he imparted and the example he lead.

Don most recently spearheaded the "Pure Water For All" initiative to design and distribute simple clay water filters wherever water purity was a problem in the world. With the help of Rotary International this project promises to save many lives and prevent many water borne diseases in underdeveloped areas. He believed that clay may have been the substrate wherein life started on this planet. He continued to explore its properties not only for art, but also for the betterment of mankind.

Don is survived by his wife Sally, son Ian and daughter Abby who remain friends of the Bonsai Society. If you would like to learn more about or contribute to the Pure Water For All project, visit <http://www.purewaterforall.org/> To hear an interview of Don about this project, go to: <http://www.itconversations.com/shows/detail829.html>

-Bob Grealish





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Located in the Manchester area of Pittsburgh's North Side, about two miles from Downtown Pittsburgh.

FROM THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST:

Take the Parkway (I-376/US 30/22) west toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 1-A (I-279N/Ft Duquesne Bridge/North Side/North Shore) for the Fort Duquesne Bridge. Cross the Fort Duquesne Bridge and take Exit 7-B for Ohio River Boulevard/Rt 65 North. Get in the right lane for US 19S/Chateau St/West End Bridge exit. Go straight at the stoplight and take the Chateau St. ramp. Take the first left at the Beaver Avenue Exit. Get into the right lane and turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking lot directly behind the Drew Mathieson Center greenhouse. Park. You'll see the entrance area, framed in green.

FROM THE SOUTH HILLS:

Take Saw Mill Run Boulevard/ Rt 51N toward Pittsburgh. Go past the Liberty Tunnels; follow signs to North 19/51/West End. Go past the Fort Pitt Tunnels. Follow signs to West End Bridge/North Shore. Cross West End Bridge. Turn left at stoplight for the Chateau St. ramp. Take the first left at the Beaver Avenue Exit. Get into the right lane and turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking lot directly behind the Drew Mathieson Center greenhouse. Park. You'll see the entrance area, framed in green.

FROM THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST:

Take the Parkway (I-279/US 22/30) toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 5-C (North 19 & 51/West End). Merge onto Saw Mill Run Boulevard (PA 51 & US Truck 19) toward West End Bridge and North Shore. Cross the West End Bridge. Turn left at the stoplight and take the Chateau St. ramp. Take the first left at the Beaver Avenue Exit. Get into the right lane and turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking

DIRECTIONS

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FROM THE NORTHEAST:

Take the Allegheny Valley Expressway/PA 28 South toward Pittsburgh. Go past the 40th St and 31st bridges. Take the exit toward I-279/Ft Pitt Bridge/Airport/East Ohio St. Get in left lane for I-279 South. Straight at stoplight, stay in left lane. Turn left at next stoplight onto I-279 south. Take Exit 7-B for Ohio River Boulevard/Rt 65 North. Get into right lane for US 19 South/West End Bridge/Chateau St. exit. Straight at stoplight and take the Chateau St. ramp. Take the first left at the Beaver Avenue exit. Get into the right lane and turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking lot directly behind the Drew Mathieson Center greenhouse. Park. You'll see the entrance area, framed in green.

FROM THE NORTH:

Take I-279 South toward Pittsburgh. Ignore ramps for I-579/Veterans Bridge. Follow signs to I-279 South/Airport/Ft Pitt Bridge. Take exit 7-B (Rt 65 North/Ohio River Boulevard. Get in the right lane for US 19 South/Chateau St/West End Bridge exit. Go straight at the stoplight and take the Chateau St. ramp. Take the first left at the Beaver Avenue exit. Get into the right lane and turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking lot directly behind the Drew Mathieson Center greenhouse. Park. You'll see the entrance area, framed in green.

FROM THE NORTHWEST:

Take PA 65/Ohio River Boulevard toward Pittsburgh. Take the exit (to Rt.19 North/Wexford/Beaver Ave. Bear left at first ramp. Turn right at stoplight to the Beaver Avenue ramp. Get in right lane. Straight at stoplight. Turn right onto N. Franklin St. Immediately turn right into the parking lot directly behind the Drew Mathieson Center greenhouse. Park. You'll see the entrance area, framed in green.

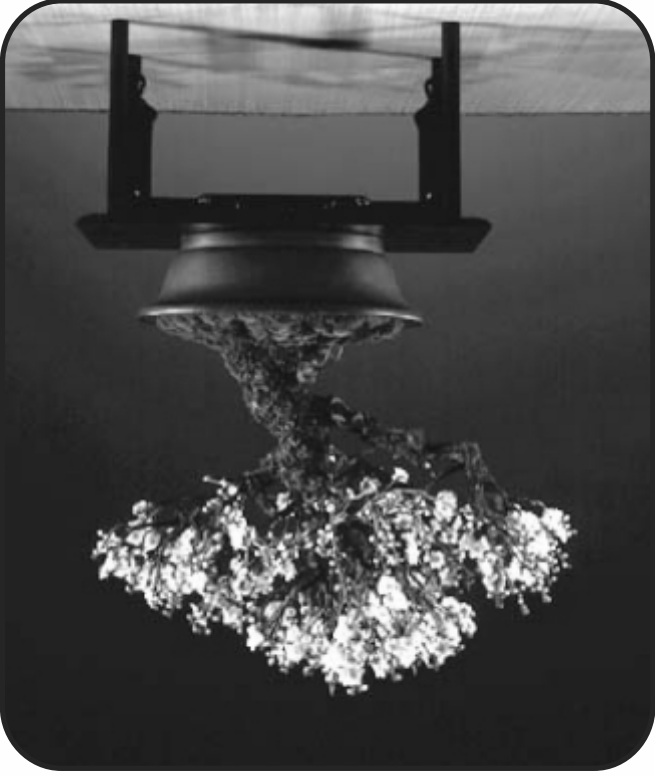
Calendar of Events

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| April 22 | Sat | Ulmus Carpiniifolia Workshop
10am-12noon Mathieson Center |
| May 9 | Tue | Azaleas Workshop
7pm Phipps Garden Center |
| Jun 10-11 | Sat/Sun | Annual Spring Show
10am-4pm Mathieson Center |
| Jul 19 | Wed | Tropicals Workshop
7pm Phipps Garden Center |

Other Events

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| May 19-21 | Washington DC 36th Anniversary Spring
Bonsai Festival, Potomac Bonsai Assn
U.S. National Arboretum 202 245-5898 |
| Jun 15-18 | Saratoga Springs, NY: ABS 2006
American Bonsai Society Symposium
Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs |

Website: www.absbonsai.org/seminars/abs2006/main.html
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