



# Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

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Newsletter



## Grove Planting Demonstration And Winter Care Discussion



This is a real bonsai “two-fer”. You’ll see an impressive grove planting from start to finish. Then, we’ll raffle it off to a lucky Society member for an early start on the 2006 season! After that, a general discussion of winter care: storage, final spraying program and watering tips to get your pampered pines and deciduous bonsai through the winter and into spring!

Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at Phipps Garden Center, Shadyside, 7:00 pm

# Son of Road Trip ???

At the October meeting, several members expressed interest in another Road Trip. They were interested in Spring 2006 at the National Arboretum. The 2005 Group Leader was dumbfounded, thinking more along the lines of 2007. If you have any thoughts as to time or destination, please send email to [suisekifan@yahoo.com](mailto:suisekifan@yahoo.com)



# Holiday Party

**Claudia Shields has enclosed an information sheet on the December 7, 2005 Holiday Party, to be held at the Phipps Garden Center. Claudia is a great organizer and it's always a fun event. Where else can you get together with so many nice people who see your obsession with teeny trees as perfectly normal! Please send your check to secure an early reservation.**



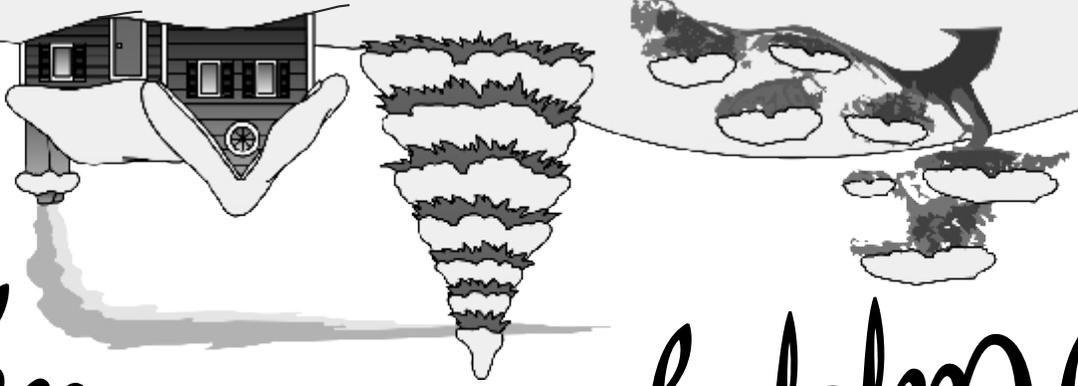
# **POWER, POWER, POWER**

A blizzard of chips, straight talk about jins and shari, a demonstration of woodcarving power tools and accessories was the centerpiece of the October 19th meeting. Bob Dietz discussed power tools, bits and applications; cautions were also discussed. Keith Scott demonstrated wood carving techniques, showing ongoing results on a Shimpaku and a dwarf white pine. He passed around a binder showing photos of various stages of the dawn redwood project tree, from collection size through several years of growth and pruning. He set to work on the tree, using all of the power tools and bits, explaining the specific applications of each and how they contributed to the emerging design. It was amazing to see the change in the top third of the redwood, and the importance of consistency in carving on various parts of all three demonstration trees.

A whole program could be devoted to what Dremel stuff you really need, but the majority of Bob's bits, many from Home Depot, were used.



Phipps Garden Center is located at the edge of Mellon Park in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh. At the Phipps Garden Center sign, turn into the cobblestone driveway, just south of the intersection of Fifth and Shady Avenues. Park in the metered lot. Walk 50 yards farther down the cobblestone lane. The Garden Center is the red brick building on your left.



*Happy Holidays!*

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