



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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and create interest in the art of bonsai

March 2010 Newsletter



Keith Scott "Propagating"

**NEXT
MEETING**



Photo By Cindie Bonomi

Keith will present a demonstration of how to propagate trees from cuttings and how to use air layers to create new material or to improve the root base of a bonsai. Bring any trees you have questions about propagating or air layering; and if you have a good example of an air layered tree, please bring it to show.

**Wednesday March 24th
7:00 pm at Phipps Garden Center**

NEXT EVENT



Photo By Doreena Balestreire

"Potting and Repotting"

with Bob Grealish

Wednesday April 21st



Please check our website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>



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Please submit Photos or Artwork in JPG format and Copy in Microsoft Word.



A Note From Bob:

President's Message: 2010 !!!

Time for the beginning of a new bonsai season. I hope everyone came through the storm unharmed, and your trees are sleeping soundly.

We are planning a great year of programs for the Society, with new topics and special techniques.

In March, Keith will be starting us off with a program about propagating trees. He will be demonstrating how and when to take cuttings from bonsai and how to do air layering. Some of these techniques start early, so this program will get us prepared to create some new material. We all need more trees—right?

In April we will have a workshop on repotting bonsai. We will talk about choosing a pot, making a soil mix, trimming roots, etc. Later in the year we'll have programs on forest planting, Shohin, rocks, and others.

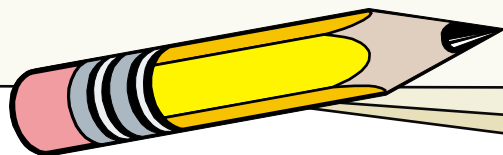
We are going to start the Thursday Night Workgroup again, every other Thursday, beginning on April 8th. This is at the Grealish farm, and starts at 6pm, or whenever you can make it. Members are welcome to bring trees to work on and get advice about. We had a great time doing this last year, and I look forward to seeing you there again.

I would like to encourage all of us to get our dues in early. We are running low on funds and we have some bills to pay. Please bring your dues to the March meeting, or send a check to Mark Berbach ahead of time. Thanks to Mark, our new Treasurer, and to all of our hard-working officers for the work they are doing to put together another good year for the Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

Bob Grealish



Photo By Doreena Balestreire



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Pots, wire, tools, soil, plants

Is it Spring Yet?

By Jay Miller

Boy, from the snow-scape viewed from my office window, not yet! Milder weather must eventually come. but March in our tri-state region is mercurial, with at least 4 inches of snow, on average. But Keith's presentation on the 24th will motivate and lift our spirits. It is early spring, on the bonsai calendar.



Photo by Cindie Bonomi

Check your poly houses for gale damage, rips & tears. The snow will show the evidence of critter interest. An old sailor friend once told me that "sail repair tape" works equally well on tarp rips and heavy duty poly boat covers. Might work on a poly house. West Marine on McKnight Road might stock it.

It's time to update your list of trees you intend to re-pot. You probably checked the root balls of the original trees late autumn. After carefully removing it from the container, if your examination showed a tight network of roots, then it needs a spring root pruning and repotting. Do you have all your reserve pots cleaned and ready to repot? Remember to call or visit Bob Dietz for that special pot you've been craving. Especially if winter has cracked some of your favorites. You do want to make the best display at the Spring Show.

While you're checking your pot inventory, check your stock of insecticides and fungicides, fertilizer, wire and tools. Wash down all storage shelves, benches. Keep checking the unopened buds for signs of opening.

Haiku Corner

Yes, spring has come;
This morning a nameless hill,
Is shrouded in mist.

Basho.

2010 Calendar of Events

Mar 24.....Wed7pm... Keith Scott.....Propagating
Apr 21.....Wed7pm... Bob Grealish Potting and Repotting
May 21-23.... Fri-Sun..... Spring Bonsai Weekend
Jun 16Wed7pm..... Forest Planting*
Jul 21.....Wed7pm..... Creating Shohin (miniature) Bonsai*
Aug 14.....Sat11am Picnic at the Grealish Farm
Sep 15.....Wed7pm..... Auction*
Oct 20.....Wed7pm..... Rock Plantings*
Nov 17.....Wed7pm..... Suiseki and Stone Appreciation*
Dec 15.....Wed6:30pm..... Annual Holiday Party

Jan/Feb 2011 No Meetings Scheduled

* tentative topic

All events, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Phipps Garden Center, starting at 7:00pm.

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

Severe Weather & Emergency Information:

PBS Meetings and Special Events at Phipps Garden Center will take place as scheduled except in the event of severe weather or emergency. Unsure? Call their Emergency Phone Number: 412 441-4442 for updates.



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I am a New Member

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I am Renewing my Membership

Make your dues renewal check payable to the Pittsburgh Bonsai Society and send it to:

Mark Berbach, Treasurer
529 Hunter's Path Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Phone: 412 897-7798
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The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society, formed in 1957, is a non-profit organization. The mission: to disseminate knowledge, encourage others and create interest in the art of bonsai.

Member Survey

Please take a moment and help us with your comments.
We want to make your membership year as productive as possible.

How did you originally learn of the Pittsburgh Bonsai Society?

☐ from a friend	☐ a flyer	☐ Bonsai Classes at Phipps	☐ from a Garden center
☐ newspaper article	☐ the Internet	☐ PBS website	

Are your bonsai skills:

☐ beginner	☐ intermediate	☐ advanced
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How many trees are in your collection?

Do you acquire your bonsai from:

☐ PBS Picnic and auctions	☐ Spring Show
☐ Other members	☐ nursery stock
	☐ bonsai nurseries beyond Pittsburgh

Would you like to receive your newsletters electronically?

☐ Yes	☐ No
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☐ If yes, Name

☐ E-mail address

PBS occasionally sponsors bus trips to regional/national bonsai events and to nationally acclaimed bonsai collections.

Would you attend if the trip was overnight

☐ Yes	☐ No
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If you paid for overnight accommodations at a PBS group rate?

☐ Yes	☐ No
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Would you attend if it was a day trip starting about 5:00am, returning at 11:00pm

☐ Yes	☐ No
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Comments:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition:
Bill Valavanis has announced the date and venue for this very special event: June 12-13, 2010 in Rochester, New York. The preceding Exhibition garnered praise from all who attended. Rochester is about a 5-hour drive from Pittsburgh.

April 16-18, 2010 Kerhonkson, New York 2010 Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Symposium:

Will be held at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, NY Featuring International bonsai artists Michele Andolfo (*Italy*), Charles Ceronio (*South Africa*), and Michel Phaneuf (*Canada*) who will be performing lectures, demonstrations and workshops. Bonsai vendors offering a large selection of bonsai related items. For more information contact Brian O'Byrne by phone: (973) 379-3386

June 25-27, 2010 Grand Rapids, Michigan 2010 Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids MI. Featured artists include Kathy Shaner and more. For more information contact Mollie Hollar by phone: (616) 754-2351

Newsletter Information:

It's easy to make an announcement or contribute to the PBS Newsletter. If it is text only, call or email Jay Miller at 412 481-4540 suisekifan@yahoo.com If it is a sketch or photo, email Cindie Bonomi at thenucleoid@yahoo.com

April Issue Deadline:

Submissions for the April 2010 Newsletter are due no later than March 24, 2010.

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All Newsletters will be MAILED out to your home address unless you call or E-Mail Meg to confirm. E-Mail Meg: meg_bonsai@hotmail.com or call: 412-477-7231.



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