

# YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

Learning from each other..... Sharing with the community”

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## **B/Y/O/ WORKSHOP WITH JOHN ROMANO 12:00 NOON SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2011 AT OUT OUR REGULAR GEC**

Mike's email:

“YAMA KI'S August meeting will be a free b/y/o workshop with *John Romano*. *John's* bio appears below, but let me just say *John* is a talented bonsai teacher, lifelong student and a great guy. *John* specializes in shohin, but can give excellent insight into bonsai of any size. **Please bring a tree or trees to work on. *John* may also bring material to sell, so bring a checkbook or cash too.**”

See you all in August!

*Mike*

### **About John Romano**

by John Romano

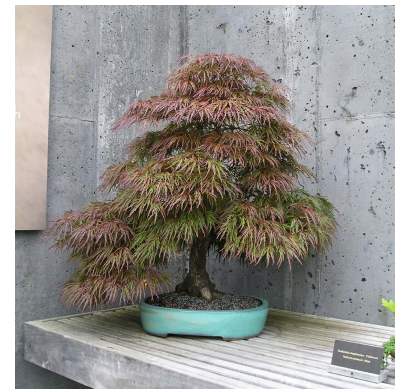
My first experience with plants was at 4 years old helping my Italian Grandfather plant seeds and later pruning apple, pear and fig trees in the garden. This was my first 'crossing path' with trees. In 1975 I started to 'play' with bonsai. It was more like creating a morgue for trees! After this first foray in futility, I stumbled upon some good books and finally found New England Bonsai Gardens (then in South Natick) and my passion was rooted. I've had many teachers over the years - in single courses and workshops - as well as more extensive learning relationships with *Kenji Miyata* at New England Bonsai Gardens and a short study period at Taisho en in Shizuoka, Japan with shohin bonsai master, *Nobuichi Urushibata*. I have been teaching bonsai classes and private students at New England Bonsai Gardens since 2000.



### **MY VISIT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM**

*Norm Geisinger*

If you are traveling near Asheville, North Carolina I recommend that you make a side trip to see the bonsai display at the North Carolina Arboretum. They have a wonderful, beautifully designed display area for their trees. The bonsai were donated by a North Carolina bonsai enthusiast, E. Felton Jones, and the display area was designed by John Creech former director of the National Arboretum in DC. The NC Arboretum itself is worth the stop. Of course, there is much more to do and see in the Asheville area...they have some great restaurants. Here are a few photos of the bonsai collection and their display area.



## JULY'S ANNUAL MEETING, PICNIC, & AUCTION

What a setting for a luncheon meeting, elections, and auction! Everyone enjoyed *Mike's* bonsai collection and his running commentary. There were an unusual supply of auction plant material and a unlimited supply of food catered by *Roslyn* (*Mike's* wife). Everyone left with some auction items and a full stomach.

The nominating committee's slate were unanimously elected. All officers continuing for another year. The two new directors elected are *Layne Rodney* and *Rima Chatterjee*.



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COMING EVENTS

Aug.	20	12:00 pm	<i>John Romano</i> workshop
Sept	17		TBA
Oct	15		TBA.

Remember to check our website ([www.yamakibonsai.org](http://www.yamakibonsai.org)) for updates and latest information

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