

# YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

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## CHARLIE & LAVANYA’S TRIP TO 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION PLUS BYO WORKSHOP 12:00 PM, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 AT BARTLETT ARBORETUM

*Charlie and Lavanya Muller* will "take" us on a in-depth trip to the recently-held 6th World Bonsai Convention in Puerto Rico. A power point presentation will add to their personal anecdotes about the event.

Their presentation will be followed by a "bring your own tree" workshop. Experienced club members will offer advice and hands-on help with your trees. Don't be shy; bring trees to work on or just get advice on. Fall is a great time to wire many trees. Pines need needle plucking and deciduous trees are dropping their leaves to allow us to see inside them for the first time in a while.

See you there!

## OCTOBER’S “IN-HOUSE” MEETING & WORKSHOP WITH BERNI GASTRICH & MIKE POLLOCK

Before we attended to the horticultural portion of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we had a belated Annual Meeting. The members in attendance and by proxy voted a change in the BY LAWS and held the de facto election (confirming the folk who are guiding our club). Re-elected President *Norm Geisinger* chaired the meeting. *Len Douglas* became the new treasurer having filled the post as an appointee when *Irv Kleiman* stepped down. *Len* said we’re solvent and did not need additional fund raising following *Maurice Yohai’s* auction in May. *Mike Pollock* and *Lavanya Muller* were reelected as Vice-President and Secretary respectively. *Irving Kleiman*, *Charles Muller*, and *Nick Sajda* were elected to fill the open Director positions. The Directors who remain on the Board until they complete their term of office are: *David Castro*, *John Cotoggio*, and *John Ruggio*.

Better than a picture instead of a 1,000 words is actually studying a superb bonsai. We had the opportunity to do so with a Cork bark pine as we entered the Education Building. It was *Berni Gastrich’s* tokonoma.

This was fitting eye candy since *Berni* started the meeting with an in-depth presentation about Pines. (See attachment.\*) *Mike Pollock* followed him when he read *Colin Lewis’* (bruised and unable to be here in person) notes on Pines. (See attachment.\*)

We picked up useful new information and timely reminders from

both discourses. Remember that deciduous trees store energy in their roots during the winter while Pines store theirs in their needles.

Trimming different varieties of Pine requires different techniques, e.g., Black pine must have needles removed by pulling straight out, while the Five needle and Scots pines must be cut. The attachments detail the sequences and other specific care notes. Store them with your YAMA KI BONSAI ALMANAC for handy reference.



Berni’s corkbark Black Pine  
grafted 35 years ago

\* This document too large, attachments emailed separately.

Bernie and Mike used member's Pines to illustrate major themes of the presentation. This analysis also helped members refine the styling of their bonsai. Following a brief lunch break, members who brought trees worked on them under the guidance and kibitzing of our resident experts and observers.



Mike helping Joan Thomas



How to & when?





Lucill Miller doing her thing



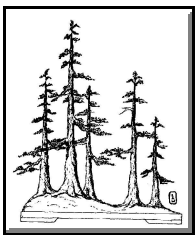
John Ruggio discusses alternatives with Al DeAngelis



Berni offers his photo services



### MIDATLANTIC SPRING 2010 FESTIVAL



Mark your calendar dates for April 16, 2010 thru April 18<sup>th</sup> for MidAtlantic's 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Festival. If you plan to submit one of your favorite bonsai for display (and hopefully -- prize), enter the appropriate date for the bonsai's preparation. The Festival will again take place at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, NY.

This time there will be three head liners. The artists are coming from South Africa, Italy, and Canada and each will do two full lecture/demonstrations along with a critique of the Exhibit and a workshop. Your registration brochure will probably be available for pick up at our HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES on 12 December (see next article). Your prompt response to the registration brochure should get you into any workshop or critique you apply for.

As MidAtlantic offered last year, first time registrants will only have to pay half-price for their basic registration (excludes critiques and workshops). And once again, all spouses may attend at half-price. (Workshops, critiques, and hotel expenses are still as priced.) Note also that registrations received by April 1st for the April 16-17-18 Festival are at a reduced rate.

### HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES SET FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Heads up! *Norm* has told us that the Bartlett Arboretum is available for our HOLIDAY BUFFET AND AUCTION on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Please start to think about the edibles or comestibles you want to bring. Look now in your storage area for auction items. More in the next NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Nov	12:00 pm	Pines by <i>Gastrich, Pollock, &amp; Lewis</i>
Dec.	11:30 pm 12:30 pm	Set-up for Holiday Buffet Holiday Buffet and Auction
Jan.	?	TBA

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

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