



YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

April

2012

BRING YOUR OWN BONSAI WORKSHOP MARCH 10

Joan Thomas

Last month, members took advantage of the advice provided to them from other knowledgeable Yama Ki members.



YAMA KI BONSAI EXHIBIT IN STAMFORD

APRIL 27-29, 2012

Plans are underway for the club to present a bonsai exhibit at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center this year. *See page 3.*

THE ROCHESTER SHOW

The 2012 U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition will be held this year at the Fair & Expo Center in Rochester NY (Saturday & Sunday, June 9-10, 2012 9am to 5pm). *See our website for more details.*

YAMA KI DUES...ARE DUE

Len Douglas, Treasurer

Yes, another year is just about up and it's Renewal time. Dues for the year from 5/1/12 - 4/30/13 are due by the end of April (4/30/12)

Single: \$40.00 OR Family: \$50.00

Please make out checks to: **Yama Ki Bonsai Society**

Send Payments to: **Yama Ki Bonsai, 65 Trolley Road Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**

MABS

Rhoda Kleiman

**SPECIAL for FIRST TIME FULL REGISTRANTS or for non-bonsai spouses!
Pre-Register for Full Weekend and only pay half price
(registration fee only, not other event fees).**



MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies
2012
Spring Festival

MABS is the operative word for mid-April. **Did you send in your reservation form?** If not...

ISAO OMACHI (Japan) is our guest artist from the Far East. He studied as an apprentice with *Mr. Takeo Kawabe* for five years starting in 1992. In September of 1999 he became a member of the prestigious Japan Bonsai Kyodo Kumiai. Seven years later, the Japan Bonsai Association certified *Mr. Omachi* as an instructor. Within three months, he won the coveted Prime Minister's Award at the 32nd Sakufu-Ten Bonsai Exhibition.

His first appearance at MABS was also in 2006 when he came the assistant to *Mr. Shinji Suzuki*. He so impressed the attendees that we invited him back as a headliner in 2009. As part of his professional activities he travels to Korea every year to maintain the spectacular Sumsund Bonsai Collection. In March of 2011, *Mr. Omachi's* home and nursery were swept away by the tsunami which struck his home in Sendai, Japan. While his family is safe, he lost his entire collection.

He, again, will share his deep and stimulating understanding of bonsai. *Ms. Hideko Metaxas* has expanded the honor by consenting to translate. For the last 2 issues you have read the background of Chase Rosade, one of the early Americans to bring the art of bonsai to the States, and John Thompson (JT), an outstanding member of the California artists.

You can talk with them all weekend, take a workshop on Sunday afternoon, and go through the Members Exhibit at a critique. On your own, visit the 2nd Annual Professional International Exhibit as well as the Members Exhibit for eye candy. Thin your wallet with the vendors; take home a prize demo tree should you win a raffle; find needed containers, trees, tools, and other items at the banquet/auction; Talk bonsai with old and new friends. And if you can find the time, have a dip in the pool. Your family can spend time at Hershey Park.

There are still openings for participants in the ABS/Joshua Roth New Talent Contest (all day Friday). You may be in bonsai from 1-10 years and submit photos of your work to Pauline Muth, pauline@pfmbonsai.com. A large plus for YK members (and spouse) is ½ price for full registration if this is the first time you are coming to a MABS FESTIVAL – it is on the registration form. Small plus if you're driving: gas is at least 50cents/gallon less in New Jersey and somewhat less in Pennsylvania.

This year because of YAMA KI's busy schedule, none of the **MABS** artists will be at one of our meetings. Take advantage of this dynamic bonsai event and come to the:

29TH MIDATLANTIC SPRING FESTIVAL, APRIL 20-21-22

**Weekend Bonsai Exhibit by Yama Ki Bonsai Society
Stamford Museum & Nature Center
April 28 & 29, 2012**

☞ We Want Your Trees ☞

The Yama Ki Officers and Board of Directors would like the upcoming bonsai display at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center to include trees belonging to as many club members as possible.

We know you love your trees; we know you take pride in the work you have done on them, even if it is not even close to being finished. Please give others the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy your trees as well, by offering **at least one** of your bonsai for display during our upcoming Arbor Day weekend event at the Stamford Museum (on High Ridge Road near Bartlett Arboretum).

Yes, this means we want *YOUR* trees too!

Your trees do not have to be award-winners. They do not have to be “finished.” They can be at early stages of bonsai development, even in mica or plastic bonsai pots. Every tree, even the humblest, will be part of the learning and enjoying experience of museum-goers who view our club’s bonsai display. Most of the audience will be local residents, and therefore potential new members of Yama Ki.

Please don’t be shy! This is not going to be a juried show, and our audience (500-1000 over the course of the weekend) will not be bonsai experts. Many of us have found, at previous public displays, that the humbler, newer trees are often the ones that catch the notice and earn the appreciation of the general public.

Mike Pollock has offered to host a pre-show workshop to help members prepare their trees for display, including clean-up, mossing, wiring/unwiring, and finding, making or borrowing an appropriate display stand or slab and an accent or companion plant.

We expect to have space for 50 to 60 trees, possibly more, at the Stamford Museum, so literally every club member could have a tree in this show. The display area will be indoors, so your trees will be safe. Please email a jpeg of whatever trees you would like to display to Mike Pollock (mikepollock@me.com). We will consider as many trees as you would like to offer.

SHANTI BITHI NURSERY has published their spring (March – June) class schedule on their website: <http://www.shantibithi.com/bonsai.htm> Remember, *Yama Ki members receive a 20% discount!*

ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW AT THE ARTS CENTER OF SARATOGA, MAY 5-6, 2012 (10AM-5 PM)
Come join the Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society at the Arts Center at 320 Broadway at the northwest end of Congress Park in Saratoga Springs, NY. This show and sale is FREE to the public. Demonstrations will take place throughout the weekend. For more information, e-mail Pauline Muth at Pauline@pfbonsai.com or Molly Beverage at mbevera@gmail.com

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
Apr 20-22		MABS	PA
Apr 27-29		Yama Ki Exhibit at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center	Stamford
May 12		To be announced.	--
June 9-10		U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition	Rochester NY

For updates and the latest information, check your email or our website: www.yamakibonsai.org

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