



YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

August

2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

First let me take a minute to thank our former Yama Ki President **Mike Pollock** and Secretary **Lavanya Muller** for their tireless efforts. **A warm round of applause please!**

As your new president, I certainly have some big shoes to fill. I believe that we have a great group of Board Members and Directors that are up to future challenges. Together we can take Yama Ki to even higher levels of bonsai and bonsai related activities. An ultimate goal; see all members showing and displaying their trees at club events and regional/national shows.

We, your Board, have many new and exciting ideas about growing the club membership, and also have some new plans for upcoming meetings. You will start to see detail as we go through the year. *Please be patient, building a quality agenda takes time.*

I want to challenge each and everyone one of you to grow with your bonsai. Whether you decide to remain a novice, aspire to become a professional or land somewhere in the middle, **I want Yama Ki to be able to help you achieve the level you desire, the choice is yours!**

We are committed to seeing Yama Ki continue the Stamford, Connecticut show that Mike Pollock and Layne Rodney organized this past May. I would like to see more monthly club meeting activities targeted around showing trees, stones and especially accent plantings. With pride and enthusiasm we should show our trees and accent plantings monthly to fellow members.

In closing, I am committed to leading Yama Ki to an even bigger and brighter future and providing the members with the best bonsai knowledge and the finest Bonsai Artists available for both lectures and demo's.

Sincerely,

John Cotogio

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President Yama Ki

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SUMMER PICNIC, AND AUCTION

Joan Thomas, Webmaster/Editor; Photos by David Castro

We had perfect weather for the auction and a wonderful time at the picnic hosted by Yama Ki member Jim Glatthaar. **Thank you Jim! The ribs were to die for!** Many thanks also go to out to others who helped coordinate the event, and those who donated items for sale. And as always, thanks go to our auctioneers – Pete H. and Mike P., and **they really know how to generate interest and keep the auction rolling!**

The auction grossed **\$2,333** with 60% of the proceeds from 5 bidders.

The following new board was unanimously voted in:

PRESIDENT: John Cotoggio

VICE PRESIDENT: Mark Toepke

TREASURER: Len Douglas

SECRETARY: Melba Grieshaber

DIRECTORS: Al DeAngelis, Rima Chatterjee, Layne Rodney, Pete Halm, Nick Sajda, Jim Glatthaar

MANY THANKS TO ALL PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

During the meeting, it was agreed by participating club members that most Yama Ki meetings could be held on Sundays (still on the same second weekend of the month) without issue. Our new President, has a work conflict, and having Sunday meetings will allow greater participation by John.



Pots...Pots...and more Pots! David C.'s accent pots were a hit (along with one of Jim's "little ones"! We auctioned off some special books and tools from a woman who participated in Yama Ki years ago as a

young girl. What goes around, comes around in the auction world.



Lucille's donation fetched one of the highest bids of the auction!



Incoming VP, Mark Toepke and his wife, Joan; to the right is outgoing Secretary, Lavanya Muller.



Remember that Yama Ki also benefits from private sales during the auction as well.

Several members learned more about [aeonium](#) plants...they are awesome looking and are easy to care for!



BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL STONE APPRECIATION SYMPOSIUM

October 4 - 7, 2012 at the Harrisburg-Hershey Holiday Inn
For information, contact: StoneShow2012@aol.com or the website:

<http://www.stoneshow2012.com/index.html>

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 2012		Still Planning, see the website	

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