



YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

January

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20 HOUR BEGINNER'S CLASS WITH MIKE POLLOCK - STARTS IN JANUARY

INTRODUCTION TO BONSAI

A comprehensive class in creating and maintaining your own bonsai

Learn how to create bonsai and have an understanding of their care and maintenance. For those with some introductory experience, this class is also designed to teach students a firm foundation in bonsai basics, expand their knowledge, and feel confident in keeping their bonsai beautiful and healthy.

Your Instructor: Michael Pollock is an award-winning bonsai creator and teacher. He has traveled all over the world following his passion for bonsai and related arts. Michael is currently President of the NY area's Yama Ki Bonsai Society.



Don't miss this opportunity to receive 20 hours of bonsai instruction from our own Mike Pollock for only \$200! (plus materials fee, estimated at \$125 for 3 trees, pots, soil, etc.)

To register, call 203-869-9242. For questions, contact Mike at mikepollock@me.com.

THURSDAY NIGHTS (6:30 PM to 9:30 PM) – Jan 19 and 26; Feb 2 and 9

SATURDAYS (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM) – Feb 25 and Mar 2

JANUARY MEETING – A TRIP TO JAPAN!

Charlie and Lavanya will present photos and discuss their recent trip to Japan for the ASPAC Convention in Takamatsu and the Taikan-Ten Exhibition in Kyoto.

Don't miss this meeting! The January date and time will be announced soon – check the website and your email.

BONSAI EXHIBIT BY YAMA KI – APRIL 27-29, 2012

Plans are underway for the club to present a bonsai exhibit at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center this year. **Details coming soon!**

MABS AND THE ROCHESTER SHOW

Details coming soon!

HOLIDAY PARTY AND AUCTION

Joan Thomas

We hope you all enjoyed the party and auction! As always, there was a terrific spread, and many items to purchase. We raised **\$1,754.00** for the club! Many thanks to all who contributed, the auctioneers, and to Mike for making it possible. Winners of the mousetrap raffle were Audra P., Joan T., and Greg S. Thanks for donating the traps Len!





DVD REVIEWS

By Norm Geisinger

Yama Ki's VCR tapes and DVDs are located in our storage closet on second floor at the GEC. DVD's should play in DVD player or computer, but may not work on both. Please sign titles out then in using the blue note book. The following DVD titles are available in the club's collection:

KUROMATSU—JAPANESE BLACK PINE

In Japan it is said, "*The gods came from heaven and reside in the pine trees.*" Bonsai master *T. Suzuki* discusses many aspects of Black Pine as bonsai. Some of his topics: styling, branch and root pruning, repotting, needle reduction, watering, and branch grafting. Numerous examples of finished black pine are shown for inspiration.

ROCK PLANTING BONSAI

Marion Gyllenswan discusses the various aspects of planting bonsai on a rock. She demonstrates the techniques on three rock planting examples: San Jose juniper on top of upright rock; pine group planting on boat stone slab; and a five needle pine on side of upright rock. Her topics cover rock selection, attaching wires to rock, muck preparation and application plus principles for group/forest plantings.

MASTER'S SERIES—SHAPING TECHNIQUES

Chase Rosade uses a Scots Pine for his presentation on shaping techniques. His main topics are selecting nursery stock (root system, taper of trunk and branch structure), pruning branches and roots, wiring, and root grafting. Although, he uses a pine for the demonstration, most of what he discusses can be applied to all trees.



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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
Jan	TBD	Charlie and Lavanya’s trip to Japan	GEC
Apr	27-29	Yama Ki Exhibit in Stamford	



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