



YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SUMMER PICNIC, AND AUCTION – JULY 14TH

The Board will meet prior to the picnic around 10:30 AM, with the Annual Membership meeting/elections and picnic starting at NOON. The auction starts at 1:00 PM at the home of [Jim Glatthaar](#).

PLEASE RSVP to [Jim](#) (914) 428-3093 by July 13th. Also, please bring your own chair if you can. Rain date will be Saturday July 23, with the same times.

We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate the picnic and auction. We usually have people bring some dishes and round it out with a run to Costco or some other market. In addition, we need someone to volunteer to help set up the auction and staff one of the grills.

For the auction, we have two people issue bidder numbers, then note who bought what for how much during the auction. Please let me know soon if you can help. Extra points for someone who volunteers to coordinate all this soon! See you soon, [Mike](#)

US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION - ROCHESTER NY, JUNE 9-10

Lavanya Muller, Secretary

The Third US National Bonsai Exhibition, organized by American bonsai master [William Valavanis](#), was a feast for the eyes, and well worth the 6-hour drive to Rochester, NY. The exhibit brochure listed 185 trees on display, but that didn't tell the whole story. The exhibit was presented in the formal Japanese style, which meant that each tree had a generous expanse of table space, a cloth backdrop suitable for hanging a scroll, and each tree was displayed with a carefully chosen companion planting, figurine, or stone.

The quality of the trees was truly exceptional, and there were a lot of them! Walking through the entire display, which was mounted in a spacious expo center, took more than two hours. And of course, the vendors' area and the ongoing demonstrations demanded more time. A second walk-through the next day, of both the exhibit and the sales area, was definitely a good idea.

The exhibit was judged at the end of set-up on Friday by bonsai masters *Yasuo Mitsuya* from Japan, *Marc Noelanders* from Belgium, and *Pedro Morales* from Puerto Rico. Prizes were given out at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. In his speech at the banquet, William Valavanis gave the audience some interesting statistics:

- 353 trees belonging to 118 artists and collectors were entered for consideration
- 248 trees were accepted for the exhibit, not counting the accessories
- There were 185 individual displays, including 18 shohin displays of 3 to 5 trees in each
- Trees were displayed from 30 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada
- Bonsai artists Ryan Neil, Peter Warren, and Zack Shimon took the responsibility of transporting trees from distant parts of the country
- Attendees came from China, Japan, Australia, England, Belgium, Canada, Puerto Rico, and many of the 50 US states
- 45 volunteers did all the preparation, publicity, and set-up

Ryan Neal announced that on October 4 – 6, 2013 the Portland (Oregon) Museum of Art will host a major bonsai show, which Ryan will organize. **Mark your calendars!** And be sure not to miss Bill Valavanis' next US National Exhibition in Rochester, scheduled for September 13-14, 2014.

Here are two photos from the exhibit, courtesy of *William Valavanis*. To purchase his commemorative album of the exhibit, email him at wv@internationalbonsai.com. For albums of prior years, visit this website: <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/page/1442819>



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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
July 14	12:00	Picnic and Auction (Board meets at 10:30 AM)	White Plains, NY Contact Jim Glatthaar to RSVP

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