



YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

Learning from each other. Sharing with the community”

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ARTHUR SKOLNIK'S LECTURE, DEMO, & WORKSHOP AT THE MUSCOOT FARM IN SOMERS, NY SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007 @ 10:00 AM

Arthur Skolnik, one of favorite bonsai artists will spend the day educating and entertaining us with his knowledge, artistic talent, and wit at the Muscoot Farm's Activities Building. Directions to the farm are detailed on page 3 of the newsletter.

Arthur, a Canadian, lectures and demonstrates the art of bonsai, viewing stones, and Japanese gardens internationally. If you haven't seen his video, "The Growing Art of Bonsai", borrow it from our library. - It is probably the best English language video on bonsai. Take the BYO workshop and watch the miracle happen before your eyes on your own trees.

The day starts at 10:00 am with *Gail's* brief update on YAMA KI'S calendar of events and miscellaneous matters, *Arthur's* lecture/demonstration will follow using a large Larch clump collected by *David Easterbrook* purchased when *David* was here for his workshop a few months ago specifically for this demonstration.

After a (byo) lunch the workshop will proceed. *Arthur's* workshop fee will be split among the workshop participants, with a cap of \$50. There may be a chance for a second tree, if there is time.

MARTY SCHMALENBERG'S BYO WORKSHOP

Marty's workshop should really be called lecture/workshop because he talks continuously while working. From the specifics of a workshop tree's features (good or bad) he expands, generalizes, and drops nuggets of useful guidelines and tips.



Adam's Buttonwood - before



Gail's raft



Mike's Shimpaku juniper



Adam's Buttonwood - later



Rock planting



Pine



Marty demonstrates grafting a branch on a young tree for a planned forest. *Adam* watches to see the angle and depth of his cut. →



← Rhoda helps Marty demonstrate correct pinching techniques.

MID-ATLANTIC 24TH SPRING FESTIVAL

OKAY. You survived the holidays and but didn't mail in your Registration for the April 20-22 Spring Festival. You and your plants survived the January spring, but you didn't send in your registration. You and they came through the February switcheroo to icy cold winds, but you didn't send in your registration. NOW, without further delay or excuses, send in your registration for the exciting festival.

You may remember that *Ted Matson*, a shohin specialist from California, *Guy Guidry* (who has presented dynamic programs at YAMA KI) and *Robert Steven*, the exciting bonsai artist from Indonesia, will be available to you for 2 ½ days at the Ramada Inn in E. Hanover, NJ.

They will present lecture demonstrations, critiques of the Exhibit, awards to outstanding bonsai, and workshops. You can spend time leisurely at the Exhibit and with your wallet at the vendors. Incidentally, most of the vendors speak "BONSAI" quite fluently. Chatting with them may help solve some of your problems and/or answer queries about difficult trees, fungi, etc.

Last month's newsletter included a brief bio on *Ted Matson* and next month we'll include a background on *Robert Steven* and his bonsai credentials.

Here's a refresher about Guy Guidry's background and what makes him so sought after as a bonsai instructor. His "moniker" is 'Guy the Eye' for his ability to quickly find the line needed to style a seemingly difficult bonsai. Not only does he own and operate the Northshore Bonsai Nursery in New Orleans, some of his creations are on permanent display at various Bonsai museums throughout the United States. His home base is in the deep south, but his horticultural knowledge is so extensive that his trees do well in other climates. This weekend he will use Eastern white cedar and Hinoki cypress for demonstrations and Eastern white cedar for a workshop – both materials for this region.

If you can attend, please volunteer as a YAMA KI representative for a short time at the registration desk or as a docent in the Exhibit Room.

Each club submits three trees for exhibition. The trees should represent the best from the club's membership. The guest artists constructively critique all of the bonsai material in the Exhibit Room (a chance to gain new insights) and prizes are awarded. This year a People's Choice Award has been added. If you wish to have one of your trees considered, please call Gail Therrien and, if possible, bring it to the March meeting.

If you need a fresh registration brochure, call *Rhoda Kleiman* at 212.724.7840 or irkleiman@rcn.com. Or contact *Bryan O'Byrne*, at 973.379.3386 or bkobyrne@yahoo.com. You can still save money by registering before April 1.

YAMA KI TO EXHIBIT AT
LASDON'S PARK & ARBORETUM
JUNE 3, 2007 11:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

Most members are proud of their favorite bonsai. When YAMA KI exhibits at the New York Botanical Garden and MidAtlantic Spring Festivals there are restrictions on the number of trees we may display. On June 3rd, we will have a member show, open to the public, at the Lasdon Park & Arboretum in Westchester which provides the opportunity to share your bonsai at our exhibit. Choose the plants you wish to display and begin the extra process to groom the tree to look its' best for the exhibit. The next issue we will review the steps that help show off your bonsai to best advantage.

MUSCOOT FARM DATA & DIRECTIONS

The March meeting will be held at a new location for YAMA KI - the Muscoot Farm. This park on Route 100 in Somers is part of the Westchester County Parks system and offers a living history farm program as well as open field habitats, red maple swamp and deciduous woodlands. For more information on the park check out their web site: [/www.westchestergov.com/parks/Muscoot/mainMF.htm](http://www.westchestergov.com/parks/Muscoot/mainMF.htm). Their phone number is 914-2332-7118.

Directions: Interstate 684 to exit 6 (Katonah/Cross River). West on Route 35 to Route 100. Turn left onto Route 100. Proceed 1 mile to Farm entrance on right. From the parking lot, walk through the gate and the Activities Building will be the first building on the left.



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COMING EVENTS

Mar. 10	10:00 am	<i>Arthur Skolnik</i> lecture/demo
		Large collected Larch clump
	1:00 pm	BYO Workshop
Apr. 25	6:00 pm	Buffet dinner
	7:00 pm	<i>Ted Matsun</i> : lecture/demo
Apr. 20-22		MidAtlantic 2007 Spring Festival
May 5	12:00 pm	<i>David Benevante</i> : lecture/demo
		Large collected Juniper

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