



# YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

September

2003

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER MEETING  
BUFFET DINNER @ 6:00 PM  
DAVID DEGROOT LECTURE & DEMONSTRATION @ 7:00 PM  
BARTLETT ARBORETUM - SEPTEMBER 22, 2003**

David DeGroot, curator of the famous Pacific Rim Collection, will be visiting the east coast in September and we were able to reserve a date in his busy itinerary. The only date available to us was Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rather than miss this opportunity, we have scheduled that evening for him to be our guest artist. His topic will be “Azalea Design and Refinement” including a demonstration on a carefully chosen Azalea, specially flown in from the El Dorado Nurseries in California.

Since 1989, David has been the curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection of the Weyerhaeuser Company near Seattle, Washington. He began his bonsai adventures in 1972 when he started studying and practicing bonsai. He has authored numerous articles about bonsai which have been published in at least seven countries. His writing earned Bonsai Clubs International’s “Outstanding Writer, Artist and Photographer” Award. American Bonsai Clubs, on whose Board he has served, published his booklet BASIC BONSAI DESIGN which is a compilation of a series of his articles.



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Since it is a weekday, the Program Committee has arranged for a buffet dinner prior to his presentation. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by *Mr. DeGroot*. The dinner and the presentation will be funded by our Education Fund.

This special meeting is funded by YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY’s *Pomeroy/Ackerman Memorial Education Fund* which was started many years ago by *Mike Ackerman* and *Dick Pomeroy*. The fund has grown through the years as people make contributions to honor or memorialize someone or an event. The fund is invested and the interest earned is used for special programming - such as this special meeting.



HOWEVER: we do need you to let us know if you will partake of the meal in order to be certain that we have enough food and no waste.

P- U- L- E- A- S- E call *Phyllis Wishnick* – (914) 723-5369 or *Rhoda Kleiman* – (212) 724-7840, or email to lrv at [irkleiman@rcn.com](mailto:irkleiman@rcn.com) to reserve a place setting for dinner. Don’t delay - call NOW! Don’t go hungry -reservations will be fed first!

## AUGUST'S MEETING

*Melba Grieshaber*

*Berni* and *Ann Gastrich* were their usual gracious selves as host and hostess of our annual meeting for elections and summer auction. Our members and guests had a tour of *Berni's* wonderful bonsai collection and his work area. Being on the Mianus river, the natural views from his home, and the health and grace of his trees all made a lovely setting for our gathering, which even sprinkles of rain could not spoil.

*Phyllis Wishnick* presented the slate of candidates for officers and the Board. All those nominated were unanimously elected. Congratulations to: *Adam Hume*- President, *James Glatthaar* - Vice President, *Irving Kleiman* - Treasurer, *Mike Pollock* - Corresponding Secretary, *Gail Therrien* - Recording Secretary, and *Kevin Goveia* and *Norman Geisinger* as Directors. The following Directors continue to serve the remainder of their three-year terms: *Leonard Douglas*, *Arlene Quigley*, *Harry Saunders*, and *Cecelia Grieshaber*.

Thanks to the outgoing Directors, *Berni Gastrich* (who completed the term vacated by *Anton Vukich*) and to *Nicki Wallhofer* for their time, talent, and energy devoted to the benefit of all of us.

*Pete Halm* and *Mike Ivany* did the smooth, lively auctioning that they have perfected and rapidly went through tools, pots and books from *Marian Gyllenswan's* collection before tackling the many trees, pots, and miscellaneous donations that benefit our club's treasury. There were pre-bonsai and styled trees for a wide range of skills and budgets. New and old members bid against one another in fun and serious desire during the afternoon. Many thanks to those who donated material toward this semi-annual event. The auction receipts from the donation of *Marian's* bonsai materials will be contributed, in her honor, to the National Bonsai Foundation.

### YAMA KI/NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN BONSAI EXHIBIT

Mark the dates on your calendar for our bonsai exhibit at the New York Botanical Garden. Set-up will take place on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will run until the end of the week-end following, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan the dates when you can volunteer as docent and earmark the bonsai in your collection that you wish to prepare as a candidate for the exhibit. If possible, bring the plant/s to the September meeting for the Committee to consider. Don't be shy! If it is difficult to bring to the meeting, submit a photograph and if it appears to be suitable, the Committee will come to your home to make the evaluation. The process can help elevate your skills and further sensitize your artistic talents.

YAMA KI's motto is stated in our masthead: "Learning from each other - - - Sharing with the community". Volunteering as a docent is exactly that! You learn and share - and, as a by-product, encourage interest in bonsai and in YAMA KI. Please do your share. Call *Gail Therrien* at (914) 244-1320 or by email at [galtbon@aol.com](mailto:galtbon@aol.com) and let her know when you will be available.



Photos from prior years'  
NYBG Bonsai Exhibit



## YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY LIBRARY CATALOG

Our Library consists of a few video cassettes and books which were donated or purchased over the years. Some members have enjoyed viewing the modest collection of bonsai cassettes by contacting *Harry Saunders*, our librarian. Our library collection has been greatly enhanced by the donation of *Marion Gyllenswan's* video cassettes by her estate. The following titles are her additions to our library:

Art & Technique of Bonsai	Barney Shum
Art of Bonsai	Frank J. Mahalic
Bonsai Art & Horticulture, Vol I: Basic Techniques	William N. Valavanis
Bonsai Design Series, Vol I: Forest Style	Warren Hill
Bonsai Design Series, Vol II: Forest Style	Warren Hill
Bonsai Techniques of the Japanese Masters: Ezomatsu	Hatsuzi Kato
Bonsai Techniques of the Japanese Masters: Goyomatsu	Masao Komatsu
Bonsai Techniques of the Japanese Masters: Kuromatsu	Toshinori Suzuki
Bonsai Techniques of the Japanese Masters: Satsuki	Yasuki Esaka
Kei Do: The Way of Display and Appreciation, Vol I	Ichiu Katayama
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Kimura I: Japanese Five Needle Pine	Kimura
Kimura II: Japanese Black Pine	Kimura
Kimura III: Shimpaku Juniper	Kimura
Masters' Bonsai Techniques, Vol I: Shaping Techniques	F. Chase Rosade
Masters' Bonsai Techniques, Vol II: Carving Deadwood	John Naka
Masters' Bonsai Techniques, Vol III: Rock Planting Bonsai	Marion Gyllenswan
Masters' Bonsai Techniques, Vol IV: Group Planting Bonsai	William N. Valavanis
National Bonsai & Penjing Museum	
World Bonsai Convention, IBC '93	
World Bonsai Convention, IBC '93	John Naka
World Bonsai Convention, IBC '93:	Keiko Yamane
World Bonsai Convention, IBC '93:	Saburo Kato
World Bonsai Convention, IBC '93:	Yugi Yoshimura

These videos will be available for loan to members. Since *Harry Saunders* is still recovering and cannot attend meetings on a consistent basis, *Nicki Wallhofer* has volunteered to serve as our Librarian. Those members who have not returned cassettes on loan should please bring them to the September meeting. A complete compilation of our library collection will be printed in a future issue of the newsletter. *Nicki* can be reached at (203) 359-9229.

**YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION**



**Saturday, October 4, 6:00 pm**, will find members and guests celebrating three decades of YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY'S existence promoting bonsai, "Learning from Each Other - Sharing with the Community". Now take out your calendar. If you haven't yet saved the date **OCTOBER 4, 2003**, do so now. Circle the date or mark it with a red pen, or whatever you do in order not to overbook yourself.

This gala event will take place at The Water's Edge, Giovanni II Restaurant in Stamford, CT. There will be talk, reminiscing, comestibles and potables, friendship, and of course learning. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm at the cash bar. Arrangements have been made for a delicious four-course dinner featuring your choice of entree, a shohin demonstration by the international bonsai artist *Suthin Sukosolvisit* and remembrances of Yama Ki's past by long-time members.

To encourage every member to attend, YAMA KI is subsidizing a portion of the evening's cost. The cost is \$20 per person, member or guest, but you must be pre-registered (see form below since we must confirm the number of dinners the week before the event). Each member will receive a horticultural favor and a door-prize ticket for the demonstration tree.

Select the entree of your four course meal and note it on the registration form below

Yama Ki Bonsai Society, Inc.  
165 West End Avenue - 12D  
New York, NY 10023

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Count me in! Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\* for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner on October 4, 2003 at 6:00 PM.

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

My choice of entree is:

Member:     Chicken marsala    Rib steak    Shrimp scampi    Vegetarian

Guest:         Chicken marsala    Rib steak    Shrimp scampi    Vegetarian

\* @ \$20.00 per person

The following table can useful and should be used as reference material. Editor's suggestion is to laminate it and keep it with appropriate supplies:

### BONSAI PESTICIDE DILUTION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

*Adapted from Bergen Bonsai Society's NEWSLETTER, July 2003; prepared by George LeBolt.*

TBL = Tablespoon    tsp = teaspoon

Product	Function	Usage	Dilution			Comments
			per 6 gals.	per 1 gal.	per quart	
DACONIL	fungicide	Cedar Apple Rust	4 ½ TBL	2 ¼ tsp	½* tsp	Cedar, Apple, Juniper
DACONIL	fungicide	Pine, Spruce, Fir	3 TBL	1 ½ tsp	3/8 tsp	Make even more dilute for Spruce, Fir
BONIDE	fungicide & insecticide	general purpose	12 TBL	1 ½ - 2 ½ TBL	½ TBL	<b>NO</b> Spruce or Button-wood
SAFER SOAP	insecticide	general purpose	30 TBL	5 TBL	1 ¼ TBL	Relatively mild
ROCKLAND Horticultural Oil Spray	insecticide	scale & general purpose	30 TBL	0.02 gal = 5.TBL	1 ¼ TBL	Use @ 2 gallon per 100 gallon (low ratio)
ISOTOX	insecticide	general	15 TBL	2 ½ TBL	9/16 TBL	<b>NO</b> Spruce or Buttonwood
BETCO	disinfectant	slime mold	—	—	2 ½ TBL	Soil & wood only
GREENOL	Iron supplement	cholorosis	—	—	½ tsp	Foliage <b>ONLY</b>
BANROT	soil fungicide	root rot	2 TBL	1 tsp	1/4 tsp	1 gal / 4 square feet

The following photos and comments were by *Suthin Sokosolvisit*, our guest artist at YAMA KI BONSAI SOCIETY's 30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and reproduced from his Royal Bonsai Garden website: <http://www.royalbonsaigarden.com/gallery06.htm>.

“This tree was acquired in 1998. The twisted trunk showed interesting structure. When I carefully studied for its development, I found that there were only two long roots.

I first planted this tree into a bonsai pot with bonsai soil without cutting the roots. I began the styling by shortening the long shoots and wiring a few branches”.



“In the Spring of 2000, the tree grew a lot of new roots, I could then repot it into a final Tokaname pot.

This picture shows how the tree looks in November 2000.”



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## COMING EVENTS

Sept	22	Dinner & <i>David DeGroot</i> at the Bartlett Arboretum
Oct	4	YAMA KI'S 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner
Nov	8	TBA
Dec	13	Annual Holiday Party & Auction