



# YAMA KI NEWSLETTER

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

August

2002

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2002 HOUSE & GARDEN VISIT WITH GAIL THERRIEN @ 1:00 PM

The *Therriens* waited a long time for their new home to be completed . . . and YAMA KI waited too, eager for a summer visit to this newly designed garden. The time has arrived! Spend a few hours sharing bonsai tips and tricks while viewing *Gail's* “finished” and in-training bonsai. It’s a great time to socially chat with other members without being “shushed” during an artist’s presentation. Part of the land is rather wet and it is deer country. Gail suggests wearing long pants and bringing rubber boots. For directions, save the note enclosed.

### ANNUAL MEETING & AUCTION

Our solid financial status was affirmed when *Irv Kleiman* presented the annual financial report. The membership explored several different options for club participation at MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival which will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. *Lucille Miller and Gail Therrien* indicated they will serve as representatives to MABS and will present our proposal to that Board in September.

After much reassurance by past and present officers, *Adam Hume* accepted the Presidency of our society. The following members agreed to continue in their previous positions, i.e., *Jim Glatthaar* as Vice President & Program Chair, *Irv Kleiman* as Treasurer, and *Gail Therrien* as Recording Secretary. *Mike Pollock* accepted the nomination of Corresponding Secretary. Our two new Directors are *Len Douglas* and *Arlene Quigley*.

All members express their gratitude and appreciation to *Melba Grieshaber* for agreeing to serve an additional year beyond the usual two years most former presidents served. Thanks also to *Veronica Cunningham* for her service as Corresponding Secretary and to the two retiring Directors: *David Cowles* and *Nancy Krichman*. The slate was elected unanimously on the first vote.

After the elections *Mike Ivany* and *Pete Halm* took turns as auctioneer, finding the positive aspects of rangy material, suggesting drops for badly placed branches, and for humorously and adeptly cajoling bids from reluctant members resulting in a very successful auction - both financially for our treasury and for members. Members brought in a large assortment of plants and containers which was acquired at large discounts from current market value. We had more plant material this time around than the past couple of auctions, less print matter, and a fair range of pots. *Kevin Goveia* is a talented potter and he brought some stunning work for sale. If you want to commission something from him, speak with him at a meeting.

### THANKS FROM THE FORMER PRESIDENT

*Melba Grieshaber*

To all the members of YAMA KI,

I want to thank you all for the support you've given me while I served as President. As always, *Irv and Rhoda Kleiman* were two right hands in all endeavors. Their time and efforts in publishing the newsletter, double checking dates and availabilities of guests and sites was invaluable.

Many thanks to *Lucille Miller* and *Berni Gastrich* for chairing the New York Botanical Garden shows for the past three years. The amount of time they spent organizing, setting up, and conferencing with the Garden personnel was enormous, not to mention being there almost every day to supervise and water.

*Faye Gold* and *Jim Glatthaar*, as vice presidents and program chairpersons, worked so hard to bring worthwhile bonsai masters for demonstrations and workshops to us. This is not an easy job, and I thank them for having been willing to take it on in addition to their 'real lives.'

I am grateful to *Herb Yanowitz*, *Bernie Gastrich*, and *Maryan Gillenswan* as YAMA KI members who were willing to share their expertise with the rest of us at different club meetings. Our auctions wouldn't be half as much fun without *Mike Ivany* and *Pete Halm* doing the hard job of auctioneering. All the members who donate plants, pots, and books for the auctions, and then take home just as much, help our club survive financially. *Phyllis Wishnick* has organized the December holiday party so well that it's the best attended meeting of the year. I feel that I should list every member who has attended and participated in our meetings and NYBG shows for the last three years, and thank them for their support. Our club is only as strong as we make it with our presence and our volunteer work. Thank you all. Please give our new president, *Adam Hume*, the same support I benefitted from.

### AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY CONVENTION

*James Glatthaar*

The American Bonsai Society (ABS) held its 2002 convention at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel, Milwaukee, WI from June 27 through June 30. The convention was a departure from prior conventions in two respects: demonstrations were held prior to the workshops to provide workshop participants greater knowledge of the workshop materials (as we do at YAMA KI); and it featured the first ever ABS new talent competition, which was limited to individuals with less than 10 years bonsai experience.

The convention featured lecture/demonstrations by *Gary Marchal* (Bald cypress), *Harold Sasaki* (Ponderosa Pine), *Larry Ragle* (California juniper); John Biel (Eastern white cedar), *David DeGroot* (Mountain hemlock), and *Cheryl Manning* (California juniper). Workshops under their guidance were also offered.

At its annual membership meeting ABS adopted a new mission statement which identifies American bonsai to include bonsai from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The new officers are: *George Heffelfinger* (Victoria, B.C.), President and *Roger Case* (Albuquerque, NM), First Vice President.

The banquet included the presentation of the *Ben Oki* award and the winner of the new talent competition. Tours of Anderson Japanese Gardens in Milwaukee, voted the second best Japanese garden outside Japan by the Journal of Japanese Gardening, were available to all convention attendees.

### GLEANINGS

✿ *Pauline Muth*, writing about raft style bonsai in the Pennsylvania Bonsai Society Newsletter, suggests creating a training tray using pegboard for the bottom and strips of lumber for sides - great for easily fastening down the tree.

## BACK TO BASICS WITH BERNI

*Berni Gastrich*

### SUMMER HEAT

During the heat of summer red spider mites multiply at an incredible rate, especially if there is very little rainfall. Kelthane is a specific miticide, and is very effective. Spray with a fine mist, being sure to thoroughly wet both tops and bottoms of all leaves. Other insecticides are of very limited usefulness against spider mites. Another alternative is to water blast your Bonsai directly from a garden hose. They do not cling to foliage very readily and will be killed if you wash them to the ground in a powerful water stream.

During hot, humid weather, fungus diseases proliferate rapidly. A spray with any of the common fungicides will take care of this. It is best done preventively rather than after the fungus disease has taken hold. Since plants, other than tropicals slow down their growth during hot weather, heavy feeding is contra indicated. Light feeding with organics is okay. If you removed the candles from your black pines late last month, do not feed them again until the new candles have completely expanded. Scot's, Five needle, etc. should, however, be fertilized since their needles will have completely expanded by now. Giving them nitrogen from now until the end of September will encourage multiple buds further back along the branches.

### WALTER PALL SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP?

*Walter Pall* of Germany will present a lecture/demonstration at our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting . If enough people are interested, a workshop will follow. *Jim Doyle* will work with him and up to twelve participants will be accommodated at the workshop (six members expressed an interest at the July Annual Meeting, but so far only one has signed up).

If you want to participate in the workshop, please complete the form below and mail it with your check, **by August 12<sup>th</sup>** to *Jim Glatthaar*, program chairman. YAMA KI will underwrite the workshop fee, but you must pay for the materials (and bring your own tools and wire).

At this time there are two choices for material for the workshop. You may choose either one. The materials are:

**Alpine fir** (Pinaceae abies lasiocarpa) is a native American evergreen from northern mountains. Its cones are dark and hairy and its foliage is scented and dense. They are generally narrow and naturally triangular. Care includes bright or full sun. Water thoroughly and allow to become moderately dry between waterings.

**Bird's Nest Spruce** (Picea abies 'nidiformis) is a low growing, almost globular in shape, species native to central and northern Europe. It likes sun and tolerates partial shade. Water needs are moderate to low.

The following is a description of the selected workshop plants:

Alpine fir: collected trees, 75 - 120 years old. Trunks are 7/8" - 1½" diameter, 15" - 28" in height. . . . . \$100 in a mica container

*Bird's Nest Spruce* 12-14 years old, Trunks are approximately 1" in diameter, 12" - 15" in : height . . . . . \$65 in a ceramic container

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Jim Glatthaar  
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I would like to participate in *Walter Pall's* workshop, September 14, 2002. I've indicated my choice below and have enclosed a check in the appropriate amount:

Alpine fir - \$100

Spruce - \$65

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

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Sept. 6-8 International Bonsai, Rochester, NY - Deciduous Bonsai Symposium

Oct. 3-5 International Stone Appreciation Symposium, Hershey, PA  
(E-mail: [STONESHOW2002@aol.com](mailto:STONESHOW2002@aol.com))

Oct. U.S. National Arboretum's National Bonsai and Penjin Museum - "Bonsai in Sites: Collaborations Between Tree and Container" This is a distinctive exhibit in that ceramic artists created sculptures for bonsai they had selected.

Nov. 15-17 Texas State Convention, New Braunfels, TX - Bonsai Bridges into 2002

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April 11-13 MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies, E. Hanover, NJ - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival

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COMING EVENTS

Aug 10 *Gail Therrien* Garden visit  
Sept 14 *Walter Pall* lecture/demo & possibly Workshop  
Oct 4-20 *Yama Ki Bonsai Exhibit* at the NY Botanical Garden

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