

Meeting This Tuesday April 18th BYOT workshop and Bonsai Photography.

Bring your own tree workshop need a hand re-potting your tree or someone to steady your hand so you have the courage to CUT OFF THAT BRANCH that has been bothering you. This is the meeting bring in your trees experienced members will be there to help.

We also invite members to bring a tree or two to donate so that we could prepare for sale at this summers Club Show and sale. We need better sale trees lets all chant NO MORE STICKS IN POTS...

Bring your best looking Bonsai to have it's glamor shots taken so we can have an example of your artistry on our club web site gallery.

Past Events

The Soil workshop went well we had 5 members that showed up to sift soil. We made about 60 gallons of soil and have some to sell. If you are in need club members get it for \$7.00 a Gallon or 5 gal. for \$35.00 E-mail me if you would like some and I will bring it to meeting. After the workshop we potted up 20 trees to use at Summer workshops. A big THANK YOU goes out to those that helped: John R., David W., Glen R., Mike F. & Bob F..



The Pasture Dig, two big surprises one was Glen Rossy and his big toy (Pic 1) we where digging the easy way Nick called it 21st century collecting and is trying to find a spot for the photo in his book reprint. Oh ya, I guess you figured out the second surprise yes our friendly ogre came down from his mountain home (with a little help from Kris S.) to point out the strangest of the strange bovine bonsai to be had see photo 2.

THANK YOU again goes out to Joe Nitch for making this event possible it was a great day.

Future events

Next month Tuesday May 16th Graham Potter is coming . BYOT workshop 1:00- 4:30 and evening lecture. You might want eye protection I think wood chips are going to fly. So if you want in the workshop come to the April meeting and get your checks in first to pay gets spot.

Workshop is \$45.00 per person and limited to eight participants.

If you not familiar with Graham's work visit his web site <http://www.kaizenbonsai.com/> and check out his galleries.

BSGS 2006 meeting schedule

Monthly Meetings are held at Springfield Technical Community College, Armory St., Springfield, MA in the Putnam Building in room 316. Every third Tuesday at 7:30, Unless stated otherwise.

For directions visit BSGS web site www.Geocities.com/springfieldbonsai/

Board Meetings, are held at various club members homes, location will be announced via e-mail and at the monthly meeting. First Wednesday of the month at 6:30, Unless stated otherwise.

Workshops are held at the East Springfield Flower Shop, 548 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA. Unless stated otherwise.

Special Event

April 9 Pasture Dig at 9:00

Meet at King St. Cemetery in Enfield, CT exit 46 off 91 take Right, Cemetery is on left. Pasture is short 2 minute drive away.

Shower or shine (torrential downpour/thunderstorm cancels event).

Think Bovine Bonsai, two foot apple trees with 2"+ trunks and a multitude of branches. It is a lot of fun but

dirty hard work, come prepared to dig/walk in a very muddy pasture. Small fee for collected trees \$5.00 for Small, less than 2" dia. trunk, \$10.00 for Med. 2-3" trunk, \$15.00 for, oh wow! your going to dig that, larger than 3" trunks. Not only Apples trees but Hawthorns, High Bush Blueberry, and American Hornbeam have been collected on the property.

Monthly Meeting

April 18 at 7:30, Bonsai Workshop Bring your own Tree, Re-potting, styling

Bonsai photography, please bring one or two of your better bonsai so we can take photograph for our web site gallery.

Refreshments: John R Snack: Jud

Other non BSGS Bonsai event April 21-23 Mid. Atlantic Bonsai Convention in NJ see www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com for more information

Board Meeting

May 3 at 6:30pm Sandy Saffer's Home 97 Beekman Estates Agawam. Open to all BSGS members

Special Event

May 13. 9:00-4:00 BYOT workshop at Nick's Home in N. Leverett MA \$50.00 per person limited to 6 participants **WORKSHOP SOLD OUT**

Monthly Meeting

May 16 Visiting artist Graham Potter visit www.kaizenbonsai.com to check out his work

Refreshments: .Freddie Snack: Helga

May 16 1:00 - 4:30 Bring your own tree workshop with Graham Potter \$45.00

Board Meeting

June 8 (note date changed to first Thursday of month) at 6:30pm at Kris Springers home 8 Forest Glade, Wilbraham. Open to all BSGS members

Monthly Meeting

June 20 at 7:30, T.B.A.

Refreshments: Doug Snack: Curt

Other non BSGS Bonsai event June 15 - 18 American Bonsai Societies Convention "Learning Seminars" in Saratoga Springs NY, visit www.ABSBonsai.org for more information

Special Event

Sept. 23 and 24 Tower Hill Bonsai Weekend West Boylston, MA