



B S L V

# Bonsai Times

Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

September 2007

'The biggest problem in the world  
could have been solved when it was small.'

Lao Tzu



## ANOTHER BSLV PICNIC



We've come to count on the annual picnic to provide us with fun, food, excellent bargains and entertainment. This year was no exception. Dave Tettermer and Roger Krauss teamed up to design two shimpaku junipers. Despite the usual heckling and friendly fire from the rambunctious BSLV members, the two tandem designers answered questions, regaled us with bonsai stories and even imparted some philosophical wisdom as each "found the tree" in the nursery stock. Roger explained to us that "the final tree already exists in my mind. When doing bonsai, mind, motion, will and soul connect," he added. Don Graham and Mary Ann Tettermer won the raffles for the two trees. Jim Gillespie did his usual above-and-beyond job of auctioneering, adding relevant information on each item auctioned. He looked dapper in his new BSLV t-shirt!!! (see page 5 for ordering information) Jim Brant and Dave Tettermer hustled to deliver won items to the crowd. Linda Brant and Joe Sauer recorded numbers and dealt with the money. Mike Fulmer was the Burgermeister and served up good eats. The tent committee, Roger Krauss, Jim and Alice Gillespie, and Jim Kondikoff also put in a lot of work. A most sincere thanks to all of you as well as to my husband Jim Kondikoff for helping me get the yard in shape for the event!

## Message from the President

Welcome back! Fall is a beautiful time of year for bonsai. The maples are turning gorgeous colors of red and orange, the larches are turning golden yellow, the crab apples are showing their red fruit, and, well I could go on all day. Now is the time to sit back and enjoy your work. It is also the time to prepare for over-wintering your trees. Don't wait until the last minute! I hope to see everyone at the fall meetings!

Enjoy the show!

Dave

## BSLV BOARD

**President:** Dave Tettermer  
**Vice President:** Jim Heacock  
**Sec/Treasurer:** Joseph Sauer  
**Program/Education:** Jim Gillespie  
**Newsletter:** Linda Kondikoff  
**Director:** Jack Kane  
**Director:** Greg Krause  
**Past President:** Roger Krauss

# BSLV 2007 Fall Semester

All meetings are held at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. In case of inclement weather, please call Joe Sauer @ 610 262-9796 or Roger Krauss @ 610 867-5797

*Note: No smoking anywhere on BAVTS campus!*

**September 19 (Wednesday)** Julian Adams “Pines are Easy” This powerpoint presentation will cover Scots, five-needle and Japanese black pines. See bio below.

**October 23 (Tuesday)** Pine Workshop—a follow-up on topics Julian Adams discussed. Experienced members will work on pines, discuss upkeep/refinement of established pines and review fall maintenance care. Though this is not a BYOB, members may bring in established, potted pines for a critique.

**November 27 (Tuesday)** Design by Committee—the very popular activity where groups of members are each given a Sargent Juniper tree and must design it together. Trees are then raffled off.

**January 22, (Tuesday) 2008** Tentative date for the BSLV Annual Banquet at Hunan Springs—more information to follow.

**There will be nominations for board positions in October/November. We welcome anyone who would like to serve in that capacity. Please consider participating in this group and get to know how the club runs! Contact Dave Tettermer if interested.**

---

## **Adams Bio**

Here is some information on Julian Adams from his website, [www.adamsbonsai.com](http://www.adamsbonsai.com) which is worth a visit!

Julian R. Adams, proprietor of Adams' Bonsai, has been active in bonsai since receiving a gift bonsai in 1971. Beyond improving his own bonsai skills, Julian's primary interest is to make bonsai plants and supplies conveniently available to bonsai enthusiasts and to spread the word about this great art form. Adams' Bonsai was formed in 1984 to facilitate this interest. Julian writes extensively about bonsai via articles for English language bonsai publications and the Central Virginia Bonsai Society newsletter.

## *An Intro to Suiseki/Viewing Stones*



In the east, viewing stones are revered as a permanent marriage of nature and art. In February, 20 members heard **Jim Gillespie** and **Dave Tetterer** explain the history of this art form. The “light and active” qualities of Chinese stones were contrasted with the “darker, heavier and more sedate” personalities of Japanese stones. American suiseki were also discussed. Jim and Dave used their own impressive collections to show the different styles of suiseki and how to display a stone properly either as part of a tokonoma or by itself. Seen above are examples of a nail stone, landscape stones and a peony stone.

# BONSAI-RELATED EVENTS

.....compiled by Jim Gillespie

Contact Jim at 610-837-6688 or  
[jagill@verizon.net](mailto:jagill@verizon.net) for more information



*Jim inspecting a styled tree at MidAtlantic*

Sept. ? Wildlands Conservancy Fall Native Plant Sale, Pool Wildlife Sanctuary, Emmaus. See [www.wildlandspa.org](http://www.wildlandspa.org)

Sept. 6-9 International Bonsai Symposium 2007, "Shohin Bonsai," Rochester, NY. *Registration/no subscription required ( Fee \$195. for 1st-timers)*

Sept. 15-16 PA Bonsai Society Exhibit, Shofuso Japanese Tea House, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, 11am-5pm. *Admission*

September 15-16 6th Ginkgo Awards, Laarne, Belgium, \$\$ [www.ginkgobonsai.be/index\\_uk.htm](http://www.ginkgobonsai.be/index_uk.htm)

Sept. 21-23 18th Pacific NW Bonsai Clubs Annual Convention, Vancouver, WA. *Registration* [www.pnbca.com](http://www.pnbca.com)

Sept. 29 Rosade Bonsai Studio Fall Open House, New Hope, 11am-5pm *Free*

Sept. 29 4th Annual Japan Day @ U of P Museum, South Street, Phila, 11am-4pm with bonsai exhibit by PA Bonsai Society & other events/vendors

Oct. 1-13 Garden Tour of Kyoto, Japan, sponsored by Journal of Japanese Gardening \$\$ (207) 273-2907 [www.rothteien.com](http://www.rothteien.com)

Oct. 13-14 Carolina Bonsai Expo @ NC Arboretum, Ashville, NC (828) 665-2492 [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org)

Oct. 20 Nature's Way Open House, Linglestown, PA, with Peter Adams. *Free*

Oct. 20-Nov. 4 New York Botanic Garden, Bronx, NY, "Art of Japanese Chrysanthemum" with bonsai exhibit by Yama Ki Bonsai Society and others. *Admission*

*(continued next page)*

*Bonsai-Related Events Continued*

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXX, Anaheim/Garden Grove, CA *Registration.* (Note: son of BSLV member, Bill Castellon, will conduct a Japanese Black Pine Workshop) [www.gsbfcconvention2007.com](http://www.gsbfcconvention2007.com)

Nov. 1-Dec. 2 Hershey Gardens Presents "Secret Season," Hershey, PA with bonsai exhibit by Susquehanna Bonsai Club.

Nov. 4 Rosade Bonsai Studio Visiting Masters Series with Salvatore Liporace and Patrizia Capellaro from Italy, 9am-4pm. *Fee.*

Nov. 10-11 Brandywine Bonsai Society Show @ Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, *Admission.*

**PLAN AHEAD...MABS IS MOVING AND WILL TAKE PLACE EARLIER!!!!**

**MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies 2008 Spring Festival 25th Anniversary**

April 11-13, 2008

@ Hudson Valley Resort & Spa

Kerhonkson, NY

(in Catskills only 2 1/2 hours from the Lehigh Valley

Just off NY thruway @ New Paltz or PA/NY Rt 209)

[www.hudsonvalleyresort.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyresort.com)

**Headliners: Min Hsuan Lo-Taiwan**

**Graham Potter-UK**

**Michael Hagedorn-OR**

**George LeBolt-NJ**

Visit [www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com)

*Registration Forms will be mailed out in December.*



*Last Call.....*

*If anyone would like to order this "ringer" style BSLV t-shirt seen at the picnic, please email Linda Kondikoff ([kondikoff2@verizon.net](mailto:kondikoff2@verizon.net)) or call at (610) 746-2595. Let me know what size and how many. Cost: \$12.00. Deadline: Sept. 30th.*

Robert Mahler on Bonsai: “It’s a disease. Once it gets a hold of you it never lets go.”



Above Robert Mahler styles a white pine grafted onto black pine stock. Shipped from Japan, it had just come out of a two-year quarantine. This tree was won by yours truly! It has recovered quite well and is enjoying life in Bath, PA



At left is Robert Steven in the process of styling some nursery stock at the April meeting. Lucky Norine Enot stands proudly next to that same tree, ultimately done in the windswept style, which she won in the raffle!

## New Idea for the BSLV Website

Many bonsai societies across the United States feature on their websites a virtual gallery of their members' trees. At a recent BSLV board meeting, we decided that our club should do likewise. Why not share photographs of our very best bonsai with the world? If you are interested in posting a picture of your tree, please email a jpeg format file to Joe Sauer at [josephsauer@verizon.net](mailto:josephsauer@verizon.net) Please include your name, the species, age —the tree's age, not yours!—and any other pertinent information such as number of years in training or the name of the pot maker if it is a handmade pot. You may even want to include a short "biography" of the tree if it has an interesting history. Please consider contributing a photograph. If we have at least one from every member, we could show viewers what high quality trees we keep!



*"Experience Art in Nature"*

Jim Gillespie  
3183 Pine Rd.  
Danielsville, PA 18038

(610) 837-6688  
[jagill@verizon.net](mailto:jagill@verizon.net)

## BSLV DUES

\$40.00/ individual  
\$45.00/ family  
*(still a bargain!)*



Benefits include:

- Educational Programs & Workshops
- International Speakers
- Newsletters
- BSLV Website
- 10% Discount on Sho-Fu-En Merchandise
- Auction/Picnic
- Annual Banquet

---

**BONSAI SOCIETY  
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY  
c/o Linda Kondikoff  
2135 E. Scenic Drive  
Bath, PA 18014**



*Arrangement by Dave Tetterer*



*Arrangement by Linda Kondikoff*

---

**Bonsai Times**

**Bonsai Winter Storage Information Courtesy of Jim Brant**

Since we'll be tucking away our trees in a few months or so, I thought we could all benefit from a review of Jim's winter storage information.

**Winter Storage: Major Considerations**

- \*Protection from wind, sun
- \*Constant root temperature
- \*Hardiness of species
- \*Provisions for air circulation
- \*Accessibility
- \*Number of trees involved
- \*Tree styles
- \*Monitoring moisture
- \*Protection from animal damage

**Basic Location Options for Winter Storage**

**Indoor Storage** (unheated garage, attached porch, unheated basement, sun porch)

**Outdoor Storage** (bench, cold frame, cold greenhouse, hoop house, in a "pit," heeled-in.

**Preparation of Trees For Winter Storage**

- \*Removal of moss and weeds from soil
- \*Removal of moss and weeds from trunk
- \*Inspection for insects and/or egg cases
- \*Application of fungicide and/or horticultural oil
- \*Thorough watering before freeze sets in
- \*Consideration of tree hardiness