



# CHINA TRADE BONSAI SOCIETY

<http://www.chinatradebonsaisociety.org/>

Monthly Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, March-November 6-8pm at the Connecticut College Arboretum, New London Hall. Visitors Welcome! For further information contact Tom Lee (President) at [twcl@comcast.net](mailto:twcl@comcast.net)

June 2004

## China Trade Bonsai Society

### **Officers:**

President – Tom Lee  
Vice-President – Steve Tomicheck  
Secretary – Joe Purtill  
Treasurer – To Be Determined at Jun 2004 Meeting.

### **Points of Contact:**

Programs – Tom Lee  
Publicity – Platt Arnold  
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## Tree Care for the Month of June

- Early June is a good time to finish up those few remaining transplants, especially azaleas and pines. Be careful with deciduous trees.
- Periodically rotate bonsai with respect to direction of the sun. Watch for hot days and guard against sunburn.
- As days get hotter, water more frequently. When watering, water down the benches, ground and surrounding areas to increase the humidity.
- Defoliation in late June for deciduous trees. Be sure new buds are set before leaf removal.
- Beginning training vertical shoots on deciduous trees. Be careful since they are young and tender.
- Fertilize rapid growing deciduous trees, but be sparing with conifers.

## Colin Lewis is Coming In June!

On Wednesday, June 2, 2004 The China Trade Bonsai Society will host Mr. Colin Lewis at the Connecticut College Arboretum, New London Hall from 6-8pm. Those who attended Colin's demonstration at Bonsai West in January will testify to his skill as both an artist and lecturer. This is a workshop; so bring your trees, tools, wire and supplies.

After the club meeting, parties interested in the possibility of setting up a HoYoku school in the New London area will be sorting out the details with Colin.

We are shooting for a minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 students, so please contact Tom Lee ([twcl@comcast.net](mailto:twcl@comcast.net)) if you are serious. For costs/Information regarding the school, visit [www.hoyoku.com](http://www.hoyoku.com)



Winner of the 2003 Tower Hill Bonsai Competition and Exhibition, artist, author, and teacher, John Romano provided an excellent lecture and demonstration for our May meeting. Specializing in Shohin bonsai, he created a twin-trunk shimpaku that was auctioned at the end of the meeting.

## Club Calendar

**June 2** – Bonsai Dynamics with Colin Lewis

**June 19 (1-4pm)** – Demo and exhibit at Holdridges Nursery in Ledyard Connecticut. Contact Steve Tomicheck ([ctomichek@myeastern.com](mailto:ctomichek@myeastern.com)) for more information.

**July 7** – Trees Within the Tree with Todd Hansen

**July 10** – Potluck at Platts House (Bring the Family and swim suits)...Contact Platt at [ptarn@conncoll.edu](mailto:ptarn@conncoll.edu) for more information and see what she needs you to bring! Of note, Platt will be out of town much of June to take care of family business.

**August 4** – Black Pine Nite with our own Joe Purtill. Bring your trees for show and tell!

**September 1** – Penjing/Saikei Design with Tom Lee

**October 6** – Bonsai Workshop with Kenji Miyata  
-Nomination of Officers

**October TBD** – CTBS Fall Exhibition / Connecticut College Arboretum Annual Sale.

**November 3** – Winter Care with Tom Lee  
-Voting of Officers

**December TBD** –Christmas Party  
-New Officers take Office.

## From the Editor

Howdy Folks, I hope you enjoy the June Newsletter. As usual, I am looking for new ideas, suggestions and contributors...so as the man said..."Step Right Up!"

I've added a section on Tree Care, which is excerpted for the most part from John Naka's Bonsai Techniques Volume 1. If you don't already own a copy, I strongly recommend getting it. It contains a lifetimes worth of knowledge from one of the great masters.

One of the things I'm thinking about is including a section of classified ads at the end of the newsletter, allowing members to sell items they no longer need. It has been suggested to make it an 80/20 ratio (e.g. a \$10 item yields \$8 to the member and a \$2 donation to the club) to help offset some of the club operating costs. Payment to the club would have to be pretty much an honor system payable to the treasurer. Let Tom or myself ([robertsant@comcast.net](mailto:robertsant@comcast.net)) know what you think.



Tom demonstrating at Holdridges Nursery, Rt. 117, Ledyard Connecticut



Steve at Perennial Harmony Nursery 368 Boston Post Rd, Waterford, Connecticut

## Expanding Horizons

Part of Tom Lee's vision as this year's CTBS President is to increase club membership by raising the community awareness to both Bonsai in general and the China Trade Bonsai Society's existence in particular. With the aid of Steve Tomich (CTBS Operations Coordinator), they have scheduled currently three dates with prominent local nurseries demonstrating the art of bonsai. The next demonstration is scheduled for June 19, 2004 at Holdridges in Ledyard. Invite your friends and let them catch the bug!



## In the Region

**May 29-30** – Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford, Annual Bonsai Show, Elisabeth Park

**June 4 (9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.)** – Bonsai Master and author Colin Lewis will be teaching a Master Class at Shanti Bithi Nursery in North Stamford, CT. Each class member (limited to six) will work on a large 40-50 year old Kingsville Boxwood. Cost is \$650, but we are offering Bonsai Club members a \$100 discount to \$550 (+ 6% CT sales tax). Please note that this class is on a Friday!

**June 5.**–Shanti Bithi Nursery's will host its annual Open House and storewide sale. Colin Lewis will be giving a free lecture/demonstration beginning at 10:00 A.M

**July 17-18** – Royal Bonsai Garden ([www.royalbonsaigarden.com](http://www.royalbonsaigarden.com)) is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. The two day celebration will include demonstrations by Ernie Kuo and Jack Hoover (see the above link for the exact schedule) as well as local talent. Suthin Sukosolvisit has extended a warm invitation to the members of the China Trade Bonsai Society to exhibit their bonsai for a chance to win a prize. If you are interested in showing your bonsai, contact Tom at [twcl@comcast.net](mailto:twcl@comcast.net)

**Sept 11** – New England Bonsai Gardens Exhibition in Bellingham Mass.

**September 17-19** – Bonsai Clubs of New England Exhibition, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, Boylston, Mass.

## In Memoriam

Bonsai Master John Yoshio Naka passed away on May 19, 2004. The following is in part from his obituary in the Washington Post.

"John Yoshio Naka, 89, a world-renowned bonsai master who was credited with bringing the art to Western culture, died May 19 at the Whittier (Calif.) Hospital Medical Center.

Mr. Naka was regarded as one of the greatest bonsai masters of his time, even in Japan. He created landscapes, such as his remarkable "Goshin," a collection of 11 juniper trees, each representing a grandchild. The piece took 55 years for him to grow, and in 1990, it became a featured piece of the National Arboretum's John Y. Naka Bonsai Pavilion, a collection of trees from bonsai masters around the world.

Mr. Naka was named in 1992 as a National Heritage Fellow in the National Endowment for the Arts program to recognize individuals who carry on folk traditions in the United States. In 1985, Emperor Hirohito of Japan granted him the Fifth Class Order of the Rising Sun, the nation's highest honor conferred to non-citizens. His definitive books on the art have been translated into five languages and, through workshops and conventions and classes held around the world, he taught bonsai to hundreds of people."

A haiku posted in the American Bonsai Forums....

His last leaf may fall...  
but this oak's many acorns  
bring fresh leaves this spring

John Naka will be missed.



## **Minutes May 5, 2004 Meeting**

The well attended meeting for May 2004 of the China Trade Bonsai Society was called to order at 6 p.m., May 5, 2004 at the New London Hall, Connecticut College by president Tom Lee. Tom recited the extensive qualifications of our guest instructor John Romano and introduced him to the club.

Mr. Romano gave an interesting and informative lecture / demonstration on the creation of a juniper shohin bonsai. After shaping and wiring the tree, John donated the tree and pot to the club. The tree and pot were then auctioned off with the proceeds going to the club.

The president expressed the thanks and appreciation of the club to Mr. Romano for his excellent presentation.

At the conclusion of Mr. Romano's presentation, the president called a business meeting of the club to order.

The corporate status of the club was discussed. The treasurer reported that the last check was sent to the state in 2001. The secretary stated that he wrote to the corporations division, but to date he has received no reply. He will continue to look into the matter and will report back.

President Tom presented the FY 2004 Strategic Plan and Budget dated May 5, 2004. Tom then went over the document item by item explaining each item in detail.

The Plan and Budget were then approved by the majority vote of the meeting. The Plan and Budget were incorporated into the minutes of the meeting.

Other items discussed included:

- The club has about \$2300 in the bank. The president indicated that the club should spend about \$1000 this year. About \$2000 should remain in our account.
- President Tom requested members to submit ideas as to how money could be raised to Steve Tomichuk. Steve is in charge of operations, which includes fund raising.
- Steve reported that the usual procedure in auctions was for the club to retain 20% of the selling price. In the past this was not always done because the amounts were so low.
- The president stated that it was important we have bonsai master Kenji with us this year because he might not be available in the future.
- It was announced the Colin Lewis would be at the June 2, 2004 meeting. Members should bring in trees for his evaluation. He will select trees for his demonstration.
- Treasurer Birger Andersen announced that he will have to resign his office effective with the June Meeting.
- Platt Arnold announced that she will no longer be able to publish the club's monthly newsletter. Platt agreed to remain in charge of publicity.
- President Tom thanked Birger and Platt for the past service to the club.
- It was announced that for the next meeting a treasurer will have to be elected to serve until the next election. An editor for the newsletter will also have to be appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.