



# 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)

March 2005

## **China Trade Bonsai Society**

### **Officers:**

President – Tom Lee  
Vice-President – Steve Tomicheck  
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## **From the Editor**

Needless to say, (but I'll say it anyway) I look forward to the new year.

I am excited by the program we are offering, from the demonstrations and workshops, to the actualization of our own show.

We've revamped the website a little, adding some material from last year and incorporating a few new ideas. The newsletter (including archives) is now available online.

But rather than sit here and tell you about it, go to [www.chinatradebonsaisociety.org](http://www.chinatradebonsaisociety.org) and click on "What's New".

As always looking for new ideas and thoughts. Drop me a line sometime. My email is [robertsant@comcast.net](mailto:robertsant@comcast.net) or just click the webmaster link at the bottom of the webpage.

## **Welcome!**

The China Trade Bonsai Society of Southeastern Connecticut kicks off its first program meeting this coming Wednesday, March 2, 2005. The topic for the month is Winter Pruning of Deciduous Trees with Todd Hansen from the Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford.

You may recall that Todd was the runner-up in the 2004 Joshua Roth New Talent Competition, and is a student of Colin Lewis. This will be a workshop, so bring your own tree.

## **Notes From February's Meeting**

February 2, 2005, the second planning meeting for the year was held at the Connecticut College Arboretum. Members in attendance were Tom Lee (President), Steve Tomicheck (Vice President), Alice Kuo (Treasurer), Jeff Smith, Susan Carucci, and Robert Sant.

The annual program was finalized (see Club Calendar) as well as voting on proposed changes to the bylaws. Membership dues were set to \$25 / year to help offset some of the increased costs of the programs offered. All items received unanimous votes by members present.

We look forward to having another banner year. Guest speakers include some of the biggest names in bonsai, of both regional and national acclaim as well as the First Annual CTBS Bonsai and Arts Festival in June.

## **Tree Care for the Month of March**

Spring is about to...well...spring. March is here and growing season is right around the corner. While we still see February temperatures early in the month, by April, the days will average in the 50's and nights hover just above freezing. New England has a shorter growing season than other bonsai popular areas (Seattle, Southern California etc), but this just means that things shift from all-stop to ahead-full in short order. Things to think about this month:

- This is the last month for grafting pines, and should be done early in month before sap begins to flow.
- Lime-sulfur and other dormant sprays should be applied early in the month, before any new sprouts appear.
- As weather warms, watch for early budding, remove from storage and re-introduce your bonsai to the sun. Protect them from harsh frosts and late cold snaps.
- Water as required. Remember, as trees come out of dormancy, their water requirements substantially increase.
- Some trees can be transplanted toward the end of the month, but most would do better to wait until April / May time frame. It is better to be a little late than too early.
- Collecting and transplanting some native trees may be done late in the month, but waiting until April is recommended

## Club Calendar

**March 2, 2005** - Winter Pruning of Deciduous Trees with Todd Hansen from the Bonsai Society of Greater Hartford (Runner-up of the 2004 Joshua Roth New Talent Competition) (BYOT)

**April 6, 2005** - Control of Pests and Diseases with Jeff Smith from the Connecticut College Arboretum

**April 2005 (Saturday TBD)** - Exhibition/Demonstration at Holdridges Nursery

**May 4, 2005** - John Romano Returns!

**June 8, 2005** - (Second Wednesday due to The World Bonsai Convention in Washington DC) - Preparations and Displaying Tips for First Annual CTBS Bonsai and Arts Festival

**June 18, 2005** - First Annual CTBS Bonsai and Arts Festival

**July 6, 2005** - Restyling Tropical Bonsai with Suthin Sukosolvisit

**August 3, 2005** - Gongshi, Scholar Rocks and Suiseki with Kemin Hu

**September 7, 2005** - Guest Speaker - Joe Stempien from the Bonsai Society of Greater New Haven

**October 5, 2005** - Extreme Bonsai Makeover with Kenji Miyata

**October 2005 (Saturday TBD)** - Exhibition/Demonstration at Holdridges Nursery

**October 2005 (Saturday TBD)** - Exhibition/Demonstration at Connecticut College (Annual Plant Show)

**November 2, 2005** - Bonsai Tools: Care and Use with Tom Lee

**December 7, 2005** - Christmas Party

## In The Region

**April 15, 2005** - Deadline for 2005 Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition

**April 15-17, 2005** - Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies - Regional (New Jersey)

**April 18, 2005 (4:30 p.m.)** - (Wesleyan University) Lecture / Tour of the Freeman Family Japanese Garden

**April 23-24, 2005** - Rhode Island Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition in Roger Williams Park

**May 2, 2005 (4:30 p.m.)** – (Wesleyan University) Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration and Tour of the Freeman Family Japanese Garden. Seating limited to 25 guests. For a reservation, call Shirley Lawrence at (860) 685-2330, or email [slawrence@wesleyan.edu](mailto:slawrence@wesleyan.edu)

**May 14, 2005 (10 a.m. – noon)** – (Wesleyan University) “Open Days” Garden Conservancy Garden Tour of the Freeman Family Japanese Garden

**May 21-22, 2005** - New Haven Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition in Edgerton Park

**May 28-31, 2005** - 5th World Bonsai Convention in Washington D.C.

**July 23-24, 2005** - Hartford Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition in Elizabeth Park

**September 7, 2005** - New England Bonsai Gardens Annual Exhibition in Bellingham Mass.

**September 17-18, 2005** - Tower Hill Bonsai Society Regional Exhibition in Boylston Mass.



# **China Trade Bonsai Society of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.**

Bylaws

As Amended February 2, 2005

1. The name of the corporation shall be: **China Trade Bonsai Society of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.**
2. The purpose of the corporation shall be:
  - a. To study, practice and advance the art of bonsai, penjing, oriental gardening arts, and associated subjects.
  - b. To do anything necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of the general purpose of the corporation.
  - c. The corporation is organized and operated for the above-stated purposes, and for other non-profit purpose, and no part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member.
  - d. To engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may so formed under the Connecticut Revised Non Stock Corporation Act.
3. The principal meeting place of the corporation shall be at Connecticut College, located in New London, Connecticut. The corporation may have such other meeting places as may be designated by the president or vote of the membership.
4. Membership: There shall be two classes of membership:
  - a. Regular Membership -Anyone interested in the activities of the corporation is eligible to become a regular member with full voting privileges.
  - b. Honorary Membership -Anyone interested in the activities of the corporation may be awarded Honorary Membership by a vote of the membership.
  - c. The Treasurer shall maintain a list of regular and honorary members throughout the year. The Secretary shall maintain the archive of all members' lists as provided by the Treasurer annually.
5. Dues: The annual dues required for regular membership shall be determined by majority vote of the regular members at the annual meeting, or other meeting designated by the president.
6. Meetings:
  - a. Regular meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
  - b. Nominations for election of officers shall be at the October monthly meeting.
  - c. The meeting of the corporation for the election of officers shall be at the monthly meeting in November.
  - d. Newly elected officers to take office in December after the December meeting.
  - e. The annual meeting shall be first Wednesday in January. At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall present the financial report for the previous year and the President shall present the proposed planning, budget and recommended dues for the following year. If the club is unable to meet due to inclement weather or otherwise, the club will meet the following Wednesday or soon thereafter as designated by the President. Action taken at the annual meeting and any unresolved issues will be addressed and resolved at the February meeting. These meetings shall be open to all members and all members shall be encouraged to attend.
  - f. Regular and special meetings of the corporation shall be held at such time as may be designated by the president or by the membership.
  - g. Notice of the annual and special meetings shall be given not later than 15 days prior to the meeting.
7. Officers: The elective officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall serve a term of one year.
8. Committee Chairs may be created and appointed by the President as needed in the course of maintaining smooth running of the club. Recommended committees may include, but not limited to: Programs, Operations, Publicity, Newsletter, Webmaster, Photography, Hospitality and Connecticut College Liaison

9. Voting:
  - a. Amendments to the bylaws: These bylaws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by a majority vote at any meeting of the corporation with advance notice.
  - b. All other club business: A majority vote of the members present shall determine the outcome. In the case of a tie, the President will have the deciding vote.
10. Budget: Once the club's budget, program plan and setting of dues is passed, an outline of the club's program, activities and request for dues for the following year will be provided to the regular membership prior to the March meeting in the form of the club newsletter and posted on the club's website.
11. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, any funds remaining on hand shall be distributed to a suitable non-profit organization as voted by the members.
12. Original and approved amendments to the bylaws:
  - February 2, 2005
  - December 4, 2002
  - May 1, 2002
  - November 13, 1999
  - June 1998 (Original Bylaws)