



China Trade Bonsai Society

Visit us on the web at: www.chinatradebonsaisociety.org

Monthly meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month, March-December, 6-8 pm at the Connecticut College Arboretum, New London Hall. Visitors welcome! For further info, contact Tom Lee (president) at <mailto:twcl@comcast.net>

March, 2007

Note: At this month's meeting, (March 14th)
John Romano will conduct a root-over-rock workshop for club members.

Please Note: March's meeting is on March 14th!

SEE BELOW: 2007 CTBS Schedule

Romano to Come in March

There are few trees as dramatic as a well done root over rock. This image of a tree struggling to survive the harsh conditions of exposed rock emulate the strong will and perseverance that trees can demonstrate in nature. The bonsai technique is fairly easy and within one growing season you can have a very convincing bonsai, one that looks much more expensive and established than the same tree in a standard pot.

John Romano has agreed to come this March to our monthly meeting and conduct a root-over rock workshop featuring trident maples. This workshop is open to all members, new or old, and will feature how to develop a maple growing over a rock. John will bring a selection of maples from New England Bonsai that you can purchase in order to have your own root over rock bonsai. There will be a range of priced trees. John suggests you bring your own rock to the workshop, as well as your own tools and supplies.



2006 CTBS Christmas Party

How to Choose a Rock

Choosing a rock for a convincing root over rock planting is one of the more challenging aspects of the design. By nature, a root over rock composition is a rugged and masculine image. Typically, a smooth piece of stone does not suit the design as much as a rough piece of volcanic rock or large shard of broken granite. Look for rock that is rugged and interesting by itself. If the rock is boring alone, it will be boring draped by a tree. The tree will not compensate for a weak rock, just as placing a two-year old sapling on a scholar stone would. Like everything, there must be balance between the two elements and one should be sympathetic with the other.

Size: The size of the rock should reflect the finished design size of the tree you envision. The rock has to anchor the tree solidly and it would be a pity for the finished tree (five or ten years from now) to dwarf the stone. So choose one that might seem a bit large now but will support the mature tree with authority. Once the two have grown several seasons together, you will not be able to separate the two.

My advice is to bring several rocks to the meeting. That way, depending on the tree you choose to buy, you stand a better chance for a good match.

Where are these special stones?: Well, one of the best places I can think of is your local aquarium store. They usually stock several types of wonderful stone at decent prices. You can also find rock at landscape supply stores and nurseries. If you like to hike, take a walk! There really are some beautiful rocks out there just waiting.

Good luck, and remember, spend as much time looking for the perfect rock as you would choosing the perfect bonsai tree.

2007 China Trade Bonsai Society Schedule Of Events

Contact	Topic	Proposed Date	Notes
John Romano	BYOTTS Workshop - Root Over Rock Trident Maple	Wed, March 14	Note: Date Changed
Steve Tomichuk @ Steve's	Air Layering - Japanese Maple	Sun, March 18	
Tony Alario	Japan Slideshow & Grafting Demo	Wed, April 4	
MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies - Regional	Annual Exhibition, New Jersey	Fr-Su, April 20-22	
Nick Lenz @ Nick's	BYOTTS Workshop (Limit 6 - Full)	Sun, April 29	
CTBS Exhibition at Holdridge Nursery	Mini Exhibition and Workshop	Sat April TBD	
Todd Hansen	Spruce Workshop	Wed, May 2	American Spruce (S. Tomacheck)
CTBS Exhibition @ CC Arbo Plant Sale	Mini Exhibition and Workshop	Fr-Sa, May 11-12	Note: Date Changed
Todd Hansen @ Todd's	Tour and BYOTTS Workshop	Sun, May 20	
Hartford Bonsai Society	Annual Exhibition, Elizabeth Park	Sa-Su, May 26-27	
Suthin Sukosolvisit	Demonstration Azaleas	Wed, June 6	
CTBS BAAF Committees	BAAF Preparations and Member's Tree Critiques	Wed, June 6	
2006 Bonsai & Asian Arts Festival	Various Displays, Lectures, Vendors, Food	Sat, June 23	Members/Public
John Romano	Demo Fruiting Trees	Wed, June 27	Note Date Changed
Kathi Maizano	Daiza Carving Powerpoint Presentation	Wed, Aug 1	
Todd Hansen	Demo - Chinese Elm	Wed, Sept 5	
Member's 80/20 Auction	Auction	Wed, Sept 5	
New England Bonsai Gardens	Annual Exhibition, Bellingham, MA	Sa, Sept 8	
Tower Hill Bonsai Societies - Regional	Annual Exhibition, Boylston, MA	Sa-Su, Sept 15-16	
Joseph Stempien	Hand Carving and Dremel Carving	Wed, Oct 3	
New Haven Bonsai Society	Annual Exhibition, Edgerton Park	Sa-Su, Oct TBD	
CTBS Exhibition @ Holdridge Nursery	Mini Exhibition and Workshop	Sat Oct TBD	
John Romano	BYOTTS Workshop - Japanese Maple	Wed, Nov 7	
CTBS	Holiday Party & Yankee Swap	Wed, Dec 5	
Notes: BYOTTS - Bring Your Own Trees, Tools and Supplies			

From The President

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Newsletter Items for March, 2007

Items:

1. Please note that the meeting date is changed to March 14.
2. We will try to get Room 207, New London Hall for this workshop.
3. John will be supplying the trees for purchase at varying prices, TBD.
4. Members must bring in a rock, tools and supplies. Thanks.

Tom Lee

Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to renew your membership if you have not already. Dues are just \$25 per year and enable us to continue bringing in special programs and guests.

Bring your dues to our regular Wednesday meetings, pay online using the website's PayPal account, or contact:

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