

BONSAI SOCIETY OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, MA HISTORY



The Bonsai Society of Greater Springfield was convened in January, 1988 under the leadership of Edwin Newlin, President; Art Day, Vice President; Larry King, recording secretary; Andrea Noonan, corresponding secretary; Kevin Noonan, treasurer; and members: Dave Faita, Jim Stathis, Gerry and Albert Garner, Curt Belden and Dorothy Alien.

The objectives of the society are to:

- a. Promote interest and enjoyment of bonsai
- b. Assemble and make available information on the culture of bonsai
- c. Promote the collection and exhibition of bonsai
- d. Acquaint bonsai fanciers with each other.

Anyone interested in furthering the objectives of the Bonsai society may become a member upon payment of the required dues.

The Society first met at the East Springfield Flower Shop. Meetings have been held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield, at the East Longmeadow Council on Aging Building and presently at Springfield Technical Community College.

For twenty years the Bonsai Society met regularly to learn more about bonsai from each other and from invited artists, many of whom are internationally known. Members have displayed and given demonstrations on bonsai at the Big E in West Springfield; at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum and at the Museum of Fine Arts on the Springfield Quadrangle; at Stanley Park Pavilion, Westfield; at University of Massachusetts, Amherst; at East Longmeadow Senior Center; at the East Longmeadow Garden Club May sale; at the W. Springfield High School Arts Program on the Green; at the Westfield Arts Festival in Stanley Park; at the Kokondu Martial Arts Japanese Cultural Arts Festival, Belchertown; at the Italian Cultural Festival, Agawam; at the East Springfield Business Fair; at Pine Grove Condominiums, S. Hadley; at the spring Home and Garden Show, the Big E; Arts program at Kensington Avenue School, Springfield; at the Springfield Garden Club Horticulture Group, Longmeadow; on the green at the Quadrangle, at Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge; at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston; at Frederick Harris School, Springfield; at St. John's Congregational Church, Springfield; at Montessori School of Springfield; at the Agawam Garden Club and soon at the Sixteen Acres Garden Center, Springfield.

B.S.G.S. launched a web site on 12/12/08 and registered the domain address of www.SpringfieldBonsai.com .

The Society meets at the Springfield Technical Community College on 3rd Tuesdays, Sept. • June in Bldg. 17, Room 316 at 7:30 pm., unless stated otherwise in our schedule of events.

2008 B.S.G.S. Officers: Sandy Saffer, President, 413-531-3358, Douglas Taylor, Vice-President, Marilyn Monette, Treasurer, Gerry Garner, Recording Secretary and Past President