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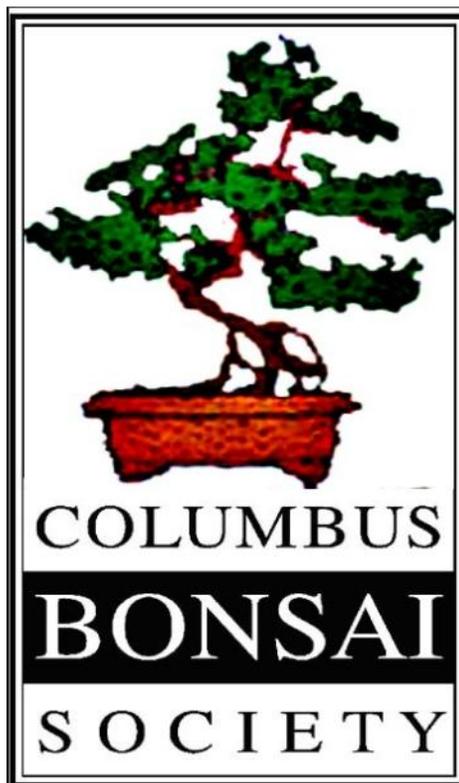
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Regular Club meetings on  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Meetings Start at 2:00 pm  
All are welcome to attend

CBS Board meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
at 6:30 pm



***Owen Reich—***  
***FPC***

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 8/18/13**  
**LOCATION: FPC DOWNSTAIRS**

- **9:30 AM WILLOW WORKSHOP BEGINS**
- **APPROXIMATELY 12:30PM BONSAI BEE**
- **1:30 PM BYOT WORKSHOP BEGINS.**

**BEFORE EACH WORKSHOP A BRIEF  
ANNOUNCEMENT PERIOD WILL OCCUR TO  
BRING US ALL UP TO DATE ON SOCIETY  
ACTIVITIES.**

# August 2013 Newsletter

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**“A Pinch of this....”**

**...AND HEEERE’S OWEN! ....**

Well before everyone loses the momentum from the show last month it is time to welcome Owen Reich to our monthly events. Owen will be working with members on Weeping Willows in the morning and member’s trees in the afternoon. [SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION] Even if you are not signed up to participate please come and observe as Owen guides us as we improve our skills.



Rich Uhrick

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**See you the 18th at Franklin  
Park Conservatory—  
Downstairs in the  
Classrooms**



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## This Month's Program— OWEN REICH —FPC

**E**ach year we schedule an artist from outside our normal scope. We seek an artist who will expand our bonsai experience. This year we are lucky enough to have Owen Reich. Owen lives in Nashville, TN and runs his own nursery called Bonsai Unearthed. Owen's interest in bonsai began at age 9. Following college he pursued his interests in bonsai. The decision to formally study in Japan was made. With the help of Bjorn Bjorholm, introductions were made to Keiichi Fujikawa; a second generation bonsai artist who apprenticed at Mansai-en under the late Saburo Kato. Since his return to the United States, Owen has been in demand by an increasing number of bonsai societies. We are lucky enough to be sharing him this weekend with the Dayton Bonsai Society.



At 9:30 am we are conducting a workshop for eight members using Japanese Weeping Willow which was selected by Owen and Brussel Martin from Brussel's Bonsai Nursery in Olive Branch Mississippi one of America's largest bonsai nurseries. These trees are hardy to zone 5. (There are no openings left in this workshop as of this writing.)

During the intercession members will be available to answer questions, discuss bonsai topics or simply "hang out" as part of our new initiative "THE BONSAI BEE"

At 1:30 we will start again with a Bring Your Own Tree workshop. So far six members have signed up, leaving two openings. For only \$30 you can improve one of the trees in your collection under the guidance of Owen. I am excited about the chance to work with someone with Owen's talent to improve

Non- workshop club members are invited to attend both workshops. We ask that you respect the interaction between the workshop participants and Owen by being "silent observers" while he is working with them. Bring your cameras and notebooks. This is a learning opportunity.



The Columbus Bonsai Society receives meeting space and other support and assistance from Franklin Park Conservatory and Oakland Nurseries

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**SEPTEMBER: PICNIC**

**OCTOBER: JIN AND SHARI  
WITH JEFF CARR**

**NOVEMBER: CLUMP  
STYLING WITH JOSÉ**

**SEE PAGE 12 FOR MORE  
DATES AND LISTINGS**

## THANKS TO SHOW VOLUNTEERS

**M**y apologies to any of you that I may have missed. As you can see, it takes a group effort to make our show a success.  
John Young has prepared a separate list thanking the Security Posse.

### Set up Friday 7/19

Volunteers were: Ben William, Thad Bell, Zack Clayton, Ken and Sandy Schoenfeld, Ken Schultz, John Porterfield, John Young, Tracy and Jerry Freeland, Jose' Cueto  
Keith Stevens - Dawes Arboretum deserves special recognition for letting us use their table backdrops.  
And Denny Sackett for helping with our spot lights.

Tree Registration-Rich and Sandy  
Pat Ringold for bringing snacks

### Saturday - July 20

Tree registration - Rich and Sandy - Rick Wilson - Show music

Place trees - Jose' and helpers

**Snacks & Coffee - Rick Wilson Dan and Sara, Ben, Denny, Sandy Linda, Zack and others**

Our Vendors were assisted by Zack, Mike and John Porterfield

Club Table staff - Doc & Dan and me, Ken

Jeff's Carr's Demo - **assisted by John Porterfield**

Scholarship drawing- Tom and me

Azalea Workshop 3pm - Mike Thornhill and me

And Dan for thinking of giving a Serrissa to each new member.

5PM- water - Ben William and me

### Sunday - July 21

More food!- Sandy and Ben, Linda and Zack....and others - I know we didn't run out

**Club table - 10-12:30-** Doc, Dan, Ken, Zack

1:30 - Ken Huth's demo - **assisted by Ken Schoenfeld and Zack**

3PM- Scholarship drawing- Tom Doc and Ken

Member's Choice and People's Choice counters- Mike Thornhill and Sandy Schoenfeld

Tear down

Vendor assistants - Ben, Zack and Mike Thornhill .

Tear Down : Zack, Mike T., Sandy & Ken, Ken Schultz, Ben, Wendy Mizanin, Jerry and Tracy Freeland,  
- I'm thinking see Set up - - It went really smooth - many hands made the work go quickly and we all got home and had time to water before it got dark.

I know I've probably forgotten a few names and I really want to thank all those who showed their wonderful trees and accent plants. This was our best looking show ever!



KEN SCHULTZ, 1ST VP AND SHOW CHAIRMAN

## TRAINING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CREATED

**A**t our Board meeting on August 6, 2013, a committee was formed to explore and develop classes and program to advance the Columbus Bonsai Society's bonsai skills. The Board recognized that we have a unique opportunity, as a significant number of our members this year are NEW members. This committee will hold its first open forum on August 20 at 6:30 at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Earlier this year we embarked on an ambitious plan to add a Study Group, a "Spring Event" and a Beginner's Class to our normal list of monthly meetings. In keeping with our Constitution and 501c3 Charter, we've also participated in outreach events at schools and arboretums.

We face the difficult task of offering a wide range of events that will advance both the newer entrants to the world of bonsai as well as offering events that will improve the skills of our more experienced members.

A few months ago you were asked to complete a Survey Monkey survey about your interests and related bonsai experiences. **[Those of you who were members at the time, new members have not yet received a link]** So far 29 of our 88 members have completed this survey. I encourage you to complete this important survey before our Training and Program Committee meeting on 8/20 so that even if you aren't in attendance, your opinions and bonsai needs will be considered.

Jose' noted that we have improved over the years, as the set-up coordinator for our show; he noted that this year's show trees were excellent! Let's continue the improvement by developing a bonsai program that will offer us the chance to improve our bonsai skills.

Ken Schultz  
1<sup>st</sup> vice President  
Program and Show Coordinator

## THANK YOU TO THE SECURITY STAFF AT THE SHOW

**I**would like to "officially" recognize and thank the following club members who helped with the security at our 40th Annual Show last month at Franklin Park Conservatory:

Doc "Holiday" Gurevitz  
John Hill  
Tim Kuhlman  
Ross Lebold  
Wendy Mizanin  
John Porterfield  
Denny Sackett  
Rick Wilson

There were also many other members (yourselves included) who we "unofficial" security team members throughout the show.

As far as I know, there were no complaints and/or problems with any of the trees in our show or the people who attended it. I would appreciate it if you can include this information in our newsletter this month.

Thanks for your help.  
"Sheriff" John Young

## TREE OF THE MONTH—*Salix babylonica*, Weeping Willow

**S**alix is a genus of around 300 species of normally deciduous trees and shrubs found in habitats ranging from lowland meadows and riverbanks to sand dunes and mountain screes worldwide except in Australia. They have simple, entire or toothed, usually alternate leaves and bear very small flowers in catkins, before or with foliage.

Many *Salix* species are very vigorous growers and are extremely tolerant of neglect. There are many *Salix* species suitable for bonsai. One of the most frequently used species is *Salix babylonica* and its many varieties that tend to have a weeping habit. *Salix* do not lend themselves to typical bonsai forms and are normally seen with thick trunks and graceful weeping branches.

### BONSAI CULTIVATION NOTES

**POSITION** Full sun though protect from scorching summer sun. Though frost hardy to at least  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , temperatures below  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  can cause dieback of fine branches so some frost protection should be afforded. (we should be OK here in Columbus, OH)

**WATERING** *Salix* prefer plenty of moisture and should never be allowed to dry out. They are very thirsty plants and require regular watering, particularly during hot periods. It is often recommended that Willows are stood in a shallow tray of water during the Summer months; my personal feeling is that this is only recommended on very hot days where excess water will either evaporate or be taken up by the tree within a few hours.

**FEEDING** Every two weeks from Spring until late Summer.

**REPOTTING** *Salix* require repotting in Spring as buds extend. It is not necessary to repot twice in a season as has been stated in some bonsai text.

**PRUNING** Cut back very hard in late Winter, continually trim back shoots during the growing season. For *Salix* grown in a weeping form,

branches are cut back nearly to the trunk each winter and replaced by new branches (which need wiring downwards) each Spring.

**PROPAGATION** *Salix* are one of the easiest plants to propagate (other than *S. caprea*/ Pussy or Goat Willow); softwood or hardwood cuttings can be taken at any time. The thicker the cutting, the greater the success rate; cuttings 5" thick (or more) can be taken easily from hardwood in late winter.

**PESTS AND DISEASES** Aphids, caterpillars, sawflies, willow scale and rust may be a problem.

**STYLING** Ideally styled in weeping or cascade forms in all sizes.



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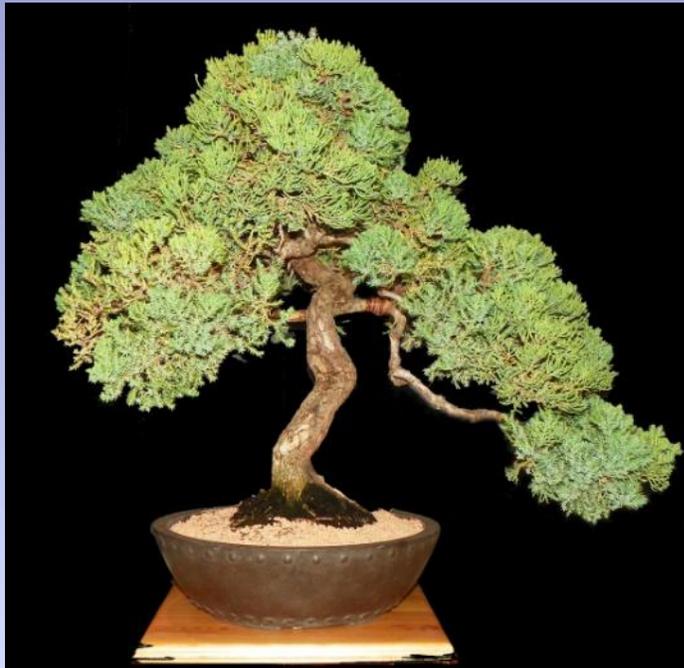
# PLEASE GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



FRED, JUDY, AND KIMBE ALLISON  
JOE C. CABEEN  
EMILY CHAN  
DAMIELLE CRAMER  
KATHLEEN DLABICK  
NATALYA, AND NATALIE R. HENRY  
RICHARD JARVIS  
TODD MARIER  
DUSTIN MARTIN  
JOSEPH McCALLUM  
MARCUS MULLER  
REBECCA OLINN  
TERRY A. STEER  
JEROME SUBSTANLEY  
NORMAN TALLAN  
MADELAIN UNDERHILL  
AUSTIN AND MICHELLE WRIGHT

**17 PEOPLE JOINED IN JULY—BRINGING  
OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO 88.**

# THE SHOW OF SHOWS



**JOSÉ CUETO TAKES HOME MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD**



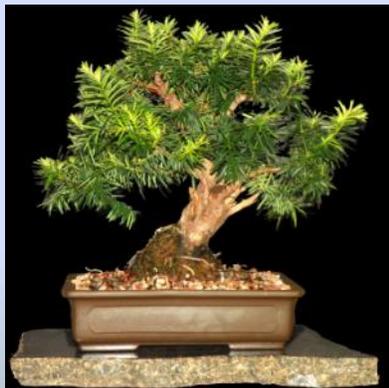


**THE DEMONSTRATIONS  
WERE GREAT**



**FIRST PLACE—  
PEOPLE’S CHOICE**

**TWO OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP  
WINNERS—EMILY AND  
AUSTIN**



## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

The September society meeting will be at Oakland Park Nursery on Oakland Park Avenue. In addition to a potluck, we will feature a member's sale and assisted workshop. Any member can bring bonsai or pre-bonsai in for sale to other members. Bringing in a sale item is not a requirement of course. However we request that you bring in a covered dish to share. There will be a sign up sheet to identify the category of item you plan to bring at the August meeting. If you can't attend the August meeting to sign up surprise us! Drinks will be provided by the club.

The sale is an excellent opportunity for new members to add quality plants to their collection. Usually these trees are priced to sell. A new twist this year is that the board members and others members will help new members and any one buying a plant with one on one assistance to design and start wiring or pruning your new tree. Wire will be available and we will give a short wiring demonstration at the beginning of the work session. This is a great way to learn about a new tree style and species from the member selling the plant and to get styling and wiring help as well. Don't miss out - plan to attend this fun club event.

### FROM THE CBS CARE GUIDE

August - Late Summer - 84/62

- Continue pruning, but watch for buds and think about next year's growth.
- Use lime-sulfur on jin and deadwood in summer. The heat and sun helps it absorb into the wood, and the sunlight bleaches it quickly.
- Most deciduous and pines have a semi-dormant period in the extreme heat of summer. Be cautious of watering.
- August-September is the ideal time for repotting tropical trees.
- You may start lowering the Nitrogen content of your fertilizer to slow foliar growth in preparation for fall and winter.

### From the Circulation Desk of the C.B.S. Library

The CBS Library Materials List is now available in spreadsheet format on our CBS website's Library Tab.

Users can Sort, Filter and Search the list. There are a few little buttons at the bottom of the embedded spreadsheet that allow you to download the spreadsheet, or open a full page version in a new window. Users can then email the librarian at [CBSLibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:CBSLibrary@hotmail.com) to request materials.

Another new feature is a column indicating if the Book has been reviewed and the information to access the review. For instance "NL Feb. 2011 (Schultz)" would indicate that the review is in the Newsletter, Feb 2011 issue, and Ken Schultz authored the review.

We hope this will make the collection more available to the membership. Let us know your thoughts.

We have completed the Accession Process for all the Books in the Club's Collection. All have a Card and Pocket for ease of Check Out.

Beverlee Wilson, Librarian  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Individual \$25.00  Family \$35.00

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

May your phone number be included in our members list? Y N

IF family membership, please list other members: \_\_\_\_\_

*Renewal Memberships may be paid for more than one year at a time.*

### Bonsai Here and Beyond the Outer belt

Unless otherwise noted, The Columbus Bonsai Society meets the third Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm . Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The board meetings are open to members.

17 AUG	SANDUSKY BONSAI—PICNIC AND GARDEN TOUR
15 AUG	BONSAI SOC. OF GRTR. CINCINNATI—MIKE FEDUCCIA— CINCI GARDEN CTR.
17 AUG	BONSAI DAYTON—OWEN REICH
<b>18 AUG</b>	<b>OWEN REICH BYOT AND JAPANESE WILLOW—FPC</b>
<b>21 AUG</b>	<b>4TH WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP 6:30 PM —FPC</b>
<b>3 SEP</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM —FPC</b>
7 SEP	SANDUSKY BONSAI—ANNUAL PBLIC DEMONSTRATION—FROST CENTER
7-8 SEP	BONSAI SOC. OF GRTR. CINCINNATI—ANNUAL KROHN SHOW—KROHN CONS.
14 SEP	BONSAI DAYTON—HYPERTUFA
15 SEP	BONSAI SOCIETY-KALAMAZOO—JACK WIKLE—GIRL SCOUT HDQTRS
<b>15 SEP</b>	<b>PICNIC/ MEMBER SALE/ TBD—OAKLAND</b>
<b>18 SEP</b>	<b>4TH WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP 6:30 PM —FPC</b>
21 SEP	BONSAI SOC. OF GRTR. CINCINNATI—BYOT WORK DAY—CINCI. GARDEN CTR.
<b>1 OCT</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM —FPC</b>
1 OCT	SANDUSKY BONSAI—SOIL NIGHT AND PIE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL
3 OCT	AKRON CANTON BS—BYOT—ART CENTER
18 OCT	BONSAI SOC. OF GRTR. CINCINNATI—WHITE ELEPHANT SALE—GARDEN CTR.
<b>20 OCT</b>	<b>JIN AND SHARI—FPC</b>
<b>23 OCT</b>	<b>4TH WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP —TBD</b>
6 NOV	SANDUSKY BONSAI—OFFICER ELECTIONS
7 NOV	AKRON CANTON BS—PINES, NEEDLING/ BUD SELECTION—ART CENTER
21 NOV	BONSAI SOC. OF GRTR. CINCINNATI—MARK FIELDS—KROHN CONS.
<b>17 NOV</b>	<b>RAFT AND CLUMP STYLES W/ FICUS—TBA</b>
4 DEC	SANDUSKY BONSAI—CHRISTMAS PARTY/ DINNER
<b>DEC</b>	<b>HOLIDAY DINNER—TBD</b>

**FPC= FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**  
**OAKLAND= OAKLAND NURSERY, COLUMBUS LOCATION**