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Video Presentation with Marge

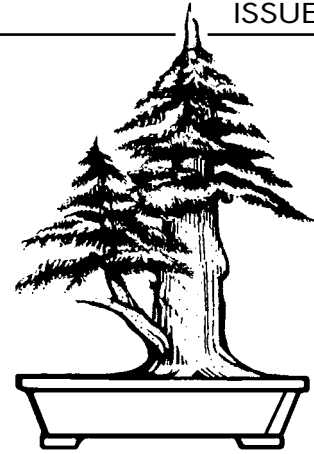
If you liked last year's videos on the Satsuki Azalea and the Japanese White Pine, you should like January's presentation. Two videos will be shown by Marge Clayton. Unfortunately, I didn't contact Marge early enough to find out which videos we'll be viewing, so we'll just have to be kept in suspense until Sunday.

MEETING DATE: Jan. 25, 1998

MEETING TIME: 2:00 pm

**Video Show Brought to You
by Marge Clayton**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
814 N. Campbell, Royal Oak



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An Observation on Pinus Cembra Article by Dean Atkinson

This past summer, I've worked on two Swiss Stone Pines. Both were styled in club demonstrations. They were bought as seedlings, about 6 in., and placed in the ground six years ago. They grew very strong, putting out 3 to 5 candles on all branches and apex. In August the first fall, I chose the branches for pine tree style, taking out the excess. Each spring I removed the center and largest of the candles completely, cutting all the others about half.

In April 1997 they had grown to 15 and 20 inches with trunks from 1 1/2 to 2 inches. They were taken out to the ground and placed in plastic dishpans in the bonsai mix. One demo was done in May, the other in June.

In the pre-styling preparation (removing dead needles and trash), I discovered many back buds and tiny branches on the trunk and larger branches.



Nov Meeting and Christmas Party

The club would like to thank Vance Hanna for an outstanding slide show at the November meeting, and another thanks to Vance and Linda Hanna for the Christmas Party.

Outgoing Prez Vance Wood was given a gift of appreciation by the club at the Christmas Dinner. Photo contributed by Vance Hanna.

Editor's Corner

Don't forget to bring your check-books to the meeting and pay your 1998 dues (\$20 per family membership). We will also be awarding the spectacular water basin donated by the Bonsai Center to the winning ticket holder. (There will still be time to buy tickets at January's meeting). Special thanks to Tom and Penny of the Bonsai Center for their donation and for the exclusive Four Seasons Member Sale earlier this month. My apologies for not being able to get the sale announcement into the last newsletter.

If you've never been to the Bonsai Center, you owe it to yourself to check it out:

Bonsai Center, (810) 465-9555
101 N. Groesbeck Hwy.
Mt. Clemens, MI.

Closed Sunday. Call for hours.

Articles, Announcements, Etc.
Contact Newsletter Editor: Todd Renshaw (810) 978-0508.

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During the styling, all the needles except the new ones were cut off, leaving the inside exposed to the sun. This is the formula for five needle pines; Cembra has five needles.

Someone might object to the overly long needles of the Cembra as not being good bonsai material. Using both methods, cutting candles in the spring and needles in the fall, could provide desired results. Try it, it might work has always been my way of looking at material. I've had some disappointments but some surprises also.

One tree is an informal upright, the other is a semi-cascade. The semi-cascade branch could be removed leaving a very nice informal upright. Maybe in the future.

There is a variation in the color of these two, one has a blue stripe, similar to Japanese White, the other is bright green.

In the first week of November, the growing pans were given a liberal application of cotton seed meal and placed in the ground. This application should help in the back budding. I'll know next spring.

If someone with more experience than I would like to comment on this method, please do so.

Dean Atkinson

1998 Schedule of Events

- Jan 25 Video Presentation Brought to You by Marge Clayton.
- Feb 22 Demo on Carving Technique with Vance Hanna.
- Mar 29 Lecture by Visiting MSU Extension Services Expert.
- Apr 26 "Bonsai Circus" with Ringmaster Dee Risch (Simultaneous Workshops and Demos on All Sorts of Subjects).
- May 31 Tag-Team Bonsai Design. 3 of Our Resident Bonsai Masters Will Each Create a Different Design Starting from Similar Trees.
- June 28 Bonsai Auction and Pot Luck Dinner with Auctioneer Dale Ducklow.
- July 26 Open Workshop. (A good opportunity to bring in trees you need to prepare for the Annual Show).
- Aug 30 Guest Demo By a Visiting Bonsai Master. A workshop will also be held on Saturday.
- Sept Annual Bonsai Club Show. Chairperson: Barry Lesser. Washington Square Building, Royal Oak.
- Oct 25 New Member Workshop.
- Nov 29 Guest Demo By a Visiting Bonsai Master. A workshop will also be held on Saturday.
- Dec Christmas Party Hosted by Gary and Susan Kurylo.

The Votes Are In...

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PASSED, An amendment to our constitution that the Show Chairperson, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor will become appointed positions with full Board voting membership.

NOT PASSED, An amendment to our constitution that the Vice President would act as Board "Chairperson" (to keep Board Meetings running smoothly).

In addition, the following positions were appointed by the board:

Treasurer, Anne Buckman, Troy, (248) 879-7667

Show Chairman, Barry Lesser, West Bloomfield, (248) 926-0479

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