



July 2010 Newsletter

President's Corner

Let the good times roll...I don't know what was in the air or what got those of us at the June meeting in such a good mood, but we certainly had a great time. The jocularly in the room began before the meeting even started and no one was safe from its effects. Then, Dick Smith's opening jokes just let us know we were in for a fun evening.

And the fun will continue... Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for our club BBQ picnic at Vince's home 3 pm on July 17th. Then again for our field trip to Hollow Creek on August 21st. Call or e-mail me for info and directions.

If you have not signed up for you and your spouse/guest or let me know what food you will be bringing to add to our picnic, please call or e-mail me for that too. As Carey says, we don't want 15 pots of beans and no potato salad. So far, for our July picnic we have 1 pot of beans and a vegetable, 2 salads, 2 coleslaws, tuna-macaroni salad, potato salad, fruit tray and 3 deserts. We also need to know how many will be there to know how much meat to get. So, please get back to me.

Our next meeting is not until September. But, we have a lot of bonsai to enjoy at our homes and with each other during the summer.

Wendy Williams

2010 Meeting & Event Calendar

July 17: **Club Picnic** @ Vince Philippone's
August 21: **Picnic & Workshop at Hollow Creek**
September 15: **Lecture on Tropicals** - Hank Miller
October 21: **Annual Club Auction**
November 17: **Lecture on Penjing** - Dan T./Vince P.
December 8: **Christmas Party**

This Month:

Annual Club Picnic

Saturday, July 17th at 3pm
Vince Philippone's house

You can bring:

- A guest/spouse
- Dish to pass
- Chairs, if possible

The club will be supplying food for the grill, which will be fired up around 5pm. If you didn't make the June meeting to sign up and get directions, please make sure you contact Wendy Williams or the club website email address for information. Vince has an impressive collection of trees, a great backyard and is foretold to put together quite a party. Since Vince is kind enough to host this event for us, do make the effort to come, and I promise a good time will be had!

To sign up, get directions or confirm your dish to pass, contact:

Wendy (716) 285-8546

Or email:

info@buffalobonsaisociety.com

wengo4it@roadrunner.com

Next Month:

Club Trip to Hollow Creek

Saturday, August 21st at noon
Hollow Creek Farms Inc.
2124 Dutch Hollow Road
Avon, NY 14414

You can bring:

- A guest/spouse
- Dish to pass

Fred Janson of Hollow Creek will be supplying the grill foods and sodas. Club members who would like to carpool can meet at the D and L Plaza (Tops Market) at 5175 Broadway, Depew on that morning. Hollow Creek is about an hour's drive from Depew, east on route 20. Map and directions included with this newsletter.

Club Trip to Hollow Creek, *cont.*

Fred Janson
 585/226-8593 Phone
 585/226-9755 Fax
 585/734-7035 Cell
www.hollowcreekbonsai.com

Be sure to contact Wendy for the head count, and let her know what you will be bringing for a dish to pass. Also bring some spending money, because there are hundreds of bonsai trees at the nursery, and the store up the road has the best selection of bonsai, ikebana and Japanese gardening supplies and books in the area. You simply can't go wrong with this trek!

Last Month:

Companion Plants

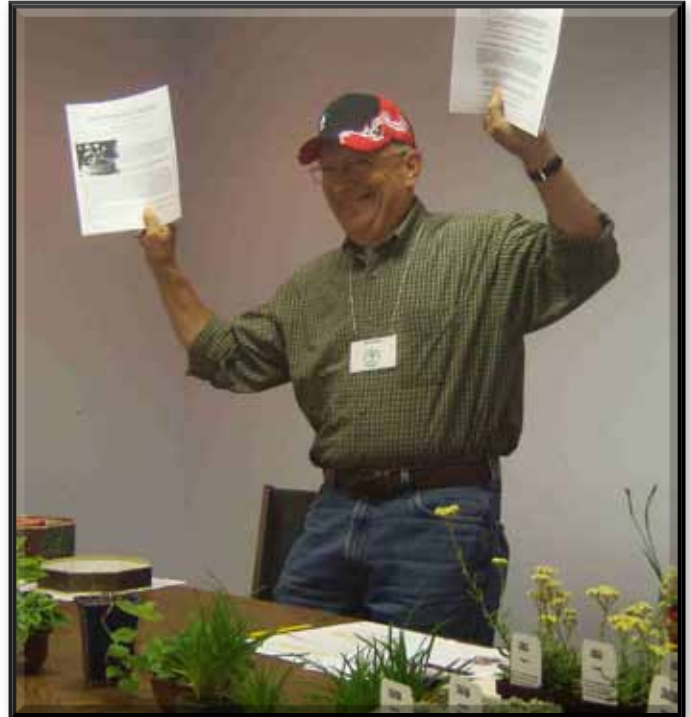
An exercise in entertainment by Rich Smith

Former BBS board member and long-time club member Dick Smith gave last month's talk, with quite a few jokes included. If you missed it, know that it was a raucous good time!

A companion plant is like makeup on a beautiful woman: it adds to the overall aesthetics without detracting or distracting.

There were several things that Dick wanted to cover during his talk, but his first objective was to thank his wife Shirley for all of the research and assistance she provided. He then added an apology to all present, not for the handouts themselves (which were quite informative), but for the fact that he failed to print them double-sided. It seems that Shirley works for an environmental firm; while Dick is apparently doing his best to kill some trees...can you see the irony?

Actually, the talk was just as informative as it was entertaining, and everyone learned something. Dick covered the purpose of companion plants and under-plantings, as well as explaining the difference. He also discussed the types of plants used, how and when they are used, and why. Other talking points were: selecting a pot, pairing companion plants with bonsai for display, the rules of display, and general plant care. There were also several



Dick apologizes for single-side printing the handouts.

examples of companion plants in suitable containers. Dick also brought in plants to sell, so that people could get started right away.

Numerous people asked questions and shared ideas and methods with the group. Overall, it was one of the best meetings of the year.

If you made it to the BBS show at the botanical gardens, there were several examples of companion plants. A pot of bluets was in flower, and a miniature hosta was showing off its tiny leaves. It will be interesting to see what shows up at next year's show, now that we are all educated!

Thanks Dick and Shirley!

Refreshments

We still need someone to volunteer for October, so let Wendy know if you want to participate and bring in Halloween treats for the annual auction!

September – Peter Pasnik

October - ?

November – David Stearns

Thanks for helping out your club!

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Thanks and see you soon! – Carey