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This is the second edition of the September Newsletter. The changes are info on our October meeting and a feature article by Frank Kondrich. Please read on.

Our September 13 meeting will be a demonstration by John C. of slab planting technique, featuring chrysanthemums. Members can bring their Chrysanthemum Bonsai from the June Workshop for a follow up potting in preparation for the October 25 – 27, Long Island Chrysanthemum Fall Show.

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September Meeting Chrysanthemums on a Slab Planting

8:00 PM- 10:00 PM
May 10, 2019

**William C. Odol Community Center
Located at the H. Garrick Williams Park,
Ritter Avenue, Massapequa, NY 11758**

Directions:

On southern State parkway exit at 32 south (route 110). Proceed to Ritter Ave. and make right turn at taco bell (the second traffic light). Proceed thru the traffic light on County Line road. The William Odol, building is on the right with the parking lot just passed the building.

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WELCOME

Membership dues for the 2019 year are due. Please make your payment in check or cash to our Membership Secretary Mary Ward.

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Like the article reprints in this and the previous newsletter? BSGNY had printed a “Bonsai Bulletin” for almost 30 years. They have been scanned on to a DVD disc. The DVD disk is now here. The price will be \$29.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. The DVD will also be available for sale at our meetings for (\$29.95).

Please mail this form to:
BSGNY, PO BOX 115, Baldwin, New York 11510.

➤ *Make out your check to “Bonsai Society of Greater NY”* ◀

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Street _____ Apt. # _____

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Phone (_____) _____

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Enclosed is my check for an Annual Membership at:
 \$17 Student \$40 Regular \$45 Joint (2 people at the same address)

Or sign up at the next meeting. www.bsgny.org

Upcoming events: Display for Art in the Park, held at the Farmingdale Village Green from Noon - 4 pm will be held on September 15 (The rain date is 9/22) Bring a bonsai or two to display.

October 25 – 27, Long Island Chrysanthemum Show at Starkie Bros, Main Street, Farmingdale

The October meeting will be a ceramics workshop at Island Pottery on Willis Avenue in Mineola on Saturday, October 12 at 2 PM.

The November meeting agenda is yet to be defined.

Birds In The Trees
by Frank Kondrich

At this point in the summer I am up and out early to bring my mums back into the light after twelve hours of imposed darkness. There are only a few days left of “shading” and the mums should be in bloom by mid-October for the Chrysanthemum Show at Stark Bros. at the end of the month.

As I walk out onto the deck, the robins, blue jays and cardinals let me know they are up there, hidden among the leaves of the maples, cedars, and the big tulip tree. They keep their distance like any other time we are in the backyard. However, they were not always so shy. It was only Spring when I would wake up a few times a week to see one or two bonsai knocked onto the deck or ground, coming out of its pot, and soil all around it. Later, after I had cleaned up the mess and repotted the tree, the offending bird (usually a blue jay) would return to the scene of the crime, perch on the side of a pot, and hunt and peck for bugs.

By now they have realized that there is no food in the soil. So now their favorite occupation is to annoy me by hopping around on the edge a pot. Then my wife would think it cute and try to take a picture. The bird would always fly away before a picture could be taken once it sensed movement in the house.

Light stanchions along the side of the parkway are modern stand-ins for trees. Solitary red tail hawks perched on them, surveying the areas bordering the highways for prey. But what I caught out of the corner of my eye two weeks ago while driving on the Northern State seemed larger. Wings were spread wide revealing a distinctive pattern of feathers as it landed on an upper branch of an oak tree. A ghostly appearance and reminder that they too are among the trees.

Then there was the hawk that used my cedars as cover before it pounced on a smaller bird. But that’s another story.