

## **Biography - William N. Valavanis**

William N. Valavanis became interested in bonsai and horticulture at age 11 and pursued his interest by studying Ornamental Horticulture at SUNY Farmingdale and Cornell University. He has made over 50 trips to Japan and formally apprenticed with Kyuzo Murata and Kakutarō Komuro in Omiya Bonsai Village in Japan. Additionally a 30 year study and association with Yuji Yoshimura combined with his formal horticulture degrees, apprenticeships in Japan, and his artistic talent provide Bill with the solid background to promote and teach classical bonsai art around the world. His educational programs have been presented throughout the United States, Canada, Brazil, England, Italy, Belgium, China, Indonesia, Australia, China, Taiwan and Japan.

He is the proprietor of the International Bonsai Arboretum in Rochester, New York where he maintains a fine personal collection of classical bonsai. He offers introductory and advanced classes as well as seminars in Rochester, New York. In order to further promote the artistic and horticultural expression of classical bonsai art around the world he began publishing International BONSAI magazine 33 years ago. He has authored two books and many articles published in English, Japanese and other European languages.

Bill is an active member and officer of numerous local, national and international bonsai and horticultural organisations. His distinctive bonsai and displays have received many awards both in the United States and abroad. In 2008 he organised the First U.S National Bonsai Exhibition which was very successful. This historic event displayed 192 bonsai from 23 states across America and drew visitors from around the world. The second U.S National Bonsai Exhibition was held in 2010 and was well received. The next U.S National Bonsai Exhibition will be held in June 2012.

He freely shares his 50 year plus years of dedicated bonsai study, experiences and discoveries with students and serious bonsai fanciers through International BONSAI and his educational bonsai programs.



THE SCHOOL of BONSAI

Presents  
International Bonsai Artist

Bill Valavanis (U.S.A)



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

Power Point Presentation, Talk, Critique

Time : 7.15pm to around 10pm - 10.15pm

Cost : \$25 per person (Includes Refreshments Tea, Coffee, Juice, Biscuits & Cake)

Venue: Don Moore Community Centre. Corner North Rocks Road & Farnell Avenue, North Rocks.

**Bookings Essential** - Limited Seating

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## Program Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

Commence 7.15pm sharp.

Bill Valavanis will run through a power point presentation on “Aspects of Bonsai Design” This will introduce his background and how it has developed his bonsai design. Then he will proceed to carefully examine the elements of design and how they are applied to bonsai which is followed by a “Bonsai Design Test” where people will simply give an opinion on which of two images (art graphics and bonsai) they think are a better design.

We will then break for some refreshments.

After refreshments there will be a critique on some of the bonsai brought in for discussion by people attending. Bill will conduct a critique on how they can be improved both artistically and horticulturally. If time permits Bill will also take general questions from the floor regarding anything Bonsai related.

### Workshops

Bill will conduct two workshops whilst in Sydney. **Please note** : they will be held at two different venues. The first workshop will take place at Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery. Which is located at 26 Sagars Road, Dural N.S.W. This will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 from 9am to 12 noon.

The second workshop will take place at the Don Moore Community Centre. Which is located at the corner of North Rocks Road and Farnell Avenue, North Rocks N.S.W. This will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 from 7pm to 10pm.

Workshops are \$45 per person and places are limited. Workshop attendees must provide their own plant material and equipment to do the workshop. Refreshments of tea, Coffee, Juice & Biscuits will be provided at both venues.

## Registration Form – Bill Valavanis in Sydney

Full Name.....

Address.....

Email Address.....

Phone Number.....

### Registration Options

	Cost	Total
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011 <b>(Seminar)</b> Consisting of Power Point Presentation, Talk, Critique.	\$25	\$
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011 <b>Workshop: 9am to 12noon</b> Location : Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery 26 Sagars Road, Dural, N.S.W	\$45	\$
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2011 <b>Workshop: 7pm to 10pm</b> Location : Don Moore Community Centre. Corner North Rocks Road & Farnell Avenue, North Rocks, N.S.W	\$45	\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>

\* Please indicate here if you are bringing in a tree for the Critique. **Circle Yes or No**

Cheque/Money Order- Payable to the School of Bonsai Inc.

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