



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting:, March 24, 2007 10:00

Where: Brandywine Town Center

Subject: Air Layering by Ski Dumbrovski

Cookie person: Brad Taylor

Pre-meeting bonsai help: Henri Vermeulen

March Meeting

Please note that this meeting date is not the usual third Saturday but rather, the fourth, March 24th. We look forward to a great meeting where Ski Dumbrovski is going to lead us in a workshop on air layering. Please read the attached information and bring any trees that you might want to air layer during the meeting. As indicated, air layering can be done on branches on a tree to get more trees or on the trunk to shorten a tree and establish new nebari.

MABS is Getting Close.

MABS is a great meeting every year and Brandywine Bonsai Society is always well represented. Please plan to attend. April 1 is the date when registration fees for the MABS Spring Festival will increase. If you are interested but have lost the flyer that was sent/distributed weeks ago, please contact Nancy (Nancy.Klabunde@comcast.net, or (610) 692-7599) to get a replacement registration form.

This year will be a chance for our club members to see Guy Guidry, and especially Robert Steven (Indonesia) who are highly regarded artists and instructors. In addition, the array of vendors will be stellar.

Dedication of the Jack Billet Display Benches at the NBF.

Please inform Dennis and Nancy of your intentions to attend the dedication on Friday, May 4. The NBF has invited BBS members and friends to attend a luncheon preceding the dedication ceremony; we need to know numbers. Therefore: contact Dennis and Nancy on or before Monday, April 16.

Once we know which members plan to attend, we will try to put together car pools and provide additional information.

Picnic/Auction in June

We need a manager/organizer to come forward to arrange the food aspect of the June picnic/auction. How would you be that person? Help your Society be social.

Want to be a Millionaire?

Did you catch our own Anne Boyd on "Who wants to be a millionaire," on Friday March 2?

Dues are Due!

For those few remaining stragglers, the deadline for paying dues is the end of March. Please get your payment to Steve Ittel as quickly as possible. Members who have not renewed by that date will be removed from the newsletter list. And how many of you noticed the subliminal message in the last newsletter about paying dues? It seems to have worked, because a number of payments were received. This month, the notice will be a bit more obvious, with a dues form attached.

Brandywine Bonsai Society 2007 Annual Membership Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

EMAIL _____

*Please carefully indicate any letters or figures (L versus 1, or O versus 0) that might be confusing.
Are there any changes or corrections in the above from 2006? () Yes*

We will continue to mail anything that does not lend itself to electronic distribution.

Please check membership level:

_____ *Individual (\$20.00)* _____ *Family (\$25.00)*

_____ *Under 16 yrs old (free)* _____ *Emeritus (free)*

_____ *Additional contribution to BBS \$* _____

Please make checks payable to: Brandywine Bonsai Society

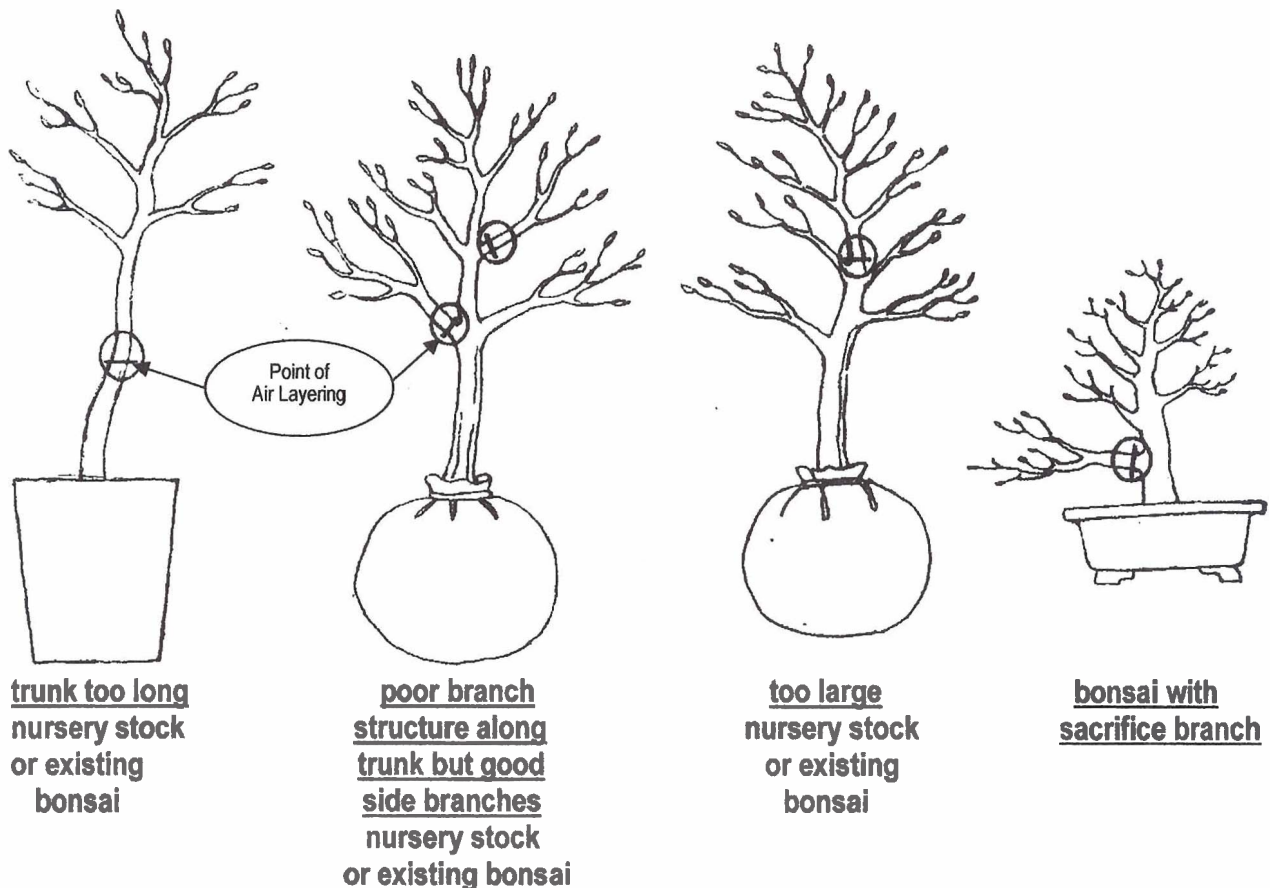
Please submit dues ASAP, but no later than 03/31/2007 to:

Steven D. Ittel
7 Barley Mill Drive
Wilmington, DE 19807

March 24th BTC

Propagation by Air Layering Workshop Ski Dombrovski

I always hear the question –Where do you get stock suitable for bonsai ? You might already have more of it in your possession than you realize. Also a lot of balled or container grown nursery stock which we would call unsuitable for bonsai because it is too big, too tall , has no lower branches or has no trunk movement etc., still could be useable. By air layering we can shorten a trunk or use suitable side branches or tops to create a bonsai in a reasonably short amount of time.



Suitable stock – should be in good condition, showing strong bud swelling, near bud burst or leaves starting to come out

Tools and extras needed - grafting knife, utility knife or Xacto knife
rooting hormone and cutting dip solution
long strand sphagnum moss
trimming shears or light pruning shears

Ski will provide any other needed materials.

Some trees commonly grown for bonsai suitable for air layering

**Azalea
Barberry
Beech
Cedar
Crab-apple
Crape myrtle
Cypress (hinoki included)
Dogwood
Elm
Euonymus
Firethorne
Hawthorne
Hornbeam
Juniper
Larch
Ginko (small branches or trunks ½ - ¾ in. dia. only)
Maples (all varieties)
Mulberry
Pear
White pine (Jap 5 needle pine only)
Chinese quince (not shrub varieties)
Spruce
Styrax
Willow
Wisteria
Yew**