



# Brandywine Bonsai Society

**Date:** Saturday, June 16, 2007

**Picnic and Auction, 11:00 AM**

Anson B. Nixon Park

Kennett Square, PA

## Something Different for the Picnic this Year.

Instead of the cold buffet the club has offered in past years, we are experimenting with something more streamlined - Capriotti hoagies. We will order only what is wanted, so there should be no extras and no waste. Members who do not wish to participate in the Hoagie Holiday should provide their own food.

Contact Nancy by the 13<sup>th</sup> -- don't think of emailing/calling after that -- to place your order. All of the hoagies (subs) contain Provolone cheese, lettuce, onions, and tomatoes. No substitutions or adjustments, please. You have a choice of: 1. homemade turkey, 2. homemade roast beef, 3. Italian, 4. ham and cheese, 5. tuna, 6. Genoa salami, 7. capicola, 8. cheese, or 9. prosciutini. Chips and beverage will round out the meal. Of course, anyone who wishes to contribute a salad or some dessert is more than welcome to do so. Reach Nancy at (610) 692-7599 or [Nancy.Klabunde@comcast.net](mailto:Nancy.Klabunde@comcast.net).

As usual, the picnic is in Anson Nixon Park, Pavilion 1, at 11:00 AM, where we will assemble our auction items, share fellowship over a buffet lunch, and then focus our attention on auctioneer *extraordinaire*, Dennis Donald as he humorously shares his vast knowledge of trees, pots, etc., and raises money for our club. If you haven't attended before, or not for a while, get into the fun.

In the meantime, take a serious look at your books, trees, pots, companion plants, etc. What doesn't inspire you any longer may be a light-bulb-going-on for someone else.

## Directions to Picnic at Anson B. Nixon Park:

Headed south on Route 1 in PA, take the Kennett Square exit and head into town on State Street. Turn right onto Walnut Road, near the bottom of the hill. (The Kennett Square YMCA is opposite.) You will soon see the sign for the Anson B. Nixon Park on the left. Park in the central parking lot and walk to the first pavilion in the woods.

People coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, go 1 block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road.

**Auction Workings** - BBS has two types of auctions: the Silent Auctions that occur at most meetings, and the auctioneer style that occurs at the annual picnic. The money raised at the Silent Auctions goes entirely to the member who offered the items for sale. The money raised at the picnic auction goes entirely to the club. Aside from dues and any unexpected gifts, the picnic auction is our major source of revenue, so member support is much needed.

There is a *caveat* to the statement above, "goes entirely to the club." Should you bring an item for auction that you think should not sell for less than \$50.00, please put a tag on it saying "50.00 reserve." If that sum is not bid, you return home with the item. If the sum of \$50.00 or more is raised, the club will get 30% and you will take 70%.

**Success Story** – Pat Morris, Exhibits Chair, led the club in a very successful and well-received show at the Brandywine River Museum, June 2. She certainly cannot be held responsible for the rain and resulting dismal attendance on Sunday. Special thanks go to the members who exhibited trees, tree-sat, and performed on-going demonstrations: It was particularly nice that while a couple regular showers were unable to attend, a number of new showers were able to step up and display very nice trees.

We also had a few individuals sign up for the newsletter and other BBS information and we will see if any of them turn into regular members.

**The Jack Billet Memorial** – BBS presented a contribution through personal gifts to the National Bonsai Foundation in memory of Jack Billet. That contribution was recognized in the dedication of a stand in memory of Jack. A number of members

were able to attend the dedication and we take this opportunity to share the moments with those of you who couldn't make it through a series of photos taken by Ulrich Klabunde.



It was good to see so many of Jack's friends and fellow bonsai enthusiasts turn out to hear a few words spoken.



Jack was a true friend of the art, teacher, promoter, and most of all, a master artist. We miss him deeply.

