



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting: July 21, 2007 10:00

Where: Brandywine Town Center

Subject: Nancy Klabunde and Dennis Donald Getting Weird

Cookie Person: Greg Kanaski

Pre-meeting bonsai help: Dennis Donald

The July Meeting will feature Nancy Klabunde and Dennis Donald talking about bonsai from seldom-used material. (No, that was not supposed to be wired in the title above. They are just going to be talking about weird materials.) Dennis will talk about beauty berry (*Callicarpa*), a genus of shrubs and small trees in the family Verbenaceae. (I believe that I sold one of these at the auction last month, misidentifying it as Indian Berry. –SDI) Nancy will talk about fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) (not the poison stuff).

If you have trees or companion plants that are not necessarily unusual, but that pose interesting styling/growing situations, bring them to the meeting. Of course, if you have something that is in full glory now, but is never ready for either the June or the November exhibits, show it off now.

As an added bonus, Dennis has a Power Point presentation put together by Tom Elias of the National Arboretum on his recent visit to the new National Bonsai Garden of Japan. It will take about a half-hour to present (38 slides) and should be of general interest to the group.

The Recent ABS Symposium

Dorie Froning and Dennis Donald presented a shohin workshop at the recent ABS Symposium in Virginia Beach, VA. Our member, Pat Lucke Morris, is the national secretary of ABS.

Chester County Library

John Jennings has pointed out that there are a variety of books on bonsai available from local libraries. At the Chester County Library in Exton he spied the following:

Chinese Penjing – Miniature Trees and Landscapes, by Hu Yunhau, Timber Press.
Creating Bonsai Landscapes by Su Chin Ea and Colin Lewis, Story Publishing



(this is a link)

Bonsai from Native Trees and Shrubs, by Werner M. Busch, David and Charles Publishing

The New Yorker

This is a slow news month so I needed some filler and Nancy Klabunde came through with two items.

The first is definitely not New Yorker material. Just seen on CNN: a man attempting to rob a bank was apprehended by the police who couldn't help laughing. The robber had disguised himself as a tree with leaves and twigs pasted on his head, face, and body. A use for defunct bonsai? Now anyone has to do is wire him to get better shape. He seems to be about as smart as a potted plant.

The second item is truly from the New Yorker – their view of bonsai. Because it was sent to me as a PDF file with all of the artwork already incorporated, that is the way I have to display it here. It is the next page.



SPOTS Jacques de Loustal

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