



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Late Summer Workshop

Where: Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, DE

When: August 18th, 2007, 10:00 am

No cookie person

Lots of pre- and during-meeting bonsai help:

The August Meeting - Roll up Your Sleeves.

Workshops are one of our most relaxed times when members can chat with one another and share bonsai insights. If you are new to BBS, and/or new to bonsai, this would be a perfect opportunity to bring in several trees and get advice from experienced bonsai hobbyists. Bring your tools and wire and get some of those chores done that have been nagging at you for some time now.

This is a good time to trim back the current season's growth on pines whose candles weren't pinched out several months ago, and to remove old needles. It is also a good time to remove spring-time wiring that may be in danger of cutting into the bark. New season's growth that requires positioning could be wired now. We aren't very far away from leaf fall, so take a good look at deciduous trees to be thinking how you might want to prune or shape them.

On Saturday, we will be able to do tree work almost all day should anyone wish. Lets get started at 10:00. If you think that you will want to be staying past noon, plan to bring a snack or lunch and beverage. The coffee service and pastry shop are on vacation in August. BYOC_{affeine}. BYOC_{arbs}.

Note from the July Meeting.

During the wide-ranging discussion about trees and identification of insect/disease problems, Nancy mentioned a product that she has been using with success. The name is K+Neem, an insecticide and fungicide combined. The manufacturer is Organica. Two stores that carry Organica products are Styer's on Route 1, and Agway.

A Two-fer in September

Julian Adams of Adams Bonsai in Lynchburg, VA will be the guest speaker at the

September 15 meeting. We are having an unusual two-part program, the first on Scots pines (Julian is known as Mr. Scots Pine), and the second on "Bonsai from the Beginning." This program will perhaps take more than the usual time, but the opportunity to learn from a bonsai artist of Julian's experience doesn't often occur, so plan accordingly.

Program Planning

The program for next year is starting to take shape, but if you have program requests and ideas, please convey them to any of the officers. Planning for 2008 is well underway.

Longwood Reminder

The annual Longwood show is November 10th and 11th. Now is not too soon to select and begin grooming your trees for the show.

Big Changes in Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival

Mark April 11-13, 2008 on your calendars for the Spring MidAtlantic Bonsai Society meeting. The festival will be held at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonksen, NY near the Shawangunk Mountains. Because of a change in ownership, renovation plans, and various other reasons, MABS will not be returning to the Ramada Inn in East Hanover, NJ where we have met for several years. The MABS facilities committee will continue to look for suitable sites, but the Hudson Valley resort *may* become the meeting place for some time to come.

Plans for the weekend are falling rapidly into place. Visiting artists who have definitely accepted are Michael Hagedorn (USA, lately back from Japan), and Graham Potter (UK). A recent acceptance has come from Min-Hsuan Lo of Taiwan.

Mr. Lo is known for “Lo’s Style” which combines the beauty of old trees from the fields, lines from Chinese calligraphy, and the life philosophy of ancient scholars. “The traditional horizontal curves are just a commonplace [in] bonsai. It doesn’t have the typical tree appearance. [In] typical old and huge tree[s], each branch will grow up and grow to a certain amount, the branches become horizontal then the branches will droop following... gravity. If [they] continue to droop... the branches might die. Therefore, the tree will continue to grow up and continue to grow horizontally and droop, the circle of rebirth, the branches continue to change and become vertical curves. Then what appears is the huge old trees.” The foregoing is from a March blog posted by Mr. Lo. Read it a couple of times to understand his insight. This is a taste of what is in store next spring.

The next Festival weekend is one that your spouse or significant other might well enjoy.

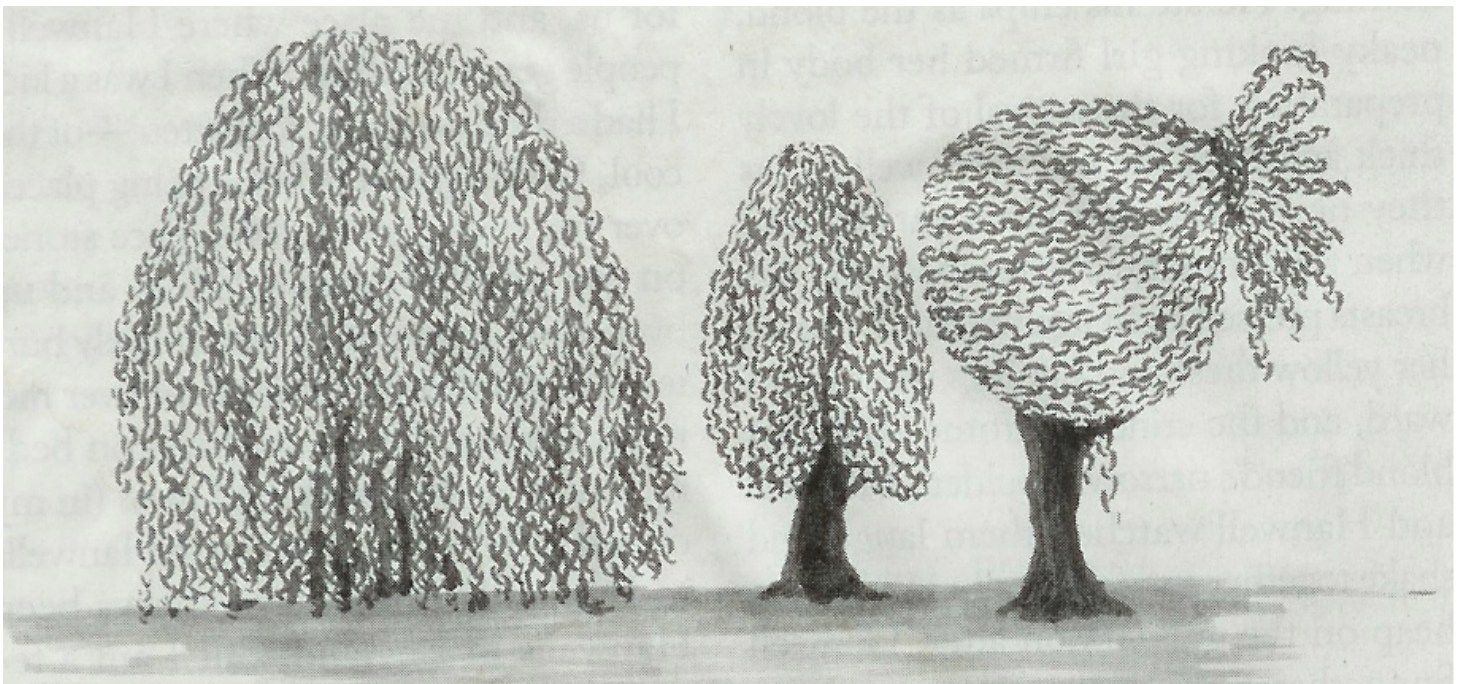
Horseback riding, climbing and hiking, antiquing, historic sites, parks, and 18-hole golfing are nearby. The resort’s recreational facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a game room, and tennis and basketball courts. For real indulgence: opt for Swedish and sports massages, European facials and hair and body treatments.

If you have attended Spring Festivals in the past several years, you will know that the Hudson Valley Resort is going to be a big change from East Hanover!

*Hands upon the ground
Old aristocratic frog
Recites his poem*

Sokan

More imagined bonsai from The New Yorker



A weeping tree

Trimmed for the hot summer

But if it is really hot like this week,
you want to get it off your neck