



Brandywine Bonsai Society

Where: Brandywine Town Center

When: January 19, 2008, 10:00 am

Subject: Annual Jack Billet Memorial Meeting on Winter Silhouette

Cookie Person: Brad Taylor

Pre-Meeting Tree Advice: Charlotte Smith

The Winter Silhouette Meeting has been held for several years now, and has proved such an opportunity for fellowship and sharing of bonsai and presentation knowledge, that to hold the program in Jack Billet's honor in perpetuity seems right and good. Jack, a founding member of the Brandywine Bonsai Society, was all about sharing knowledge and fellowship. His humor, and unfailing willingness to instruct (done lightly!) are sorely missed. Jack's knowledge of horticulture, and his styling abilities earned him the respect of bonsai masters nation wide. We were blessed to have him in our midst.

Bring a tree out of winter storage and share it with the club. You may show it whether or not it is well potted, and whether or not you can mount a full presentation. We will want to know what you envision for the tree, and anything of interest that you can share about pots, stands, and modes of presentation. You will find that other members will have much that is worthwhile to give back to you.

Here is a haiku, a death song, that we thought might be appropriate for Jack:

If they ask for me

Say: He had some Business . . .

In another world

Sokan

Pre-Meeting Tree Counseling – Our pre-meeting tree counseling has proven to be reasonably useful, so we are continuing the practice in 2008. Charlotte Smith will be on hand to give advice about growing practices and styling, so don't miss this opportunity. Though this service is directed mostly to new and inexperienced members, old hands might like to bounce ideas about, too. If you have a tree that is perplexing you a bit, and you are wondering what steps to take this spring,

bring it to the meeting and sit down with Charlotte.

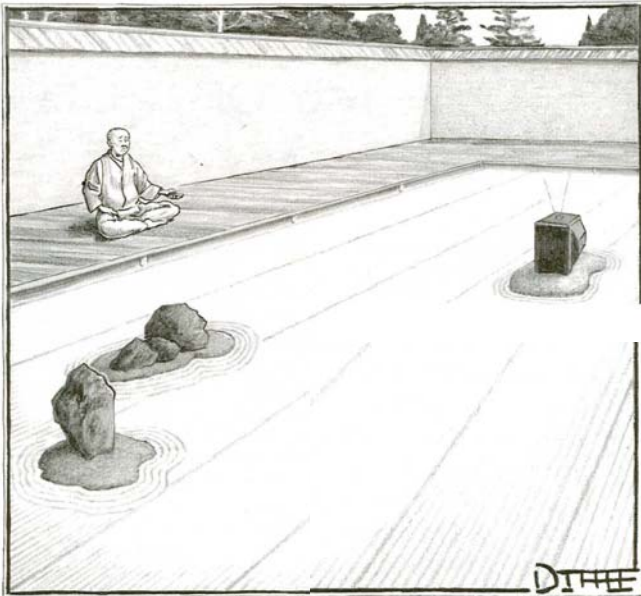
Membership renewal time is here - Please return forms with dues as soon as possible. They should be returned to Steve Ittel, but at meetings, if Steve is unavailable, our treasurer, Greg Kanaskie, can receive the information. The deadline for renewing is the end of March. It is important that we know the membership roster by then, and have our finances in order.

A Haiku Challenge that was issued last year at this time brought forth a number of entries, and some of us had a good time stretching our brains a bit into the (usually) 5-7-5 form with seasonal reference. This year, the challenge is to share your haiku efforts on the subject of the anticipation/apprehension of bringing trees out of storage. Your poetic efforts will be published for the enjoyment of all.

The MABS Spring Festival is being held a week earlier than usual this year. It will be Friday April 11 through Sunday April 13 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY.

The visiting artists will be Min Hsuan Lo from Taiwan, Graham Potter from the UK, Michael Hagedorn from the US, and George LeBolt from the US. The array of vendors who offer a full range of pots, stands, tools, soils, and plant materials represent the most in-depth shopping you could wish.

Registration forms are attached electronically and hard copies will be available at the coming meeting. When you have picked up your form, please sign the sheet that will be nearby so that we will know



which members must receive their copies by mail.

Each MABS member society is asked to contribute three trees to the exhibit. Please consider whether you could participate on our club's behalf.

Looking ahead to the June picnic/auction, and looking for a member who will take over the provision of food. Last year, the membership feasted on a variety of Capriotti hoagies that members had signed on for in advance. Everyone seemed pleased with this "no muss/no fuss" approach. Nancy took care of ordering and transporting the food in 2007. Will someone volunteer for the job in 2008?

BBS 2008 Schedule

January 19: Jack Billet Memorial Meeting - Winter Silhouette

February 16: Dennis Donald presents a program on two-tree display

March 15: Ski Dumbrovski revisits the trees that were air-layered last year, and discusses styling options for the results.

March? Ameriseki show at Longwood Garden. Date not yet assigned.

April 11-13: Mid-Atlantic Spring Festival

April 19: Spring Festival artist Graham Potter

May 17: Daylong workshop with Jim Barrett

June 7-8: Brandywine River Museum show

June 18-22: ABS Learning Seminars, San Antonio, TX

June 21: Annual picnic/auction, Anson Nixon Park, Kennett Square

July 19: Hands-on practice creating a two-tree presentation

August 16: Workshop, Bring-Your-Own-Tree

September 5-7: Maple Symposium, Rochester, NY

September 20: TBA

October 2-5: Stone Symposium, Grantville Holiday Inn

October 11-12: National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester, NY

October 18: Materials seldom used as bonsai

November 1 – 2: Annual exhibit at Longwood Gardens

November 15: Business meeting and TBA

Directions to the Brandywine Town Center Meeting Hall

The meeting hall is a stand-alone building, removed from the commercial area, with a large glass dome on top.

From Route 202 Southbound: Shortly after crossing into Delaware on Route 202 southbound, turn left onto Naamans Road at the intersection bounded by an Exxon station and the Days Inn. At the second light, turn left into the Brandywine Town Center (You will see a large Target store) and follow the outer parking lot road right to the meeting hall.

From I-95 Northbound and 202 Northbound: Take Exit 8 Concord Pike North. Just beyond Concord Mall at the Days Inn, turn right onto Naamans Road and follow the directions above.

From I-95 Southbound: Take the I-495 and Naamans Road exit just after passing into Delaware. Take Naamans Road westbound. After passing Grubb Road, you will take the next right into Brandywine Town Center. Look for the meeting center described above but you will go left on the circling road.

To celebrate New Year's

We feast

Newly-opened eyes on

Snowy Fujiana

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