



Brandywine Bonsai Society

October 18th, 2008 - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Nature's Way Nursery and Bonsai Studio
Autumn Open House, Harrisburg, PA

A Very Special Meeting

The annual Autumn Open House at Nature's Way Nursery is always a special occasion. This year, the guest artist will be Rodney Clemons from Stone Mountain, Georgia. Numbers of our members have seen Rodney at bonsai symposia in the past, and therefore are very eager to see him again; his visits to the North are infrequent. He is noted for his garden designs (profession), many in Japanese style, and for bonsai styled by the nature he observes around him.

In addition to seeing Rodney, there are other inducements:

40% off all nursery stock and perennials

20% off bonsai, tools, pots, supplies, books, magazines, lanterns and statuary

20% off all tropicals

The sale begins October 18 and lasts through November 1.

Ross Adams, Nitju Potters, will be the guest vendor for the occasion. Ross has been a vendor at previous Nature's Way Open Houses, and was a vendor at the most recent Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Society symposium. His designs are great, and his prices can't be beat.

The schedule:

9:30 AM – Jim Doyle gives a bonsai demonstration

11:00 AM – Rodney Clemons gives a Boxwood bonsai demonstration

1:30 PM – Mary Kay Doyle gives an Ikebana demonstration

3:30 PM – Rodney Clemons gives a bonsai demonstration

If you are looking at the schedule and wondering how a growling stomach will be satisfied: there always is a buffet.

Nature's Way also offers classes. In order to check on the schedule and prices, go to the website: natureswaybonsai@comcast.net. You also can phone (717) 545-4555, or write. The address will follow. Directions to Nature's Way are included in an attached page at the end of this newsletter. There are two sets that both end at

Nature's Way, both starting in the Wilmington area. One takes the PA turnpike and the other goes through Lancaster. Chose which ever is more convenient for you.

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The Annual Longwood Exhibit, November 1 & 2

The purpose of our annual exhibit is not only to show works that BBS members have produced, but to introduce the public to all stages of bonsai. It is important that all BBS members take this opportunity (and the Brandywine River Museum Show in early June) to begin showing their work. If you still feel that you aren't ready, donating a few hours to tree-sit is a good way to begin understanding what is involved in show preparation, and to study work done by more experienced members.

We always are weather dependent, so the autumn show is iffy for deciduous trees. At the last meeting, our Exhibits Chair, Pat Morris, gave a good piece of advice: If you have a deciduous tree with a good shape, consider cutting off any leaves that remain if your tree has lost most of its leaves. This is an opportunity to show a silhouette; usually this only occurs in the winter. Being able to show deciduous, evergreen, and semi-evergreen trees in one show would be a great plus.

Longwood Show – Nov. 1 & 2

Our annual fall show in the conservatory of Longwood Gardens will be the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. For those bringing trees for the display, setup will start at 7am on Saturday and trees may not be removed till 5pm on Sunday.

Our purpose in this, and in all of our shows, is to promote bonsai. We want to have trees from as many of our members as possible, regardless of their skill level. All tree exhibitors will be expected to help with the 'tree-sitting' chores, but we also

welcome help from those who may not wish to exhibit a tree at this time. We need a minimum of two and ideally at least three people for each of the three sessions each day of the show.

All (whether exhibitors or helpers) should come into Longwood via the back (service) gate off of Conservatory Road. No tickets or admission fees are needed here. Just tell the guard that you're here to help with the bonsai show. Any doubts about directions, please ask one of the more senior club members.

Once on the Longwood grounds, you want to take the **FIRST LEFT** and follow the signs, bearing **RIGHT** and driving up behind the conservatory. We will unload by the freight elevator. Carts and a couple of helpers will be there to assist in unloading and moving everything into our display area. Please remember that we share the carts and helpers with the Ikebana folks who are sharing the show weekend. As soon as cars are unloaded, they should be promptly moved to the parking lot below the drive we used to unload (beside the lower greenhouses). Sitters can use this lot also, but may need to go to the more remote lot to the southeast of the Longwood loading area and potting shed, so allow plenty of time in case you need to hike from the far lot.

You can send the filled out exhibitor/helper form to me via email, snail mail or give it to Nancy at the Nature's Way Open House. All the forms must get to me by October 30th to ensure that we have all the correct identification cards for the trees.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support.

Pat Lucke Morris

Controlling New Shoots by Fred Knobloch

When you finally get a bud to break on a trunk just where you always wanted one, or if you're

rebuilding an old trunk from scratch; the new shoot immediately heads straight up seeking the light. Trying to wire this down to horizontal at this point often breaks the shoot off right at the trunk.



To avoid this problem, you can attach clear plastic guides right above the shoot as soon as the shoot begins to grow.

I usually get the plastic by raiding my wife's lid drawer, but the ones used here were cut from a clear plastic saucer used under flower pots.

The plastic needs to have a right angle. Start a push pin through the plastic that's going to be vertical along the trunk. Slide the plastic down on the sprout until it holds the sprout at right angles to the trunk and then set the pushpin.

In about 10 days, the shoots grow beyond the plastic and head up, but, this is no problem, since the angle next to the trunk has already been set and the sprout is now sturdy enough to accept careful wiring.



These shoots grow and thicken rapidly. To wire and leave room for thickening, it's best to have an assistant hold a mandrel along the shoot as you loosely wire. My assistant quit, so I tacked a nail into the trunk to illustrate as

shown in the final picture.



Driving directions to Nature's Way Nursery Inc

for those who want to take the PA Turnpike

104 mi – about 2 hours 5 mins

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| 3. Head North on Concord Pike
Entering Pennsylvania | 5.0 mi |
| 4. Continue on US-202/Wilmington W
Chester Pike Continue to follow US-
202 | 7.7 mi |
| 5. Take the ramp onto W Chester
Bypass/US-202/US-322 Continue to
follow W Chester Bypass/US-202 | 3.5 mi |
| 6. Slight right at PA-100 N (signs for
State Hwy 100 N/US-30 W/Exton) | 7.5 mi |
| 7. Take the PENNA TURN PIKE ramp
Toll road | 0.4 mi |
| 8. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for
Harrisburg/I-76 W and merge onto I-
76 W Toll road | 64.6 mi |
| 9. Take exit 247 for State Hwy 283/I-283
toward Hershey/Harrisburg Toll road | 0.3 mi |
| 10. Merge onto I-283 N
Partial toll road | 2.7 mi |
| 11. Take exit 3B to merge onto I-83 N
toward I-81/US-322 W | 4.1 mi |
| 12. Take exit 51B to merge onto I-81 N
toward Allenstown/I-78/Hazletown | 2.9 mi |
| 13. Take exit 72B toward Linglestown | 0.4 mi |
| 14. Merge onto N Mountain Rd | 0.6 mi |
| 15. Turn right at Blue Ridge Ave | 341 ft |
| 16. Turn left at Balthaser St | 0.7 mi |
| 17. Turn right at Linglestown Rd/PA-39 | 1.3 mi |
| 18. Turn left at Pleasant Hill Rd | 157 ft |
| 19. Turn left to stay on Pleasant Hill Rd | 371 ft |

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for those comfortable with back roads through Lancaster

81.8 mi – about 1 hour 50 mins

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| 2. Head north on Lancaster Pike/SR-41
Entering Pennsylvania | 1.0 mi |
| 3. Continue on Gap Newport Pike/PA-41
Continue to follow PA-41 | 22.2 mi |
| 4. Turn left at US-30 | 11.7 mi |
| 5. Take the ramp to
HARRISBURG/YORK | 0.2 mi |
| 6. Merge onto US-30 W | 5.1 mi |
| 7. Slight left at PA-283 W (signs for
Harrisburg/State Hwy 283 W) | 28.6 mi |
| 8. Take the exit onto I-283 N toward I-81/I-
83/Harrisburg | 2.6 mi |
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