



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting: February 16, 2008 10:00am

Where: Brandywine Town Center

Subject: Two-Tree Display: Presentation by Dennis Donald

Cookie Person: Pat Morris Pre-meeting tree advice: Steve Ittel

Two-Tree Display - Distinct from a tree displayed with a companion plant, two-tree displays were brought to our club's attention when Ted Matson was here for a day-long program last May. Trees that are beautifully-developed but seldom shown alone because they are in an "awkward" size range of 8 to 15 inches can now make nice displays. This is a growing trend in California, according to Ted. Many BBS members probably also have good trees that alone lack real display presence. Dennis has researched this topic and will share the results in a PowerPoint presentation.

Ski Dumbrovski will return with the second half of his air layering program in March. If you air layered a tree last year, and have not separated the layered branch from the main tree, or if you have, please bring in the tree(s). If the program made you consider some of your trees for this form of propagation, bring them in. Now is the time to start looking and sizing up possibilities.

An important message about the National Arboretum has just been sent to bonsai societies by Felix Laughlin, President of the National Bonsai Foundation. What he has to say and to request will importantly affect all of us. Please read his letter that has been included with this mailing. We can discuss possible actions at the coming meeting.

Haiku contributions

Opening the Shed Door in Late Winter

Rough shapes in dim light.

Are they cold and plump with life,

Or cold and brittle?

Nancy Klabunde

Is that a green tinge
on the trident maple buds?
No...no....no...no...yes!
Charlotte Smith

For all my efforts
Mice have done a better job...
I bow to your skill
Joe Sapone

Late Fall's seeming death
Becomes a resurrection
Bursting with green buds
Joe Sapone

Paper bonsai forms
That comfort us through winter
Now become Spring's joy.
Joe Sapone

Unresponsive buds
Refusing to answer Spring...
I meant to water.
Joe Sapone

The leaves never know
which leaf will be the first to fall.
Does blowing wind know?
after Soseki

Writing a haiku?
The last line had better be
pentasyllabic.
Nick Confalone

Win a Premium Set of Masakuni Tools –

The board of the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies is offering a great chance to win a set of premium Masakuni tools. This set of 17 stainless steel tools retails for more than \$1500. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Spring Festival on April 12. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets will be available at the February and March BBS meetings; single tickets for \$5.00, five for \$20.00, and thirty for \$100.00. The raffle proceeds will benefit the programs of the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies.



And to bring the newsletter to a close:

Dues are due!

If you misplaced your membership renewal form, I have attached another with this newsletter. Please bring it to the next meeting or return it to Steve Ittel. For those of you who do not have to pay dues, please return the form anyway just to simplify bookkeeping.