



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting:, March 15, 2008 10:00

Where: Brandywine Town Center

Subject: Air Layering – Part 2 by Ski Dumbrovski

Cookie person: Eleanor McKenna

Air Layering, Part Two. Last March, Ski demonstrated the principles involved in this propagation technique. Attached, find his illustrations, and a list of trees that are particularly suitable to use.

Several members performed an air layer on trees at that meeting. Evidently some air layers developed to the point that the branch could be separated from the trunk last year. Would those members please bring in the results, and let us consider styling for the newly created tree. Some members may now have trees/branches that are candidates for separation and careful planting of the new tree. Please bring them.

If you have plant material that you would like to propagate, but would like some advice about which branches and how to approach the process, bring them in.

The National Arboretum/National Bonsai Foundation Emergency.

The need for bonsai practitioners and for people who care about the artistic life of the country to voice their concern continues. There are various ways in which you can contact legislators who need to be made aware of our concern.

Brandywine Bonsai is a bit unusual in that it has members in four states. It is important that the legislators from those states be made aware of this issue. Please use the following information as soon as possible.

Delaware

Sen. Joseph Biden:

<http://biden.senate.gov/contact/emailjoe.cfm>

Sen. Thomas Carper:

<http://carper.senate.gov/contact/>

Rep. Michael Castle:

<http://www.house.gov/formcastle/IMA/zipauth.html>

Maryland

Sen. Barbara Mikulski:

<http://mikulski.senate.gov/mailform.html>

Sen. Benjamin Cardin:

<http://cardin.senate.gov/contact/>

Rep. Wayne Gilchrist:

<http://gilchrist.house.gov/contact.asp?ContactType=Form>

New Jersey

Sen. Frank Lautenberg:

<http://lautenberg.senate.gov/contact/>

Sen. Robert Menendez:

<http://menendez.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>

Rep. Robert Andrews:

http://www.house.gov/andrews/contact_form_za.shtml

Pennsylvania

Sen. Arlen Specter:

<http://specter.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?>

Sen. Robert Casey:

<http://casey.senate.gov/contact/>

Rep. Joe Sestak:

<http://sestak.house.gov/MA/issue>

The following brief message is suggested for your ease in making contact and making the point:

Dear _____

The National Arboretum is a national treasure. The administration budget for FY2009 proposes that funding for the Arboretum be cut substantially. This cut will cripple the Arboretum, and in particular will destroy the bonsai collection that has been established there. I request that you resist the downsizing of the budget for the National Arboretum and gardens unit.

Sincerely

_____ (signature)

Please consult last month's newsletter for a copy of the original letter of alert that was sent by Felix Laughlin, President of the NBF, with

his suggestions of officials to contact. Further, you may want to watch the following: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxMHFoj3i4>
If you wish to sign a petition online, go to: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/nationalarboretum/>
If you do not have the means of reaching these officials electronically, most newspapers carry the mail addresses of your legislators in a box on the editorial page at least once a week.

Remember that it was just a year ago that we dedicated the Jack Billet Display Benches at the National Arboretum. Don't let that be all for naught!

PLEASE ACT SOON!!!

Member Appreciation

Once a year, the club shows its appreciation of its members by holding a drawing for a gift. March will be the month. You must be present to have a chance of winning. Good luck!

Dues are DUE!!

March 31 is the deadline for you to send in your dues. Please make every effort to see that you are up-to-date with the club, not just in terms of money, but with the information we need to stay in touch with you. It is very frustrating and time-consuming for the officers not to have the latest on your email, telephone, and street address changes. Please keep BBS in mind when you move, etc. A membership sheet was sent with the last newsletter.

Living Japanese National Treasure

For those fascinated by Japanese arts and culture, the program, Edo Live: Shinnai Narrative Song and Puppetry, will be of special interest. Put aside Friday, April 11, 2008, 12:00 PM at the Meyer Auditorium, Freer and Sackler Galleries, Smithsonian, Independence Ave. at 12th St. SW.

In this exclusive East coast appearance, one of Japan's National Living Treasures, Tsuruga Wakasanojo XI will perform a narrative song style known as *yoruri*. Master puppeteer Nishikawa Koryu V

and shamisen player Tsuruga Isejiro will join. They will present classic scenes from Edo-period repertoire. One will be a woman's reflections on aging, and another will be the comical adventures of characters well known to Japanese, Yaji and Kita, on their way to Kyoto. English translations provided.

Free tickets to the concert performance are available from March 31 through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-7328, or www.ticketmaster.com. Or, take your chances at Meyer Auditorium one hour before performance on a first come-first served basis.

MABS is Approaching

MABS is a great meeting every year and Brandywine Bonsai Society's always well represented. Please plan to attend April 11-13 at the new location at Hudson Valley Resort. April 1 is the date when registration fees for the MABS Spring Festival will increase. If you are interested but have lost the flyer that was sent/distributed weeks ago, please contact Nancy (Nancy.Klabunde@comcast.net, or (610) 692-7599) to get a replacement registration form.

This year will be a chance for our club members to see Min Hsuan Lo from Taiwan, Graham Potter, Michael Hagedorn and George LeBolt from the United States. Remember that Michael is just back from a stay in Japan. As usual, the array of vendors will be stellar.