



Brandywine Bonsai Society

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2008
Picnic and Auction, 11:00 AM
Anson B. Nixon Park
Kennett Square, PA

Annual BBS Picnic

Like last year, the picnic will consist of Capriotti hoagies. We will provide a selection of hoagies including 1. homemade turkey, 2. homemade roast beef, 3. Italian, 4. ham and cheese, 5. tuna, 6. Genoa salami, 7. capocola, 8. cheese, or 9. prosciutini. The hoagies contain Provolone cheese, lettuce, onions, and tomatoes. Members who do not wish to participate in the Hoagie Holiday should provide their own food. Chips and beverage will round out the meal. Of course, anyone who wishes to contribute a salad or some dessert is more than welcome to do so.

As usual, the picnic is in Anson Nixon Park, Pavilion 1, at 11:00 AM, where we will assemble our auction items, share fellowship over the buffet lunch. We then turn our attention to auctioneer *extraordinaire*, Dennis Donald as he humorously shares his vast knowledge of trees, pots, etc., and raises money for our club. If you haven't attended before, or not for a while, get into the fun. There should be an abundance of trees, pots and equipment.

In preparation, take a serious look at your trees, pots, companion plants, books, starting material, etc. What doesn't inspire you any longer may be a light-bulb-going-on for someone else.

Directions to Picnic at Anson B. Nixon

Park: Headed south on Route 1 in PA, take the Kennett Square exit and head into town on State Street. Turn right onto Walnut Road, near the bottom of the hill. (The Kennett Square YMCA is opposite.) You will soon see the sign for the Anson B. Nixon Park on the left. Park in

the central parking lot and walk to the first pavilion in the woods.

People coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, go 1 block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road.

Auction Workings - BBS has two types of auctions: the Silent Auctions that occur at most meetings, and the auctioneer style that occurs at the annual picnic. The money raised at the Silent Auctions goes entirely to the member who offered the items for sale. The money raised at the picnic auction goes entirely to the club. Aside from dues and any unexpected gifts, the picnic auction is our major source of revenue, so member support is much needed.

There is a *caveat* to the statement above, "goes entirely to the club." Should you bring an item for auction that you think should not sell for less than \$50.00, please put a tag on it saying "50.00 reserve." If that sum is not bid, you return home with the item. If the sum of \$50.00 or more is raised, the club will get 30% and you will take 70%.

Success Story – Once again we have thwarted the forces of evil (the hot weather) to produce our annual bonsai show in the courtyard of the Brandywine River Museum. The whole point after all is to promote bonsai to the general public and our small show was a great success with good audience turnout and no rain. Special thanks go to Ski Dombrowski, Dennis Donald, Joe Germano, Steve Ittel, John Jennings, Greg Kanaski, Fred Knobloch, Carmela Koussis, Bill MacNeill and Charlie

Mitchell for their efforts in setting up, taking down and manning the show throughout the weekend. We had several couples who came specifically for our show and also had a few individuals sign up for the newsletter and other BBS. *Pat Morris, Exhibits Chair,*