



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting: August 16, 2008 10:00

Where: Brandywine Town Center

Subject: Late Summer Workshop

Cookie Person: None

Pre-meeting bonsai help: Everyone, all morning

Work to be Done in August

By this time in the bonsai year, trees and owners (in their bonsai mode) may be looking a bit tired, and less than their best. Nonetheless, there is work to do, and BBS members should remember that now isn't too soon to be thinking of which trees and companions will be suitable for the Longwood exhibition, November 1 and 2.

Some late summer tasks will go more speedily in the company of fellow members who face the same jobs. So, bring in a slew of companion grasses and other plants that need patient cleaning up. Trees that you wired this spring may need to have that wire removed or at least loosened. Deciduous trees that have put out significant growth since spring may need to have it wired and positioned. This is a good time to wire junipers and conifers. Overly long growth on all trees can be trimmed back to preserve the desired outline, including pine candles that were allowed to grow during the season. Heavy branch pruning could encourage new growth that won't be able to harden off before winter, so curb styling ambitions!

This also is a good month to do some lime sulfur application/reapplication, but we are not encouraging (read that as PROHIBIT!) this particular endeavor at the workshop.

A Workshop Reminder: During August the BBS Coffee Shop and Pastry Café proprietors are on vacation. Bring your own water, coffee, or other treats to support yourself for the work ahead.

New members: This is a good time to get some sustained help with your trees. Senior club members will be happy to answer those questions and provide too many answers.

BBS Schedule

Here is the BBS schedule for the rest of the year. Some portions of the program are still subject to some change:

August 16: Workshop, Open Workshop

September 20: Bob Mahler on conifers

October 18: Preparing trees and staging for the Longwood show

November 1-2: Annual exhibit at Longwood Gardens

November 15: Probable suiseki/bonsai presentation by Sean Smith and Annual business meeting

Other Meetings of interest

September 5-7: Maple Symposium, Rochester, NY

October 2-5: Stone Symposium, Grantville Holiday Inn

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

Information is available from club officers.

Directions to Brandywine Town Center:

From Route 202 Southbound: Turn left onto Naamans Road at the intersection (Exxon station on corner). *At the first light, turn left into Brandywine Town Center (you will see a Target store) and then turn right and follow the outer parking lot road to the meeting hall (in front of a pond) on your left. It is the domed building sitting apart from the commercial buildings.

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

From I-95 Southbound: Take the I-495 and Naamans Road exit just after entering

Delaware. Follow Naamans Road westward. You will go through (legally, we hope) many lights. After passing Grubb Road, you will take the next right into Brandywine Town Center. Turn left and look for the meeting hall on your right.

For a map, click on this link:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=39.832581,-75.53828&spn=0.010463,0.013819&t=h&z=16>

Sad News

Joe Sapone passed away July 30. He had been active in Brandywine Bonsai Society and was sometimes a vendor for MABS. Before he passed away, he rose to the haiku challenge with the following offerings.

Found lost Aztec gold
Monarch butterflies gather
Spilling their treasures.

Raindrops on roses
After a quick summer rain...
Butterfly kisses.

Paper lanterns glow...
Illuminating the night
Beneath the plum tree.

Koi Pond

Silent garden pond...
Speaking only through splashing
Red white & orange.

Sorry

I'm sorry for those of you who are not internet connected, but at this point, there are going to be a lot of internet links for those who are.

Bonsai Estate Sale

Earlier in the month, I sent out information about the sale of a bonsai estate that had been donated to ABS. Tree pictures and prices for the estate sale are now posted on the ABS site. Here's the link with all of the information:

<http://absbonsai.org/estate/estate-info.html>

Additional Bonsai Information

At the last meeting, one of the members asked about magazine addresses. Much of that information is on our website:

<http://www.gobbs.org/>

The American Bonsai Society and their quarterly Bonsai Journal can be found at:

<http://www.absbonsai.org/>

Bonsai Clubs International is available at

<http://www.bonsai-bci.com/>

Bonsai Focus is a relatively new magazine. Their website is www.bonsaifocus.com. Very original!

Knowledge of Bonsai provides a lot of information at <http://knowledgeofbonsai.org/>

The Summer Haiku Collection

Brave little trees you
Persevere despite the heat.
Indoor cool is great.
Nancy

Careful spring pruning
Elms and hornbeams grow like mad.
Work is never done.
Nancy

August sears the earth;
cicadas sing busily,
but bonsai mark time.
Charlotte

