



# Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting: July 18, 2009 11:00

## Picnic and Auction Anson Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA -- Pavilion 5

### NOTE: Location Change This Year

Pavilion 5 – not Pavilion 1—will be our location this year. Go to the parking lot as usual, look across the road and down the slope toward the playground; see Pavilion 5.

### Picnic Fare

Charlotte Smith has undertaken the job of hoagie manager again this year. Many thanks, Charlotte! Again this year, the club will underwrite your lunch, a Capriotti hoagie. If you do not wish to have a hoagie, you should arrange your own food. Also: Please do not arrive at the picnic and expect to find food if you haven't ordered. To control costs, we are going to bring only what is requested. To be clear: the food offering is only hoagies or what you provide for yourself.

Charlotte asks that you contact her by phone because of computer problems she has been experiencing. Call 1 (302) 733-7601. Do not think of calling after July 15!

All Capriotti hoagies contain Provolone cheese, lettuce, onions and tomatoes. No substitutions or deletions, please. Your choices are: 1. homemade turkey; 2. homemade roast beef; 3. Italian; 4. ham and cheese; 5. Tuna; 6. Genoa salami; 7. Capicola; 8. cheese; or 9. Prosciutini. Pat Morris will be providing her famous ginger iced tea. There will also be water and chips.

### The Auction

The money raised at the picnic/auction goes entirely to the club. This is in contrast to the silent auctions that we have at almost every regular meeting. Therefore, aside from dues and any unexpected gifts, the picnic/auction is the club's major source of revenue.

Should you bring an item for auction that you think should not sell for less than \$50.00, put a tag on it that says \$50.00 reserve. If the sum of \$50.00 or more is raised, the club will get 30%, and you will take 70%.

*A perspective on money: Numbers of our members attended the Day with Ted Matson in June, and were enthusiastic about it. Brandywine Bonsai made the time available to all club members who cared to attend. Some clubs that Ted has visited charge members a special fee for that workshop, and make it a general practice to charge for workshops with guest artists.*

*Brandywine has tried as much as possible to avoid special fees, but we can only do that if we get support at such times as the picnic/auction. So please take a long look at your tools, pots, trees, stands, stones, books, and anything else that you think would help/appeal to other club members. Keep in mind our newer members who need training pots and tools.*

Dennis Donald, again, has agreed to be our auctioneer – a thousand thanks, Dennis! New members are in for a treat; older hands look forward to the humor and solid information that Dennis offers with each item.

The auction will begin at 11:00 AM, break for lunch, and resume for whatever time is necessary.

### Directions to Anson B. Nixon Park

Head south on Route 1 in PA, take the Kennett Square exit and drive 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 look across the road, down the slope, for Pavilion 5.

Members coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, drive one block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road. Follow underlined directions above.

### Looking Ahead

At a bit more than the mid-way point of the year, the officers are planning for 2010, and have programs settled for several months. Please let any of us know of particular wishes/needs you may have, programs you would like to have, etc.

Looking ahead to November 7 & 8, 2009: This will be our Longwood weekend. This show will be bonsai (in the usual configuration around the perimeter of the Conservatory pool), Ameriseki in the drained pool, and Ikebana in the ballroom. Many of our members will be exhibiting both trees and viewing stones. Even if you are a member who won't be exhibiting anything, you have an important contribution to make. The club will very much need your support in tree-sitting and stone-sitting. Please plan to support BBS with a few hours of your time that weekend.

## Programs for 2010

Your officers are working to bring you interesting and informative programs for the coming year. It would help if we are informed of your wants and needs. To the extent that time and treasury allow, we will try to honor requests. Please contact any of the officers with your ideas. Do you think that we need a repeat of any presentation? Please tell us that, too. Remember that an experienced club member is available before most meetings to advise on horticultural and styling questions.

## A Collection to See

If you get to Chicago and have a bit of time, it is well worth the effort to travel to the Chicago Botanic Garden at 1000 Lake Cook Rd in Glencoe, IL 60022. In addition to a great bonsai collection donated by Susumu Nakamura, there is a nice Japanese garden. The collection is displayed only in the warm months, meaning that it comes out of storage in May. The trees are quite accessible being displayed in a courtyard on stands that allow almost 360 degree observation.



But don't even try to touch the trees because they are alarmed. Note the strip in front of each tree. They are quite effective hand sensors.



<http://www.chicago-botanic.org/explore/bonsai.php>

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