



# Brandywine Bonsai Society

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**Meeting:** February 20, 2010 10:00am

**Where:** Brandywine Town Center

**Subject: Jim Doyle on Viewing Stones**

**Cookies:** Bob MacDonnell

**Pre-meeting tree advice:** Several experienced members will be available

## The February Program

More and more BBS members are becoming interested in collecting stones and using stones in their bonsai displays. Jim Doyle, proprietor of Nature's Way Nursery in Linglestown, PA, is an experienced collector and is very knowledgeable about stone display. He has been a principal in presenting the semi-annual International Stone Show and Exhibit, near Hershey, PA.

Jim will be bringing many of his own stones, and wants club members to bring in one or two of their own. Would a stone be better displayed on a daiza or in a suiban? This and other questions will be answered for you.

## The MABS Spring Festival, April 16-18, 2010

Fliers containing Festival information have been distributed, but if by any chance you didn't get one, or lost yours, they will be available at the coming meeting.

The Spring Festival offers incredible shopping for everything bonsai: tools, soil, pots, wire, books, display items, etc. Demonstrations and workshops held by the guest artists are a time for learning new techniques. The demo trees are raffled, so you could go home with a masterpiece in the making. This year's roster includes Michele Andolfo from Italy, Michel Phaneuf from Montreal, and Charles Ceronio from South Africa.

If you haven't attended a Festival before, you are in for a treat; if you have, this is a chance to renew acquaintances and set new bonsai goals for yourself.

**You Can Help!** If you have duplicates of some bonsai books, or have books that you no longer use, please contribute them to MABS. They will be raffled in order to raise funds to enable the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies carry on their work. Please bring any that you wish to contribute to the February or March meetings and give them to Nancy or to Henri Vermeulen.

## Special Notice for BBS Members New to Bonsai

Saturday, March 13, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, Jim Doyle will be holding a workshop that will cover all aspects of bonsai. For \$85.00, you will participate hands-on and create your own bonsai. For \$20.00, you can be an observer. You can sign up for a class by going to <http://natureswaybonsai.com/> or by calling (717) 545-4555.

Directions to Nature's Way Nursery: Route 81, exit 72B, Linglestown, 1 mile to traffic circle at flagpole, right on Rt. 39 for 1.5 miles, left on gravel road at sign for the Nursery

## Dues are due! Dues are due! Dues are due!

If you misplaced your membership renewal form, more will be available at the next meeting. Please complete the forms and return them to

Steve Ittel.

7 Barley Mill Drive

Wilmington, DE 19807

Completed forms simplify our bookkeeping but writing your information on an 8.5x11" page will suffice.

**Silent Auction.** Books, pots, and other items are frequently offered at our meetings. Despite the heavy snows, our thoughts are turning to trees and the joys and chores of spring. Please bring your unused tools, books, etc. to coming meetings. New members could use them.

**Videos:** As spring approaches, it might be useful to review some of the DVDs and CDs from the club "library." If you have borrowed copies at home, please return them so that others can benefit from this resource.

**Haikus:** Every year, when Nancy gets cabin fever, she seems to turn to her haiku challenge. Last month she issued the January literary challenge once again. The editor of this newsletter exercised his considerable editorial oversight in sifting thru the many contributions. Then to fill space, he accepted them all.

*Haikus by Nancy*

Brush snow from shed door  
See gnarled arms pierce the gloom  
I saw a tree dance!

Clean and oil my tools  
Sort pots, straighten wire, check soil  
Look for patience jar.

*Haikus from Charlotte*

Returning at dusk,  
the geese wing through winter skies,  
gladdening my heart.

Standing still, the deer  
is invisible amid  
bare trunks and dry leaves



Slender twigs dripping  
liquid pearls this grey, wet day:  
jewelry for trees!

Pale sun, melting snow:  
last year's Mourning Cloak awakes,  
floats on velvet wings.



(Note: the Mourning Cloak is a large, dark-colored butterfly that winters under tree bark and reappears in very early spring.)

Where is the seer  
who will advise our bonsai  
when winter is past?



Silent songs of sap's  
green desire sustain the trees  
through dead of winter.

*Haikus from Steve*

Need to fill more space  
Haiku is five seven five  
Newsletter still short.

Winter storm o'r night  
Ten inch dogs, twenty inch snow  
Clear path urgently!



Heavy winter snow  
Twenty inches silently  
Branches bend but hold.