



Brandywine Bonsai Society

November 19, 2011, 10:00

Brandywine Town Center

Open Workshop

Special Autumn treats from Greg Kanaskie, November cookie person

November Meeting

The November meeting is when we take care of administrative issues. The first item of consequence is the election of new officers and if the Republican debates are any example.... Well, they aren't. This process ought to take all of one minute.

But all of that comes after one of the best parts – the beginning of the silent auction. There will be plenty of items on which to bid, so bring your checkbooks or cash. Of course, the auction will continue during the next part of the meeting. The raffle, as always, will end at the most inopportune moment when someone else has bid on the pot or book you want.

The open workshop is your opportunity to bring in trees and get advice from the experts and the not-so-experts. But it is an opportunity to get plenty of opinions and maybe even get some work done.

This will be followed by a raffle of a Sara Rayner pot. One ticket to every member who attends the meeting. One ticket to every member who brings a tree to work on. One ticket to every member who showed a tree at the Longwood show. One ticket to every member who babysat trees at the Longwood show. And two extra tickets to Greg Kanaskie for the great job he did at organizing the show. *(Should Greg get an extra ticket for being in charge of the tickets? But of course, if Greg wins the pot we will all know it is rigged because he is also in charge of the tickets.)*

Finally, this will be our last meeting of 2011. Have a good winter. We can look forward to January 2012, and our annual Jack Billett Memorial Meeting on Winter Silhouette.

The Longwood Show – Chrysanthemum Festival *(Comments by Nancy Klabunde)*

The weekend of November 5-6 was the chance for The Brandywine Bonsai Society and The Ameriseki Group to shine in a premier setting. We did well.

Greg Kanaskie took over the position of Exhibits Chair that was held by our late member Pat Lucke Morris for several years. Everything moved flawlessly. Greg, BBS thanks you for the many hours of behind-the-scenes effort that went into the exhibit, and all the hours of advance planning.

Special thanks goes also to our members who exhibited trees and stones, and who “baby-sat” the exhibits. They include John Jennings, Fred Knobloch, Henri Vermeulen, Joe Germano, Bob MacDonnell, Steve Ittel, Alec Pettifer, Rick Kratz, Rob King, Ski Dombrovski, Dennis Donald, Charlotte Smith, Greg Kanaskie, Bob and Kathy Lorentson and Nancy Klabunde. And extra thanks to Dennis, Rob, Steve, and Fred for giving demos.

The Longwood Show *(Comments by Greg Kanaskie)*

Greetings All,

Thank you for making our Brandywine Bonsai Society Show at Longwood Gardens a resounding success. From Friday afternoon until closing on Sunday you demonstrated an incredible teamwork that was only topped by the individual attention to the detail of the exhibits.

I received and overheard, as I trust you did, many compliments from the Longwood patrons for both the bonsai and the Ameriseki.

Special thanks to Dennis, Fred, Rob and Steve for their excellent demonstrations. Special thanks to the Saturday night crew for

handling the angst of the Saturday night members event and the creation of the 'Shroud of Turtle Rock' on the Fern Floor, floor.

Finally, special thanks to Barry, Carmela, Bob and Kathy, Laurie and Tona for providing added security even though they didn't have an exhibit in the show; and my wife Elisa for providing the pumpkin (nee gourd) for my exhibit.

Pictures

I need pictures! I need lots and lots of pictures.



As I work on the new BBS website, I need photographs of trees at their seasonal best. There is a page on why we chose the species we choose and I would like pictures that show trees to their full advantage.



For example, I would love to have Ski's wisteria pictures for that page. But I also need pictures like the two trees shown here. Does anyone have a witch hazel in bloom? Or maples just budding? Or brilliant yellow ginkgo in the fall?

Please bring digital files or even the original photos to the November meeting. I will scan the photos and get them back to you in January. I appreciate your help in this.

I should have the photos from the Longwood show up on the website within a few days.

