

# Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

## Jack Billet, Dorie Froning and Pat Morris Memorial Winter Silhouette Saturday, February 19, 2022, 10:00 am

**IMPORTANT: The Wearing of Masks While Inside BTC is Strictly Required!!!**

Winter winds whistle through boughs .... sun warms

### Membership

Annual membership fees are due again. The costs are unchanged. Twenty dollars for an individual, etc. See attached registration/dues form and send payment to Greg Kanaskie as soon as possible. Please fill out all the information requested to keep Greg's records accurate. Greg Kanaskie, 133 North Wawaset Rd., West Chester, PA 19382.

### Bonsai Legacy by Rob King

This month we honor some of our past members by holding the "Jack Billet, Dorie Froning and Pat Morris Memorial Winter Silhouette Display". Bring in a tree that is showing a nice winter silhouette. If you want, you can bring a stand, accessory plant/figurine, secondary tree, etc. to make it a whole display but this is not required. Who were the above people?

**Jack Billet:** Jack was an early member of BBS. He was recognized throughout North America as an exceptional artist and was a favorite headliner at conferences. Jack played many roles in the American Bonsai Society, and National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. Many of us in the club were recruited by him at a BBS show. Most of us have been encouraged by him to make a cut on our tree by his "mantra", "If not now, when?" He loved to teach newcomers and I am honored to say that for five years I studied with him once or twice a week.

**Dorie Froning:** Dorie was the founder of the BBS. She also was one of the founders of the American Bonsai Society and was their second President. She helped organize the first bonsai group tour to see Japanese bonsai. There was barely a bonsai organization in North America that she did not play some role in. For many years, she wrote articles on shohin bonsai for Bonsai International. She was known throughout the bonsai community as "Mame Momma" – both for her size and for her love of small trees.

**Pat Morris:** Pat was an early member of BBS and there was not a role in our club that she did not hold. She always worked hard to make sure that we got the best visiting artists from around the country for our meetings. It was not uncommon for her to arrange for 2 or 3 artists to come to our club every year. She was very active in the American Bonsai Society holding several offices. Pat had a large and very diverse bonsai collection, but they never included tropicals.

### Bonsai Pots for Sale

BBS has inherited a selection of estate pots. These pots will be for sale by the club at the February meeting. A few are new and unused. Others are used and some are stained. Calcium deposits have been removed. There are no signed artist pots but there are some good Japanese pots. There is also a selection of mica pots. Please be prepared to bid, because Steve Ittel does not want to take any home for future meetings. All payments for these pots will be donated to the club. **To safely offer this large number of pots and maintain social distancing, we are asking members not to bring items for sale. Only trees to be shown for the Winter Silhouette will be allowed**

### March Meeting: Marty Schmalenberg

For our March meeting, we will feature Marty Schmalenberg at the BTC. He will present a demonstration in the morning and, after lunch, have a bring-your-own-bonsai workshop for 10 members (**\$25 fee per participant**). The participants in the workshop will be randomly selected at the February meeting. Other members not selected for the workshop are invited to stay and observe. **You have to be at the February meeting to try to get into the workshop.**

**Free Classified Ads:** We are still carrying your classified ads in the newsletter for free. Are you planning on selling things that will not be included in the silent auction and that you want the club to be aware so they can bring some extra money, are offering some sort of bonsai-related services, or maybe you are heading to Superfly or Nature's

Way and are offering to pick things up for our members. You can send this info to Karin Simmat ([ksimmat@verizon.net](mailto:ksimmat@verizon.net)) for inclusion in the next newsletter.



### MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS).

The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Society Festival is being held April 8 – 10 in Parsippany-Troy Hill, NJ. This festival is considered one of the top bonsai gatherings in the nation. This year we have an All-America line-up with three of the best American artists. Please consider going; besides having great artists on stage, they have a fantastic display of MABS members' trees (we will be recruiting trees in the spring), and a vendor area so diverse that if you cannot find an item that you want, it does not exist. Register for the festival and reserve a hotel room: <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org/spring%20festival.htm>. Questions can be directed to Steve or Rob

MABS has ask us to display three trees at the show. We need to give information to MABS by end of March. Members who want to put a tree in the display need to give Rob the species (common name and species name), and maker and country of origin of the pot (if known).

### Directions to the Brandywine Town Center (BTC)

The meeting hall is a stand-alone building, removed from the commercial area, with a large glass dome on top.

*From Route 202 Southbound:* Shortly after crossing into Delaware on Route 202 southbound, turn left onto Naamans Road at the intersection bounded by an Exxon station and the Days Inn. At the second light, turn left into the Brandywine Town Center (You will see a large Target store), turn right, and follow the outer parking lot ring road to the meeting hall.

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

*From I-95 Southbound:* Take the I-495 and Naamans Road exit just after passing into Delaware. Take Naamans Road westbound. After passing Grubb Road, you will take the next right into Brandywine Town Center. Look for the meeting center described above. These directions and a detailed map are available all the time on the directions page of the BBS Website.

### Inclement Weather Notifications

Should we have snow or other inclement weather for a meeting, please check your email for a late announcement. We will try to get the email announcements out with ample warning, but once in a while we get surprised. You can call Steve Ittel at 302 778-4546 as a last resort. I leave pretty early for meetings to get that essential coffee brewing, but my wife will patiently answer the phone.

### 2022 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

The tentative schedule below is subject to changes beyond our control

January 15, 2022	-- Jim Doyle on Literati (ZOOM)
February 19, 2022	-- Winter Silhouette (BTC)
March 19, 2022	-- Marty Schmalenberg (BTC)
April 30, 2022	-- Bob Mahler (Kifu Bonsai)
May 21, 2022	-- Azalea workshop
June 18, 2022	-- Marco Invernizzi (Mark Huf's)
July 16, 2022	-- Auction/Picnic (ABNP)
August 20, 2022	-- Open workshop (ABNP)
September 17, 2022	-- Brooklyn Botanical Garden
October 15, 2022	-- Longwood pre-display (BTC)
November 19, 2022	-- Garage sale (BTC)

### Future Events of Interest

April 22, 2022 10 am to 4 pm : Jim Doyle's Earth Day Celebration, Natures' Way Nursery, Harrisburg, PA

May 6 – 8, 2022 9 am to 4 pm: PBA (Potomac Bonsai Association) Spring Bonsai Festival, National Arboretum, Washington, DC

May 5 – 7, 2022 Sean Smith Open House. Marysville, PA

May 14, 2022 9 am to 5 pm : Nature's Way 49<sup>th</sup> Open House, Nature's Way Nursery, Harrisburg, PA

May 26 to 28, 2022 : ABS Symposium, Olive Branch, MS, [absbonsai.org](http://absbonsai.org) or call Pauline Muth 518-882-1039

June 23 -26. 2022 : MABA/Milwaukee 2022 Milwaukee Bonsai Society show