



BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



Greg Kanaskie on “The Twelve Taboo Branches”

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, February 16, 2019, 10:00am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available

Greg will be leading an interactive discussion about the Twelve (or is it Nine?) Taboo Branches in the art of bonsai. “Why?” “Why not?” “But that is where the branch is.” “But I like it!” We anticipate a fun and informative discussion.

Greg first became interested in bonsai on visits to the free Longwood Gardens collection in 1970. Like a lot of folks, over time, he dabbled in bonsai without knowing much about the practice. His first tree was a 'golden juniper.' Greg was recruited by Jack Billet at the Brandywine Museum Show in 2004. Jack called him a couple of weeks later and invited him to the picnic/auction at Nixon Park where he joined the BBS. He was conscripted as treasurer in 2007 and faithfully fills that roll to this day.

Dues are Due

If you haven't already, plan to get your 2019 dues paid soon – this month preferably! The deadline is the end of March at which time the membership roll will be cleaned up. Also, make sure your checks/cash are accompanied by the information sheet so we can maintain accurate records. Please complete the form and return it with a check made out to Brandywine Bonsai Society to:

*Greg Kanaskie
133 North Wawaset Rd.
West Chester, PA 19382*

BBS Programs for 2019

The revised schedule for this year's meetings is as follows:

January 19 – Annual Silhouette Discussion – **BTC**

February 16 -- Greg Kanaskie on “The Twelve Taboo Branches” -**BTC**

March 16 – Dan Snipes on styling trees - **BTC**

April 12-14 – Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Festival – Looking forward to a great turnout from BBS.

April 20 – Our normal meeting date is Easter Saturday, so no meeting that day.

April 27 – A dig near Lancaster – Unofficial activity – Get dirty. Details to follow and dependent upon not sinking into the mud too deep.

May 18 – Tree planting at Mark Huff's. This is looking like a great opportunity.

June 15 – Marco Invernizzi lecture demo morning; critiques afternoon – **BTC**

July 20 – Anson Nixon Park - Annual picnic and auction

August 17 – Anson Nixon Park – Possible Juniper styling tag team style

September 21 – Fred Knobloch – Possible visit to his collection. We have the **BTC** reserved as a back-up.

October 26-27 – Longwood show

November 16 – End of year “rummage sale” – **BTC**

There was considerable discussion about the potential joint meeting with Longwood Gardens at the last meeting. There have been additional discussions by the BBS Executive Board and with Longwood to clarify the process and at this point, it appears that we will go ahead.

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies

The annual MABS Spring Festival commences on Friday evening, April 12, 2019 and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 14. Renowned international professional bonsai artists present lecture/demonstrations, workshops, and critiques of bonsai. TAIGA URUSHIBATA is representing Japan, MARC NOELANDERS is representing Europe, and JENNIFER PRICE is representing the USA.

Registrants have weekend-long opportunities to observe and spend time with the artists at breakout sessions between demonstrations, and to view the MABS member clubs' Bonsai Exhibit.

A wide range of bonsai vendors are on site offering a large selection of bonsai, bonsai-related plants, containers, tools, books and other supplies. Each featured guest artist presents two lecture/demonstrations. Each bonsai creation is raffled following the completion of styling by its respective artist. There are also silent auctions and a very active live auction of donated bonsai materials at the Saturday night banquet.

Details can be found at

<http://midatlanticbonsai.org/guest%20artists.htm>

And it is possible to register online at:

<http://midatlanticbonsai.org/digitalreg.htm>

We are looking for volunteers to show trees at the display, so it is time to start thinking about whether you have anything that can be in shape to show. There will be further descriptions of the meeting in future newsletters.

At this point in the registration process, Brandywine Bonsai Society is not well represented at the meeting. Please sign up soon and be sure to designate BBS as your affiliated club. Thanks.

BBS Inclement Weather Policy

The weather has cooperated so far this winter. Over the years, we have had a few cancellations due to the weather, but sometimes we get caught in a winter storm or the summer heat is just too much. If we are faced with a cancellation, the following procedures will take place.

If you are on the email list for newsletters - you will receive cancellation notice by email. So if there is any question at all, please check your email before leaving home.

As a last resort, call Steve Ittel or his wife at home 302-778-4546, or cell 302 463-6192.

Bonsai Tool Sharpening

Rob will once again offer his tool sharpening services. He will sharpen the tool (bonsai tools, garden shears and loppers), reestablish the bevel, adjust the pivot point and tighten the handles, if needed. His prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per tool depending on the amount of work needed.

