

# Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

**Marty Schmallerberg**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2022, 10:00 am at BTC**

**IMPORTANT: Masks are now optional**

## Membership

There are currently 39 registered memberships carrying on the unbroken 55 year history of the Brandywine Bonsai Society. Twenty-eight are single memberships and 11 are family. The members are spread over five states. Pennsylvania leads with 20 renewals followed by Delaware with 14. Three are from Maryland and one each from New Jersey and South Carolina. This rollcall of bonsai artists from diverse backgrounds and experiences in the bonsai sphere presents a depth of talent in traditional and non-traditional bonsai practices and shared pragmatic solutions in the design and development of bonsai.

Membership dues is an important supplement to providing the benefits of belonging to the BBS. Society records are being updated and purged. There is still time to renew, March 31 is the deadline.

Please fill out all the information requested to keep Greg's records accurate. Send to Greg Kanaskie, 133 North Wawaset Rd., West Chester, PA 19382.

## March Meeting: Marty Schmallerberg (by Rob King)

For our March meeting, we are going to host Marty Schmallerberg, a well known bonsai artist from New Jersey. In the morning, he will be working on one of the following trees: Japanese Black Pine, Shimpaku juniper, Spruce or an Eastern White Cedar. He will choose which one the night before. After the program, we will break for a bring-your-own lunch. In the afternoon, Marty will run a bring-your-own tree workshop for the 11 people who were selected at the last meeting. If you were not selected, you can still attend as a **silent** observer. Observers need to be silent so that Marty can focus on those in the workshop. You will have more than enough time to ask him questions in the morning and during lunch.

I have been lucky enough to not only have seen him on stage numerous times; for several years he and I were in the same study group, and I have been to his studio several times to work with him or the many visiting artists

he brings in. Marty approaches his programs as the educator he is. His artistry is always aimed at educating his audience. Marty has travelled to many places in Asia to study not only bonsai but all aspects of Asian art. This is reflected in his Asian style home, gardens, koi pond and studio. He also edited a book displaying the best bonsai in North America. If you are a note-taker, bring plenty of paper.

## 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: Kathy Shaner (the first American and first woman to be given the title of Master by the Japanese Bonsai Society), Bjorn Bjorholm (studied in Osaka with Keiichi Fujikawa), and Suthin Sukosolvisit (won national awards in both Thailand and the US). Besides having great artists on stage, they have a fantastic display of MABS members' trees, a competitive auction, 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>. Rumor has it that the hotel is booked. If it is, there are other hotels in the immediate area. Questions can be directed to Steve or Rob

## April 30th Meeting.

We will be making a road trip to Kifu Bonsai in East Greenville, PA (~1 hour from the BTC). This is the nursery of Bob Mahler, who first apprenticed under Chase Rosade before studying in Japan under the tutelage of Susumo Sudo (Tochigi-Ken). The plan for the day is that we will arrive in the morning. There is no set program in the morning; you will have that time to view his bonsai collection, his koi ponds and do some shopping. We will have a bring-your-own lunch, followed by a bring-your-own tree or use a tree you just bought for an informal all afternoon workshop. There is no fee for the workshop. For

more information see the Kifu Bonsai website; you will see that he has reserved the whole day for us. We are not sponsoring transportation so we are recommending carpooling. Maybe we can spend some time before lunch or during lunch this month to make some car-pooling arrangements. I (Rob) am willing to take four people with me from West Chester, PA. We will make arrangements by email before our March meeting or at our March meeting.

### **Azalea Workshop - May Meeting**

For our May meeting we will be doing everything azalea. We will complete the whole meeting in the morning. To do this, Rob will lead a short demo on styling azalea followed by a 90 minute shohin azalea workshop. The azaleas for the workshop will be provided by Rob and participants will buy them from him for \$15.00 (trees will be randomly assigned). There is no additional cost for the workshop. At the March meeting, those that want to take the workshop will be chosen at random. However, those that want to be part of this workshop but did not participate in Marty's workshop will be given preference. You must be at the meeting to be selected for the workshop. Right now the number of participants will be between 8 - 10 depending on how well the trees come out of storage. The demo azalea will be raffled off.

### **Personal Sales**

We will once again be allowing silent auctions and personal/commercial items to be sold as before.

### **Crown Custom Bonsai**

Rob will be bringing wire and repotting tools/supplies. If you want to request other items, please contact him by email ([shenking@msn.com](mailto:shenking@msn.com))

### **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. Steve leaves pretty early for meetings to get that essential coffee brewing, but my wife will patiently answer the phone.

**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.

### **2022 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule**

The tentative schedule below is subject to changes beyond our control

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| January 15, 2022   | -- Jim Doyle on Literati (ZOOM)  |
| February 19, 2022  | -- Winter Silhouette (BTC)       |
| March 19, 2022     | -- Marty Schmallenberg (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

### **February Winter Silhouette Pictures**

I am sorry if I didn't include yours. My photographic skills and picture editing need a lot of work.



