



## No Meeting in March

Saturday



Last year, the March meeting was devoted to an open workshop for advancing our trees. New Castle County as restricted the number of meeting we can hold at the Brandywine Town Spring this year, so we didn't want to use one of those slots for styling, so as a result, no meeting. Sorry.

Spring seems to be coming early every year. Maples, crab apples, and quince are popping. It is time to start pruning and styling and repotting

At the next meeting, some of the more experienced (or at least more opinionated) members will be available to help any of you who are hesitant to make those necessary cuts or apply those big wires. Ask your questions. Get the help you need. Lets make those trees look great this year.

### Dues Reminder

March is the deadline for renewing or initiating membership in BBS. Spring is our time to clean out that old membership roster (we have already done the initial pass and notice a number of familiar names that are still highlighted in red rather than being in the black). So if you want to keep receiving our informative newsletters and participate in auctions, please send your dues payment and membership form to:

Steve Ittel  
7 Barley Mill Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19807

To those of you have taken care of this annual chore long ago, we thank you for your promptness.

### Sales and Silent Auction

This is the perfect kind of meeting to be selling trees, pots, wire, and tools. While the silent auction approach works well for

many of these items, we may want to have some outright sales so that people can get what they need early in the meeting.

Reminder: You are supposed to have paid your dues to participate in these sales and auctions. Thanks.





### MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Registration

Information about the MABS Spring Festival is available at <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/>. We have provided some details about the meeting in the previous meetings and newsletters.

If you wish to attend this high quality regional meeting time is getting short so act now. You have already missed the early-bird pricing.

There is space for a number of BBS members to be showing trees, so please let Steve Ittel know if you are able to do so. BBS also has some organizational responsibilities during the meeting. We would hope to turn out at least some representation at the meeting. There are lectures, workshops, a display of member trees and a display of trees by bonsai professionals. In addition, there will be a large vendor area and auctions of various bonsai-related materials.

### Contact Information

It was suggested at the last meeting that we make contact information about members available to all members. In the distant past, this action was viewed unfavorably by the club, but times have changed. A quick show of hands indicated a majority of members were in favor.

To make your information available, you must **OPT-IN** for the program by replying to

Brandywine Bonsai Society (BrandywineBonsai@Comcast.net)

President, Nancy Klabunde; Treasurer, Greg Kanaskie; Shows, Henri Vermeulen; Newsletter Editor, Steve Ittel (302) 778-4546

this email indicating your desire to participate. If you reply in the negative, or do not reply at all, your information will not be shared. A few ground-rules about the information:

1. This is for your own personal use.
2. The information should not be shared outside the club.
3. The information should not be used for commercial purposes.
4. The information will be distributed only as paper copies to individuals who attend meetings.

For those who do not want to opt in for sharing their information, I will continue to provide the service of forwarding email between members,

allowing the contacted party the option of replying directly to the individual who wants to contact them. I have no more than a handful of these each year.



### Fungicide and Insecticide

At the last meeting, Bob Mahler mentioned his favorite insecticide and insecticide. Merit 75 WSP is a good systemic, long-lasting insecticide which requires only annual application. Cleary 3336® F is a broad-spectrum fungicide with preventive and curative properties but one should be careful in its use. Fungal attacks on pines and junipers are rare and the fungicide can harm useful mycorrhiza.

