



Annual Picnic and Auction

Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA, Pavilion 1

Saturday, July 17th, 2021

Set-up at 10:00 am – Auction starts at 11:00 – Food at 12:00

It is time for our annual picnic and auction – a welcome move back toward the old routine. This is the club's major fund raiser every year and it is always a fun time. Steve Ittel will attempt to be an informative and entertaining auctioneer. He is looking for a "Vanna White" to assist. There will be trees of various stages, pots, and probably tools, wire, books, stands and other items. You should keep your checkbooks at the ready.

No need to place sandwich orders this year – we will have platters of a variety of subs available in addition to drinks, chips, and salad. As opposed to two years ago, we will also have utensils and PLATES! Hopefully, there will be some dessert items. Please come join us at the Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square, PA.

July BBS Picnic

The club underwrites this event as a thank-you for members who participate and support club endeavors during the year.

There has been some confusion over membership this year, because we did not collect any dues. If you were a member in 2019 or have joined since, you are eligible for the free food and to bid in the auction. We hope you are all in good standing. There should be name tags available for all paid members.

The Auction

We encourage all members to think about what they might want to donate to the auction. Trained bonsai, starting trees, kusamono, tools, pots, books, scrolls, stands and slabs, and more would all be welcome.

As always, the money raised at this event goes entirely to the club. Particularly this year, with no dues, this is our main source of revenue. Please support your club generously.

If you bring an item for auction that you think should not sell for less than \$50.00, put a tag on it that says \$50.00 reserve. If the sum of \$50.00

or more is raised, the club will get 30%, and the donor will receive 70%; otherwise, the donor will take back the item.

The auction will begin at 11:00 AM, break for lunch sometime around noon, and resume until everything is gone. We take no unsold materials home!

A perspective on money: We have had several guest speakers over the last several years and those speakers are not inexpensive. Brandywine Bonsai made the speakers available to all club members who cared to attend. Other local clubs make it a general practice to charge for workshops with guest artists. Brandywine has tried as much as possible to have minimal special fees, but we can only do that if we get support at such times as the picnic/auction. So please take a long look at your tools, pots, trees, stands, stones, books, and anything else that you think would help/appeal to other club members. Keep in mind our newer members who need raw material, training pots and tools. And finally, when it comes time to bid, we sincerely appreciate your support for the club.

Desserts

The subject of desserts for the picnic came up during discussions of your officers. One officer said that we needed to coordinate desserts because we didn't want to get too many. Other officers thought it impossible to have too many, so we simply encourage volunteers to help with desserts.

August Meeting

The August meeting will also be held at Anson Nixon Park so that we can down a dirty with our trees. If you buy plant material at this month's auction, you will be able to get help styling it at the August meeting because the usual group of experienced members will be available for consultation.

Directions to Anson B. Nixon Park

For those of you who get into Kennett Square by taking Route US1 southbound, take the Kennett Square exit and drive into town on State Street. Turn right onto Walnut Road, near the bottom of the hill. (The Kennett Square YMCA is opposite.) You will soon see the sign for the Anson B. Nixon Park on the left. Park in the main parking lot.

Members coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, drive one block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road.

Longwood Show

Believe it or not, it seems that we will have a Longwood show this year, so now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do for the show. An article by Bill Valavanis on getting ready for a bonsai show can be viewed at <http://valavanisbonsaiblog.com/2015/05/10/getting-ready-for-a-bonsai-show/>

Fact or Myth

Watering Plants in the Middle of a Hot Sunny

Day: When I started developing bonsai conventional wisdom was to never water your trees in the middle of a hot sunny day. The reason was that people believed that the water droplets would act as miniature magnifying glasses and would burn holes in the leaves. Is

this fact or myth? It is a myth for this reason. The type of lens that leads to the concentration of energy as heat is a convex lens. A water droplet mimics a convex lens, so it would seem that they have the potential to act as a magnifying glass. However, it does not because the amount of energy needed to make those droplets evaporate is less than the energy needed to damage the leaves. Therefore, the water droplets will have evaporated before enough energy is concentrated to harm the leaves. This being so, feel free to water your trees whenever you want.

ROB

Further added comment

I have a piped watering system on a timer that I use when traveling. It mists my plants quite heavily so they are adequately watered even in the heat of the summer. Recently, when temperatures are in the 90's, I have been doing several light mists during the day; they serve the purpose of lowering the temperature of the bonsai area and in particular, the leaves. I still have to do my regular watering because the mistings barely wet the surface of the pots. I experienced these misters out west where it is much drier. The evaporative cooling is far more efficient in dry heat, but misting does seem to reduce the stress on the plants.

STEVE