



Brandywine Bonsai Society

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Meeting: August 20, 2011 10:00am

Where: Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA
Pavillion 1

Subject: Late Summer Workshop

BYO Beverages and munchies

The August Workshop

Has the wire you carefully applied late winter/spring slipped your summer scrutiny? Removing it is just one of the jobs you could do in the relaxation and fellowship of the coming workshop.

The workshop is a great opportunity to bring another, if not several, sets of eyes to bear on your tree(s) and the puzzle it presents. All of us have benefited from a fresh viewpoint, and from hands-on-help.

The coffee and pastry shop staff is on vacation. Please bring with you any beverages or other sustenance that you need.

We do not anticipate have a silent auction at this meeting.

Picnic/Auction

The recent picnic/auction was a huge success. Attendees went home with treasures from the goods brought in by fellow members, and especially from the estate of recently deceased member, Pat Morris.

Special thanks to tireless auctioneers Dennis Donald followed by Steve Ittel; and to Joe Germano who brought in the hoagies that we were eager to devour after the first hour of hard bidding.

This event is our club's one fundraiser. Thanks to all for our continued solvency!

Maintaining Your Bonsai

This summer's weather makes the following information especially appropriate. If you are bringing trees along in grow boxes or in the ground or even on benches where

they are watered every day, this is useful to know:

To Avoid Having the Leaves Burn

Leaves are not burned by strong and direct sunlight unless their evaporation of water is greater than the amount that can be supplied by the roots. Burns are produced by poor balance between leaves and roots.

When leaf burn looks like it may be the problem, before shading the trees, check the method of watering. If there is balance between leaves and roots, even though there may be very strong sunlight, nothing should happen.

Young trees that are still in development need sunlight to accelerate their growth. Provide some shade from midday sun for species that are particularly susceptible to leaf burn.

From **Bonsai Today, 1997, p 57**

Important Message about Junipers

"I thought it would be good to let you know that several New Haven Club members are battling *Phomopsis juniperovora*.

See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phomopsis>

I got hit last year and despite a rigorous fungicide schedule I lost every juniper in my collection, along with junipers in the yard. I live along the coast in CT and for the past two years our humidity was extremely high. This year I won't even bring a juniper or Eastern White Cedar into the yard.

"This year several other members (one in Hamden and one in Orange) are doing battle. Both of these members were on top of this immediately in the spring knowing my prior issues, using a fungicide regimen as soon as they came out of winter storage - then a



routine schedule. One member is an excellent horticulturalist. If he got hit, anyone can.

"I recommend that you have your members watch their trees. If they begin to see browning tips on new growth, they probably have it. Better to stay ahead of it with a fungicide.

"I hope you find this worthwhile and that you all avoid this fungus."

From Peter Hlousek, a former MABS Board Member

Farewell and Best Wishes

Longtime member Bradley Taylor has sold his home in Oxford, PA and has moved to Johns Island, SC 29455 with dogs Gizmo and Tai.

Brad brought many meetings to order by shouting over pre-meeting buzz and gabble. He must have acquired that talent as a professor of sports medicine at West Chester State University.

From Brad to all of BBS: "Please tell the BBS gang how much I have enjoyed my association with them and all the education I have gotten. I only wish I had learned to keep from killing the plants I loved!"

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Hot slow afternoon...

Suddenly the hand

Has stopped...

Slowly falling fan.

