



# BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



## Wild Engelman Spruce: Their Culture and Care

Jim Doyle of Nature's Way Nursery

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:00AM

A number of experienced members will be on hand for pre-meeting advice.

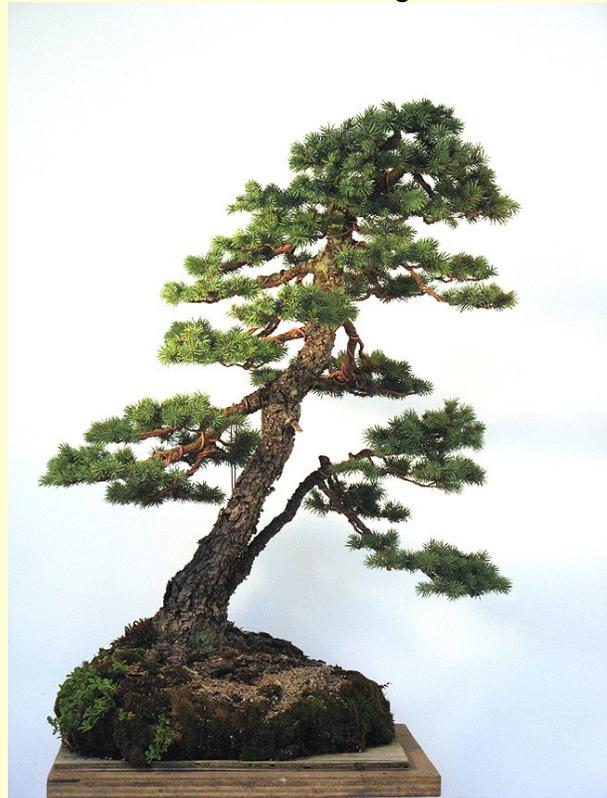
Jim Doyle of Nature's Way Nursery outside Harrisburg, PA will focus Engelman Spruce (*Picea engelmanni*), a short-needled, hardy species, but he will also discuss other native conifers. He will bring examples of styled spruce for the lecture. As the highlight of the meeting, he will style one as a demonstration. Learn how this native species is becoming a popular subject for bonsai.

The demonstration tree will be raffled. Some styled examples will be offered for sale along with a few selected bonsai items.

Jim looks forward to returning to Brandywine Bonsai to share his knowledge and friendship



Engelman Spruce in the wild



Engelman Spruce trained by Michael Hagedorn

### Silent Auction

We sold quite a bit of Henri Vermeulen's estate during our summer auction, but we are nowhere near half way through his collection of pots. As a result, one can expect to see a healthy silent auction at the next several

meetings as Steve Ittel tries to recover his garage before trees need to go into winter storage.

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## **The Future of Brandywine Bonsai – Part 1**

While we can coast for the rest of the year with the current *ad hoc* slate of BBS officers, there will necessarily be some changes for next year. It is doubtful that Nancy Klabunde will continue as Chair. Mary Allinson has stepped in to replace Henri as an interim Show Organizer for this year's Longwood Show, but she is unsure of her future plans and cannot commit to 2019. Jim Gillespie has graciously volunteered to represent BBS at MidAtlantic Bonsai meetings, but we ought to have our own dedicated representative.

Anyone willing to step into any of these roles should talk with Greg Kanaskie or Steve Ittel. Anyone willing to suggest someone else for any of these roles should talk with Greg Kanaskie or Steve Ittel.

## **The Future of Brandywine Bonsai – Part 2**

The club is well off but our programming has become a bit stale. Do any of you have suggestion of what types of things you would like to see? Do any of you have suggestion of what types of things you would like to do? More trips? More speakers? More workshops? Something else?

We can afford to bring in some national or international speakers while maintaining our current policy of not charging extra for such meetings. The question is who is willing to step up and seek out more and better speakers? Arrangement will need to be made.

## **Pumice**

Apparently, there was a discussion about soil mixes during the visit to The Kennett Collection. The subject of pumice came up. General Pumice Products is the company that Greg Kanaskie mentioned at the meeting when Rob King did his demo. He has purchased pumice from them. The 1/4 inch material was well sorted with no dust. A bag is about a cubic foot.

## **Shared Contacts**

I have finally gotten around to sharing the contact information of those club members who opted in to the info-sharing. You have been

contacted. If there are others willing to share, you will have to let Steve Ittel know. Thanks.