

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

September Meeting is Virtual.

Stay at home. Work on your trees.

Pre-meeting coffee and tree counseling will not be available. **No refreshments served.**

Fix your own coffee, or better yet, have a drink.

Jin that tree with a gin and a grin.

September, 2020. COVID-19 Edition

These headlines are getting smaller each month. At some point, just like magic, they will disappear. !

WE ARE HAVING A MEETING!

Those of you who work from home or have other responsibilities may be a little tired of Zoom Meetings. Nonetheless, that is precisely what we are offering for September. We are pulling together a meeting featuring Rob as he styles and wires a juniper with discussion.

Rob's personal Zoom access only allows for 40 minutes. He is not going to completely wire the tree but he will do some wiring to show wiring techniques on small and large branches, and then show placing those branches. We believe 40 minutes will be a sufficient time to watch the video demonstration and to give enough information to make it interesting but not so much as to put people to sleep.

Here is the information for the Zoom meeting planned for September 19, 2020. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and be over promptly 10:40 a.m. because Zoom gives you 40 minutes for free.

URL:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71575541178?pwd=UTVsWUdtak5pY1I0RWIYSTNOOWptUT09>

Passcode: **gm3p7D**

The first thing you need to do is follow the URL above to get to the meeting site. You ought to be able to click the link in this digital copy of the newsletter but the link will also be available in the cover email.

You will be asked to enter the passcode shown in red above. You will then be put into a "waiting room" until Rob starts the meeting.

When he starts the meeting, all of you who are waiting will be admitted. Your audio will be muted but you will be able to ask questions and/or make comments by turning on your audio. This is accommodated by most laptops, tablets and phones. If you have a desktop computer and a real screen, you must have an attached video device and a microphone to be seen and heard, but you will be able to watch and Rob without. He just will not see or hear you. Also, those of you who are first timers might want to consider what is in your background. You know - just for the enjoyment of the others.

Rob will either end the meeting before 40 minutes or Zoom will stop the meeting at precisely 40 minutes. Rob is not willing to pay the fee to increase the length of time to have the meeting and is not comfortable using his school account to do this.

Cure for Covid-Sequestration Induced Insomnia

Should any of you feel that 40 minutes of Rob's wiring is not enough, in the last week, Steve Ittel has been fine-wiring an old juniper for about 18 hours. He hopes to finish in another two hours and would be willing to film those last two hours for those of you who are having issues getting to sleep or who are gluttons for punishing boredom. The heaviest wire has been a little bit of 3.0mm aluminum to slightly move a couple heavy branches, but 1.0mm has been by far the greatest length of wire used.

Officers

A couple of us have been in our official club positions for quite a while. November is when we generally elect a slate of candidates so now is the time to start thinking about who would like to do what for the club. New blood in some of the normal positions? Can anyone think of a creative new position that might spice up the club? Because some day, probably next year, we will start getting back together.

Longwood show

As far as we know at this point, the annual Longwood show is still scheduled. We will need to think seriously about how we might want to handle things. One thought was a reduced number of trees to allow more space so that social distancing could be maintained. We would have to see if we can turn out enough trees and, probably more important, turn out enough tree watcher and possible demonstrators. We will appreciate your thought and will probably use our online forum to get the discussion going.

Cookie People

How many of you remember that in January, I asked people to sign up as cookie people for each of the meetings. I still have your names.

The big coffee pot is gathering dust in my basement.

I certainly miss those monthly Saturday mornings and all of you. And the cookies!

In the mean time...

Stay apart. Stay happy. Stay healthy. Keep on top of those trees!