

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Scrolls and Screens Brandywine Town Center Saturday, October 19, 2024

Cookie People: none

October Meeting

At this month's meeting, Rob is going to discuss the use of scrolls and screens in practice in bonsai exhibits and for display in your house. After the program, Rob will offer some of these for sale.

Directions to the Brandywine Town Center (BTC)

The meeting hall is a stand-alone building, removed from the commercial area, with a large glass dome on top.

From Route 202 Southbound: Shortly after crossing into Delaware on Route 202 southbound, turn left onto Naamans Road at the intersection bounded by an Exxon station and the Days Inn. At the second light, turn left into the Brandywine Town Center (You will see a large Target store), turn right, and follow the outer parking lot ring road to the meeting hall.

From I-95 Northbound and 202 Northbound: Take Exit 8 Concord Pike North. Just beyond Concord Mall at the Days Inn, turn right onto Naamans Road and follow the directions above.

From I-95 Southbound: Take the I-495 and Naamans Road exit just after passing into Delaware. Take Naamans Road westbound. After passing Grubb Road, you will take the next right into Brandywine Town Center. Look for the meeting center described above. These directions and a detailed map are available all the time on the directions page of the BBS Website (gobbs.org).

Crown Custom Bonsai (Rob):

I will be bringing my usual wire and tools to the meeting. Also, I will bring a large assortment of stands to sell. These range in price from \$1.00 to over \$100.00. Most of the higher priced ones are antique and are from China. If I have time to set it up, I will steal the idea of Kmart's Red-Light Special.

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa (Rob):

For those at the last meeting, you witnessed me at my worst. My attitude and actions were rude, uncalled for, and insulting to you. Although I can come up with excuses, none would be sufficient. Again, I am sorry.

Share a Tree

Do you have a tree of which you are particularly proud? Maybe one that is flowering, fruiting or showing brilliant colors or maybe just one that you want to share. Bring it to a meeting regardless the topic of the meeting. We can always carve out five minutes for you to do a show-and-tell with it. It doesn't have to be display ready or a "masterpiece"; just something you would like to share.

2024 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

October 19: Scrolls and Screens (BTC)

November 16: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (LG HH)

BTC = Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, DE

ABN Park = Anson B Nixon Park, Kennett, PA

Mark Huf's = Huf Landscaping, Oxford, PA

LG HH = Longwood Gardens Headhouse

TBD= to be determined

Other Bonsai Events of Interest

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show, Kannapolis, SC

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8.

Guest artists are Bill Valavanis, Rodney Clemons, and Tyler Sherrod.

Nature's Way Bonsai 51st Annual Fall Festival, October

26 from 9 to 5 pm, Music 5-8 pm. Guest artist Hugo Luna who studied under Kimura in Japan. Free demonstrations, lots of food, 20% off everything, sale guest pottery vendors. 1451 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Opening for Club Treasurer

Greg Kanaskie has been doing a fantastic job for 16 years as club treasurer and is taking a well-deserved retirement. If you are interested, here is what it involves:

The current duties of the BBS treasurer have evolved over time. Obviously whenever money is exchanged the treasurer is involved. There is online banking with Wells Fargo. The money originates from dues, raffles, silent auctions, the picnic auction (the biggie), and any other transactions.

Currently the treasurer pays bills, including presenters' fees, conducts raffles and itemizes and collects the payment at the picnic auction. The treasurer is also in charge of membership and has developed Excel spreadsheets to keep track electronically and has a backup of the paper registration forms. Name tags are produced by the treasurer. The group email distribution list is also maintained by the treasurer. The treasurer also maintains a relationship with the National Bonsai Foundation.

November Meeting (Rob):

This November we have four exciting events.

1. We have our annual business meeting in which we discuss next year's schedule and have the election of next year's officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary/Newsletter editor). Webmaster and Exhibition Chair are appointed by the other officers.
2. The club's give-away of a collection of stands.
3. The club's give-away of a registration to the Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Festival (more information on the November newsletter).
4. The club's annual garage sale in which members bring in items to sell and others to buy those items. Dig around your bonsai items and bring some that you have not used in quite a while to pass onto somebody else.

Free Classified Ads: We are still carrying your classified ads in the newsletter for free. Are you planning on selling things that will not be included in the silent auction and that you want the club to be aware of so they can bring some extra money, are offering some sort of bonsai-related services, or maybe you are heading to Nature's Way and are offering to pick things up for our members. You can send this info to Karin Simmat (ksimmat@verizon.net) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Longwood Garden Show ==>



A portion of the display – the trees are Tony Bullock's, Rob King's, and George Wrede's.



Tom Davis' jade bonsai, which was a big hit with the show's visitors.



Placement of Tom Davis's jade by Tobin and Paul.



Careful inspection of our plant material by Sam of Longwood Gardens.



Tony Bullock carefully placing his miniature hinoki cypress on its stand.