

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Longwood Gardens Show Prep Session Brandywine Town Center Saturday, September 21, 2024

Cookie Person: missing

September Meeting

The Longwood bonsai show will be held earlier in October this year. Because of this, it was decided to change the date of the preview meeting to this month. Our topic is the same; those members who are displaying tree(s) will bring their tree(s) to the meeting so that the members can preview and enjoy the trees.

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, www.gobbs.org.

Longwood Gardens Exhibit

This month's meeting is devoted to choosing the trees for our annual show at Longwood Gardens. As a reminder, the show is October 2-7 in the Pierce DuPont House. Set up and take down are October 1 and 8. We'll have 32 linear feet of space, two 16-foot lengths. At our meeting, we'll make a mock-up of this.

Please bring your possible trees to the September meeting along with accent plants and stands. If you have two or three possible trees, bring them all. We'll include as many trees as we can elegantly fit on the tables.

Visitors enjoy variety, so we need deciduous, evergreen, tropical, and forest. You must bring your possibilities to the September meeting because final selections are that day.

For our newest members, the Longwood event is our only public show in 2024. If you don't plan to show a tree, you can still participate by tree sitting (greeting visitors and answering questions).

Longwood has been very gracious for hosting our show at a critical time for them. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated as we work on the details. Please trust that the logistics for an easy set up and take down are being addressed. All details aren't available right now, but I guarantee that our show will be gorgeous. It always is!

If you have any questions, please email me (robertalscarlson@gmail.com).

Notes from Rob

Crown Custom Bonsai/Rob will not only bring his selection of wire and tools, but he also will be bringing a supply of trees, pots and stands.

Rob has access to 50 pound bags of Turface. If you would like to acquire some please let him know before the meeting (price is approximately \$30.00 per bag). He will not be bringing bags to sell at the meeting.

The officers are trying to fill out next year's schedule. If you have any ideas or would like to present a topic to the club, please let Roberta know. The months in 2025 for which we do not have anyone scheduled yet are: February, March and April.

In November, we will be electing officers. If you would like to run for a position, please let Greg know. He is finally leaving his position of treasurer and knows the ins and outs of all the positions.

This month's give-away is a selection of stands.

2024 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

September 21: Longwood Show Prep (BTC)

October 2-7: Longwood Show (LG)

October 19: TBD (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.

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.

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.

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 Superfly or 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.



The above is my Stewartia monodelphia. These trees are native to Korea and southern Japan. They are related to Camelia. Mine is quite young (trunk 1 inch) so it has not flowered yet. I have had a great deal of trouble keeping this species of tree alive. I have decided that they cannot tolerate the chlorine in my tap water. So I give it spring water.