

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Jack Billet, Dorie Froning and Pat Morris Memorial Winter Silhouette Saturday, February 17, 2024, 10:00 am Brandywine Town Center

Cookie Person: Roberta Carlson

Membership

Annual membership fees are due again. The costs are unchanged. Twenty dollars for an individual, etc. See attached registration/dues form and send payment to Greg Kanaskie as soon as possible OR pay at the meeting. Please fill out all the information requested to keep Greg's records accurate. Greg Kanaskie, 133 North Wawaset Rd., West Chester, PA 19382.

The February Meeting: Billet, Froning, and Morris Winter Silhouette Display

We are having our annual Winter Silhouette Display meeting. Originally this meeting was created to honor one of our earliest members and most talented artist, Jack Billet. Jack was fond of saying that the best time to look at a bonsai tree was in the winter when you could focus on its skeleton. This meeting's name was changed to honor two other long time and dedicated members, Dorie Froning who was one of the founders of this club and was known nationwide for her expertise with shohin bonsai, and Pat Morris who played many leadership roles in our club and The American Bonsai Society.

We invite all to bring a tree and any accessories (stands, accent pieces, etc.) that you may want. Your tree does not have to be show ready; just something that you want us to see.

Inclement Weather Notifications

We will email you if the officers decide to cancel the meeting due to unsafe conditions.

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.

2024 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

January 20: Cancelled

February 17: Winter Silhouette (BTC)

March 16: Very Small Bonsai (BTC)

April 27: Repotting. Interaction with George W (TBD)

May 18: Marco Invernizzi Demonstration (Marc Huf's)

June 15: Wiring Workshop, Karen Harkaway (TBD)

July 20: Club Auction and Lunch (ABN Park)

August 17: Open Workshop (ABN Park)

September 21: Scrolls and Screens (TBD)

October 19: TBD

November 16: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (TBD)

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

Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Symposium,

April 19-21, 2024 in Grantville, PA

Potomac Bonsai Association Festival, May 10-12, 2024,

National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, Washington, DC

American Bonsai Societies (ABS) Learning Seminars,

May 9-12, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Nature's Way Open House & Sale (Jim Doyle),

April 21, 2024 12 noon to 4 pm

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Symposium

If you are planning on going to MABS in April, you need to have registered or in the process of registering. All the critiques and Boon's workshop are still available, but they are filling fast. Also, and I cannot say this enough, you

cannot take part in the banquet unless you pre-register and purchase the banquet at that time. There is no purchasing of a banquet ticket after the Monday before the start of the festival.

To get to the registration information and form, go to one of the web browsers and search "Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Society". Also on the site is the information on how to get discounted rooms at the Holiday Inn.

Future Meetings (Rob)

In March and April, we have two meetings that I am really excited about – "Repotting" and "Little Trees".

For many years, we have had members who suggested a program on repotting. We always found that the logistics were too difficult to overcome (somebody to lead the program, keeping the workshop area clean, what to do with the used bonsai mix, new bonsai mix, and how to water the trees after repotting). We think that we have figured out how to do this in a way that will be both educational and fun.

We will also be having a meeting about "Little Trees". That may sound like a strange title for a meeting. At first, we wanted to have a meeting on mame trees, but we could not decide on the height restriction on a mame. Depending on the source, mame trees were between 4" – 6" in height; shohin are between 8" – 12" in height. Finally, we decided that it doesn't matter how you categorize the tree, you create the tree to be the best that you can. Therefore, no mame, no shohin just Little Trees.

You'll learn more about these programs as they come up.

Time to Repot (Rob)

Have you started repotting yet? I now sit on the board of American Bonsai Society's Publishing Committee and in talking with the head of the committee, who lives in Iowa, she said that she has begun to repot trees. I too am doing the same. I am repotting my azaleas, boxwoods, euonymus and the strange stewartia that started to bud out three weeks ago. After that I will watch for my deciduous trees to start to bud out. Next, I will watch my pines and junipers for growth. Finally, I will work on my tropicals. I have a long season for repotting – February to May.

Bonsai Magazines for Sale

Tona Huiner will be selling her collection of back issues of the four main bonsai magazines: International Bonsai; Bonsai, the Journal of the American Bonsai Society; Bonsai, BCI, the Journal of Bonsai Clubs International; and Bonsai Today/Focus. This is quite a large collection so the sale of these magazines will span several meetings. Rob will also sell some of his back issues. Rob will be collecting the money from the winners of these sales and will make sure that Tona is paid.

Crown Custom Bonsai Sales

Rob will be bringing some inventory to sell including items he was unable to bring to the November 2023 garage sale due to lack of space in his truck.

Karin's Give Away Bonsai Calendars

Karin, who is an addict about visiting Japan, has acquired a couple extra 2024 bonsai calendars which she would like to rally off to those who attend the meeting.

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 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. Title your email "BBS Classified Ad".

New Use for Hinoki Cypress (Karin)

I attended a lecture on the Arthur Tress collection of Japanese Illustrated books at the University of Pennsylvania sponsored by the Philadelphia chapter of Ikebana International. Having bought a few worm-eaten Japanese books myself, after the lecture I ask them about preservation. It was interesting to learn that the Japanese store their books in wood boxes and use, of all things, hinoki wood chips as a pesticide!

