

# Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

## Jack Billet, Dorie Froning and Pat Morris Memorial Winter Silhouette Saturday, January 20, 2024, 10:00 am Longwood Gardens headhouse

Cookie Person: Roberta Carlson

## Happy New Year 2024

### 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 January 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

Should we have snow or other inclement weather for a meeting, please check your email for a late announcement. We will try to get the email announcements out with ample warning, but once in a while we get surprised. You can call Steve Ittel at 302 778-4546 as a last resort. Steve leaves pretty early for meetings to get that essential coffee brewing, but his wife will patiently answer the phone.

### 2024 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

**January 20:** Winter Silhouette Display (LG HH)  
**February 17:** Scrolls and Screens (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:** 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

### Location Of Longwood Gardens Headhouse



**Address:** 1010 East Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA

## Other Bonsai Events of Interest

Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Symposium,  
April 19-21, 2024 in Grantsville, PA  
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

During the third weekend of April, MABS will be holding their annual festival in the Holiday Inn in Grantsville, PA (between Hershey and Harrisburg). To learn much to do about the festival go to <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/>. The weekend is filled with demonstrations, workshops and workshop observations, raffles, and critiques by three world-renown artists. In addition, there are auctions all weekend long, a Saturday night banquet/auction, a MABS member only exhibit and over 20 vendors. From the website, you can either register through PayPal or you can download the registration form and mail it in. Furthermore, there are rooms available at the Holiday Inn, at a reduced rate.

If you are into bonsai, this is something that you cannot miss. Other than all that you will experience at the festival, the club also benefits from your participation. There is a point system, where the club will garner points for the activities you take part in. At the conclusion of the festival, the points are converted into cash which is then turned over to the respective clubs. Last year, the points for our club was converted to approximately \$1,000.00.

Lastly, the longer you wait to register, the greater the price. On March 15 the next price increase occurs.

## February BBS Meeting (BTC)

**Scrolls and Screens:** Rob will discuss scrolls - the history, classifications, uses, and display with bonsai. And screens - history, classifications, uses, and display with bonsai. He will definitely bring scrolls to sell. He is not sure about screens, mainly because of the difficulty of transporting them.

## 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. In addition, here is a bonsai displayed in Kyoto, Japan



These bonsai were shown in a special exhibition outside of a temple in the Kiyomizu-dera complex in Kyoto by Kunio Kobayashi to honor both Chinese and Japanese bonsai and their creators.

**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](mailto:ksimmat@verizon.net)) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Title your email "BBS Classified Ad".