

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

**Marco Invernizzi at Mark Huf's
Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10:00 am**

May Cookie Person: John Conigliaro

May Program

This month's meeting is especially exciting. We will be meeting at Mark Huf's place in Oxford, PA to get a chance to learn from one of the most-respected bonsai artists, Marco Invernizzi. Marco will be working on one of Mark's pre-bonsai that he has hand selected for us. At the end of the meeting, it will be raffled off to some lucky club member. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 and end at noon. After the meeting, you will have a chance to do some shopping in Mark's nursery.

If you would like a chance to spend more time observing Marco, after a short lunch break, he will work on some trees that were selected for him by the people who have organized the day's events. You are more than welcome to observe this; however, this part of the day is not associated with the club.

If anyone would like to bring a tree you would need to get in touch with Mark first so he can add you on a list. There might be a chance Marco could spend a few minutes helping with styling the tree or just giving great advice. The tree would need to be fairly mature and worthy for him to look at. Naturally time is limited so it would be a maybe. This is likely to happen after 3:00.

**Mark Huf
257 Bethel Rd.
Oxford, PA 19363**

Directions to Mark's:

Take Route 1 to Oxford, PA. Exit onto 472N. Take the first left onto Bethel Road. Stay on Bethel. Go right at the stop sign and then straight through the four-way stop. Take fourth driveway on the right. There is a big sign.

2025 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

June 21: Your Bonsai with Mark Arpag (LG HH))

July 19: Club Auction and Lunch (ABN Park)

August 16: Concrete Slabs with Steve Ittel (ABN Park)

September 20: TBD (BTC)

October 18: Sergio Cuan (BTC)

November 15: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (BTC)

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

Potomac Bonsai Association Festival, May 10-12, 2025, National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, Washington, DC

Kifu Bonsai Open House 2025

Saturday, May 31, 10 AM - 3 PM; Sunday, June 1, 10 AM - 2 PM; 100's of bonsai and pots for sale, including a cash-only area with bonsai starting at \$75; A brand new selection of Japanese-grown bonsai - multiple species Azalea, Hornbeam, Maple, Black Pine, White Pine, Prunus Mume, etc.; Live bonsai demonstration by Chase Rosade of Rosade Bonsai

Sean Smith's Three Mountain Bonsai School.

Spring Open House, June 6 (6 to 9 pm), 7 (9 to 5) and 8 (9 to 4), guest artist: William Valavanis. Free lectures and demos. 124 Park Drive, Marysville, PA. 20% discount on bonsai and pre-bonsai. Phone # 717-580-4684.

American Bonsai Societies (ABS) Learning

Seminars, September 12 & 13, 2025 DoubleTree, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623
9th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, September 12 & 13, 2025, Rochester, NY

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.

July Auction/Picnic

Our July 19th meeting is our annual Auction/Picnic at Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square. This is our biggest fundraiser. We ask members to donate items that will then be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the club. The schedule consists of three parts: Pre-lunch auction, club-supplied lunch, and post-lunch auction.

Review of Forest Meeting/Workshop (Karin)

The meeting in April at Mark Huf's nursery was very well attended. People seemed to enjoy themselves. It began with a review of the forests some members brought. These were well developed and varied. Most were one species forests or bunches. I, personally, gained by observing the other forests and decided my ezo spruce bunch/forest might do better in a "tray" with some depth to it. That would allow me to build up the soil more. It is currently on a slab created by that great but sadly deceased Japanese potter, Koyo (artist name).

MABS Review (Karin)

The 2025 Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Society Festival on April 11, 12 and 13 was visited by over 300 people. But, of course, not all were present for the full 3 days. The three bonsai artists, Peter Chan, Mark Fields and Dave Easterbrook started working on pre-bonsai material right away on Friday evening with all who registered able to watch. The artists continued working on material during the day on Saturday and on Sunday morning again with a large audience. At certain points in the program the trees they worked on were raffled off.

The vendor area where there were 25 vendors of plants, pots, wire, tools etc. was always busy. Your editor should know as she is quite a shopper and even the duties of MABS treasurer did not hold her back one bit!!

Next year the festival will be at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA but by then their hotel renovations should be completed and we should all enjoy the

newly decorated rooms. Also, next year the festival will be a week later in April.



Mark Fields



This is definitely skinny Peter Chan

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 or are offering some sort of bonsai-related services. You can send this info to Karin Simmat (ksimmat@verizon.net) for inclusion in the next newsletter.