

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Annual Picnic and Auction

Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA, Pavilion 2

Saturday, July 18th, 2026

Set-up at 10:00 am – Auction starts at 10:30 – Food at 11:30

Annual Auction/Lunch Meeting:

Our July meeting is our annual auction/lunch meeting. It is our most profitable fund raiser and one of our most fun and spirited. Members of the club are asked to donate items that will be put up for auction. In the past, items have included plant material, pots, tools, books, scrolls, etc. We will take a short break during the auction to have lunch, which will be supplied by the club. You must be a current member to take part in the auction/lunch.

From 10:00 – 10:30, items will be organized and available for member inspection. The auction will start at 10:30 for approximately an hour. Bids will only be in dollar increments. We will break for lunch and then the auction will continue until no items are left. We can only accept cash and checks made out to Brandywine Bonsai Society or BBS as payment for your winnings.

Please email Bill Cushing at wcushing14@comcast.net that you are coming to the picnic so we know how many subs we need to buy!!

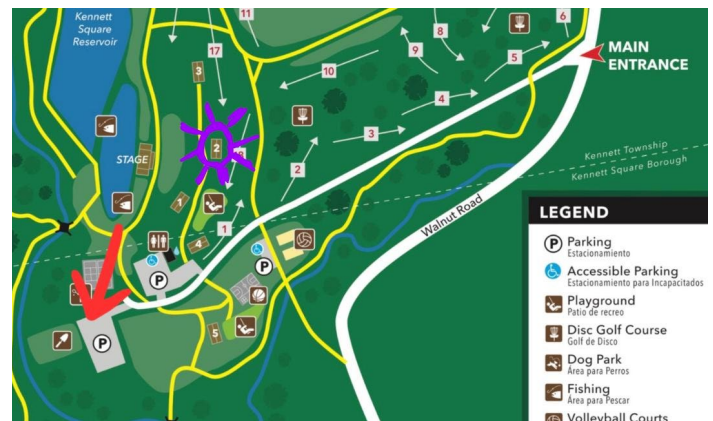
The picnic on July 18 is in Anson B. Nixon Park, Pavilion 2. In the past, we've used Pavilion 1, but the park had to move us this year. To get there, follow the trail used to get to Pavilion 1 and continue to the next pavilion on the right. In the photo, our pavilion is marked with purple.

We're also asking for members to help provide things we need for the picnic. The sandwiches and sides will be delivered by Capriotti's. We still need the following:

Soda (2-liters are fine)
Bottled water
Ice
Desserts

If you would like to supply any of these items, please contact Roberta Carlson at robertalscarlson@gmail.com. You will be reimbursed by BBS if you provide your receipt.

Anson B. Nixon Park, 405 N Walnut Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Park in the parking lot where the permanent bathroom structure is.



Directions to Anson B. Nixon Park

For those of you who get into Kennett Square by taking Route US1 southbound, take the Kennett Square exit and drive into town on State Street. Turn right onto Walnut Road, near the bottom of the hill. (The Kennett Square YMCA is opposite.) You will soon see the sign for the Anson B. Nixon Park on the left. Park in the main parking lot.

Members coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, drive one block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road.

Tentative 2026 BBS schedule

August 15: Longwood Show Prep (ABN Park)

September 19: Martha Meehan (Mark Huf's)

October 17: TBD (BTC)

November 21: 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

TBD= to be determined

Other Bonsai Events of Interest

Natures Way Bonsai Nursery Swap and Sale, August 22, 1451 Pleasant Hill Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112

NJ Bonsai Societies Festival, October 17-18, 2026
Brookdale Community College, Warner Student Life Center

Natures Way Bonsai Nursery Winter Open House,
December 4 through December 6

Winter Silhouette Show, Annapolis NC, December 5 & 6

Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS) has an opening for Secretary. If you are interested, contact Carl Achhammer Jr., 570-709-3848 or Joseph Matson at 870-955-8174.

BBS Nametags

Members are in charge of their name tags now. Remember to wear them at meetings and events. Paul Carlson has temporary ones if you forget yours. See Paul if you don't have one.

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".

A Few Photos from the Longwood Gardens Show



Eastern White Cedar by Marc Arpag won Best North American Bonsai



Dawn Redwood Forest by Brian Tuel won Best in Show by vote of the public