

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Early Summer Pruning of Deciduous Bonsai Saturday, June 20, 2026, starts 10:00 am Brandywine Town Center

Cookie Person **Karin Simmat**

The June Meeting:

Bring your overgrown deciduous bonsai to the meeting and share experiences with other club members as we all prune our trees. Don't forget to bring your own tools (scissors) for pruning. Tools will not be supplied.

Before we get to work, Steve Adams will give a short talk about pruning deciduous bonsai.

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, gobbs.org

Call for Volunteers (Roberta Carlson)

On June 24-29, Longwood Gardens will be hosting the first seven-society collaborative Bonsai Festival. During the event, members from all seven groups will be monitoring trees and speaking with guests. Colloquially, we at Brandywine Bonsai call this being a tree sitter. Longwood is at the center of Brandywine Bonsai Society's membership area, so we will be able to fill many of the shifts. Even so, members from

all groups are encouraged to participate. There are no requirements to be a tree sitter other than to enjoy talking with people about bonsai and pointing out the direction of the restrooms. Skill level doesn't matter; newcomers and veterans are both welcome and needed. Tree sitters are entitled to free admission to Longwood. Only members of the bonsai societies are allowed to be sitters, not other family members or friends. Shifts are scheduled in two-hour increments, but you may schedule longer or shorter shifts if you'd like. You may also break a shift into parts, for example, by working two hours in the morning and another hour or two in the afternoon. Accessibility services are available, and we'll work with anyone who needs assistance. If you're displaying a tree in the show, we encourage you to take one two-hour shift if at all possible. All members will also have the opportunity to sign up as runners on June 26-28. These volunteers will assist with moving purchased items from the vending area or from Saturday evening's auction to the pickup location. Club members will receive a link to SignUpGenius in May and then use that link to sign up for their shifts. Information about parking and other details will be provided once we are closer to the event. Until then, if you have any questions, please email me (robertalscarlson@gmail.com).

You may sign up to be a tree sitter or a runner using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AEA82DA6FBC52-63965016-longwood>

Here is information regarding the auction at Longwood Gardens:

The tree auction will be held live on Saturday night at 7pm during the Longwood Bonsai event. The detailed information sheet describing the auction and how the trees get selected, consigned and sold is in a pdf that will be sent with the BBS newsletter.

All members are eligible to submit trees for sale to the tree submission page on the New Jersey Bonsai Societies website at <https://njbonsaisocieties.com/longwood-tree-auction>. Multiple trees may be submitted by any member. Please note that pre-bonsai are not eligible to be submitted. This auction is for bonsai trees in bonsai pots in various stages of development.

Tentative 2026 BBS schedule

June 20: Deciduous Pruning (BTC)

July 18: Club Auction and Lunch (ABN Park)

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

LG HH = Longwood Gardens Headhouse

TBD= to be determined

Other Bonsai Events of Interest

American Bonsai Society (ABS) 2026 Learning Seminar. June 4-7, 2026. North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806

"Wild Things" Kusamono festival US National Arboretum, Washington DC
June 19 – 22, 2026

Multi-Club Bonsai Exhibit at Longwood Gardens,
June 24-29

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

Last Month's Meeting with Marco Invernizzi

Turn out was very good and Marco created a beautiful bonsai.



Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS) has an opening for Secretary (who is desperately needed). 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".

BBS Advice Corner

If you need some help, please come early to the meeting. There will be some experienced people eager to help you sitting off to one side in a corner!! This is no longer available for newbees only.