

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Longwood Gardens Festival Prep Saturday, April 25, 2026, starts 9:30 - 10:00 am Huf Landscaping

Cookie Person: **Lisa MH Moore**

Membership

There are still some people who have not sent in their dues. The costs are unchanged. Twenty dollars for an individual, \$25 for a family. Get a dues form and send payment to Karin Simmat as soon as possible OR pay at the meeting. Please fill out all the information requested to keep the BBS records accurate. Send form to Karin Simmat, 263 Green Briar Court, Newtown Square, PA 19073-2126.

The April Meeting:

Our April meeting will be for choosing our contenders for the Bonsai Festival at Longwood (June 24-30). We may submit as many as seven trees to the panel. Of those, five will be selected for the exhibit. There is a certain aesthetic for the event, and all trees should fit within that. Trees should follow a more traditional, Japanese style (nothing avant-garde or too individualistic). Trees that are going to MABS will probably work for this event.

Photos will be taken and sent to the panel. Once the panel decides, owners will be contacted. If you have any questions, please email Roberta at robertalscarlson@gmail.com.

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.

Newbee Advice Corner

If you are new to bonsai (0 to 5+ years) and you need some help, please come early (9:30 am) to the meeting. There will be some experienced people eager to help you sitting off to one side in a corner!!

Longwood Bonsai Spectacular

This will be a regional event where local clubs will be displaying their bonsai at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA from June 24 through June 29. There will be guest artists, demos, vendors and an auction of bonsai trees at different levels of development and sophistication.

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

April 25: Longwood Show Prep (Mark Huf's)

May 16: Marco Invernizzi Demonstration (Mark Huf's)

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

Potomac Bonsai Festival May 8-10 US National Arboretum

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

June 19 – 22, 2026

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

Natures Way Bonsai Nursery Swap and Sale, August 22

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 (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 at MABS



Brian Tuel's azalea



Mark Huf's forest