

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Air Layering/MABS Exhibit Prep Saturday, March 21, 2026, starts 9:30 - 10:00 am Brandywine Town Center

Cookie Person: **Karen Scanlan**

Membership

There are still numerous people who have not sent in their dues. The costs are unchanged. Twenty dollars for an individual, \$25 for a family. See attached registration/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 March Meeting:

A couple of our members will talk about and demonstrate air layering techniques. After that we will review and vote on which of the bonsai brought to the meeting for the MABS exhibit room will be chosen to be displayed as representing our club. So if you have a nice tree that you would like to exhibit at MABS for goodness sake, bring it to the meeting. We would love to see it.

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!!

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

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.

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

March 21: Air Layering/MABS Tree Prep (BTC)

April 25: Longwood Show Prep (TBD)

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

June 20: TBD (TBD)

July 18: Club Auction and Lunch (ABN Park)

August 15: Longwood Show Prep (ABN Park)

September 19: TBD (BTC)

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

Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Festival,
April 17-19, 2026 at Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA

Natures Way Bonsai Nursery Open House, April 19

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

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Festival

April 17 though April 19 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-
Hershey, Grantville, Pa. See the BBS February newsletter
for details. The price will increase on March 20 so sign up
sooner!! URL: midatlanticbonsai.org

**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.

Sources for Rare Japanese Maple Varieties

The majority of the stock is grafted and young material.
Creekhouse has some flied grown older more expensive
trees.

<https://www.facebook.com/creekhousebonsai/>

<https://www.coniferkingdom.com/>

<https://maplestoneornamentals.com/>

<https://mrmaple.com/>

<https://www.irsmaples.com/>

Another Source for Seedlings

Kaede Bonsai-en, 3307 Ferry Landing Road, Dunkirk, MD
20754

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".

PBS at the PHS 2026 Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA

This is the show in which Brandywine may participate next
year.



