



# BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



## Annual Billet/Froning/Morris Memorial Meeting on Winter Silhouette

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available

Since 2007, our January meetings have been dedicated to Jack's memory and we have recently expanded it to memorialize a number of our founding members. Club members are asked to select deciduous trees out of winter storage for display in their winter grandeur. When possible, trees mounted in full displays complete with companion plants that show signs of the season would be appreciated. We can discuss the future direction of the tree as it develops.

These programs have been occasions for exchange of knowledge about many species, and about the traditions of display. This has been one of our most popular programs and new members are urged to attend to get a valuable overview not only of the art of bonsai but also the development of deciduous trees when their full ramification can be observed.

The fellowship and learning that are hallmarks of these meetings are much in the spirit of the contributions of Jack, Dorie and Pat. Many of us have fond memories of their unfailing willingness to share their great knowledge of horticulture and styling, as well as their respectful support of our efforts, however halting and fearful. As we are thinking and planning for the bonsai ahead, keep in mind Jack's admonition if we hesitate to make a big styling or horticultural decision: "If not now, when?" Many times he bolstered spirits and kept members from losing another season to faintheartedness.

### Membership

The January meeting would be a good time to fill out the attached membership form and pay our low annual dues. Return the form and your remittance to either Steve Iltel or Greg Kanaskie and relax – you won't have to think about it again for another year! No wondering in late spring if you did or didn't.

It is important that we receive a form from each of you simply as a matter of bookkeeping. Steve Iltel admits membership errors in the past, but they were often due to incomplete or non-existent forms. The deadline for renewing is the end of March. It is important that we know the membership roster by then, and have our finances in order.

Participation in the silent auctions (and there will be some important ones coming up early this year) and the big July picnic/auction requires current membership. Don't be left out!

### Directions to the Brandywine Town Center Meeting Hall

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) and follow the outer parking lot road right 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 but you will go left on the circling road. These directions and a

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detailed map are available all the time on the directions page of the new BBS Website.

### **Pre-Meeting Tree Counseling**

We are continuing our custom of having pre-meeting tree counseling. It has proven to be useful and enjoyable for all involved, so we are continuing the practice in 2012. More experienced club members will be on hand to give advice about growing practices and styling, so don't miss this opportunity. Though this service is directed mostly to new and inexperienced members, old hands might like to bounce ideas about, too. And it is an opportunity for those who have some experience to test their skills or thoughts by commenting before in front of an experienced member. All will certainly learn. This month, it is a warm-up for the main portion of the meeting.

### **2016 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule**

The preliminary schedule for this year's meetings is given below. There have been some issues with securing meeting locations and getting everything in place. As far as we know, the dates are all correct, but some locations will be announced closer to the meeting date.

- January 16 - Winter Silhouette program at the BTC
- February 20 - Styling Seminar at the BTC
- March 19 - Viewing Stones with Sean Smith at the BTC
- April 15 to 17 - MABS.
- April 23 - We have discussed having a nursery excursion on the 23rd guided by Rob or Steve to shop and evaluating stock.
- May 21 - Maybe Ski or TBD at the BTC.
- June 4-5 - Brandywine River Museum Show (Pending confirmation)
- June 18 - TBD at Anson Nixon Park at the BTC
- July 16- Annual picnic/auction at Anson Nixon Park
- August 20 - Club-wide work party at Anson Nixon Park
- September 17 - Taxodium distichum by Rob King.
- October 15 - Review of trees and presentation before the Longwood Show at the BTC
- October 29-30 - Longwood Show
- November 19 – TBD at the BTC

### **MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies**

The annual MABS Spring Festival commences on Friday evening, April 15, 2016 and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 17. Renowned international professional bonsai artists present lecture/ demonstrations, workshops, and critiques of bonsai. Registrants have weekend-long opportunities to observe and spend time with the artists at breakout sessions between demonstrations, and to view the MABS member clubs' Bonsai Exhibit. In addition, a wide range of bonsai vendors are on site offering a large selection of bonsai, bonsai-related plants, containers, tools, books and other supplies. Each featured guest artist presents two lecture/demonstrations. Each bonsai creation is raffled following the completion of styling by its respective artist. There are also silent auctions and a very active live auction of donated bonsai materials at the Saturday night banquet.

Details can be found at

<http://midatlanticbonsai.org/guest%20artists.htm>

And it is possible to register online at

<http://midatlanticbonsai.org/digitalreg.htm>

We looking for volunteers to show trees at the display, so it is time to start thinking about whether you have anything that can be in shape to show. There will be further descriptions of the meeting in future newsletters.



**Happy New Year!**

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