



**End of Year Auction/Sale/Swap
Brandywine Town Center
November 25, 2017; 10:00**

There is no program scheduled, but we are going to have one final Black Saturday blow-out.
Nothing but silent auction, sale and swap-fest.
Bring in the things you no longer want.
Get the things you do want

November Business Meeting

The November meeting is when we quickly take care of annual administrative issues. The first item of consequence is the election of new officers – or should I say old officers once again. Prior to voting, we plan to have a debate with ten podiums up front. Voting will take place when the candidates are done hurling insults at the media. The entire process ought to take all of two minutes. We don't seem to have a bunch of people banging down the doors to step into positions as officers in the club. Unless there is a change after we go to press, we have rounded up the usual suspects:

Nancy Klabunde – President
Dennis Donald – Vice President
Greg Kanaskie – Treasurer
Steve Ittel – Newsletter and Webmaster
Henri Vermeulen – Exhibits Chair

We encourage people to volunteer for positions, particularly new positions that will enhance our offering of events.

We will also discuss programs scheduled for next year as well as take your suggestions for additional programs. Think about this ahead of time and if possible forward your thoughts to Nancy.

This will be our last meeting of 2017. Have a good winter. We can look forward to January 2018 for our annual Jack Billett Memorial Meeting on Winter Silhouette.

November Blow-out

It is time to think about putting trees away for the winter. Don't want to bother? Sell it.

The November, end-of-the-year sale and auction is the perfect opportunity to adjust your collection. Buy things. Sell things.

Rob King will be bringing a selection of recently dug field-grown yews (*Taxus bacata*) to sell. They will be of various sizes with trunks ranging in circumference from 6 to 12 inches. Most will be balled and burlapped. Prices will vary according to the size of tree.

Steve Ittel will bring in a bunch of new pots and quite a few trees.

We are counting on Dennis Donald to bring in those extra pots he has been threatening to sell to club members.

We hope that Liz Pavlick will bring in some of her wonderful shimpaku junipers so that we will have trees to work on over the winter.

Maybe we can entice Ski Dombrovski to bring in some trees, including his wonderful Princess Persimmons.

And all the rest of you are encouraged to bring in things for auction of sale.

Tool sharpening:

Rob King will be offering tool care services to get your tools ready for next Spring. He will remove all plant residue, restore the cutting edge to the proper angle, and adjust the cutting surfaces. If needed, he will grind the stop if the cutting surfaces no longer meet and will adjust the pivot joint to return the handle resistance to original. The rate varies with the size of the tool and the amount of work required; however most prices will be between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per tool. Bring the tools to the

November meeting and he will return them in January.

Thank you

Henri would like to thank everyone who helped out with this year's bonsai display at Longwood. It was due to your hard work that we were able to put on one of our better displays.





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