



Dennis Donald – “The Art of Bonsai and Suiseki Display”

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available with any of the willing members present

Dennis has pursued an interests in bonsai and suiseki for many years and is well qualified to give a program on the display of bonsai. We will be viewing a vantage video on the art of bonsai and suiseki display that, while nearly two decades old and out of print, still applies today. Keido is a famous school for the aesthetics of tokonoma display founded by the now deceased Katayama Ichiyu, sensei, with lasting influence on today's bonsai and suiseki display. His teachings are continued today by Susumo Sudo who is still esteemed as the number one bonsai display artist in Japan.

Dues are Due

If you haven't already, plan to get dues paid soon – this month preferably! The deadline is the end of March at which time the membership roll will be cleaned up. Also, make sure your checks/cash are accompanied by the information sheet. Please complete the form and return it with a check to:

Steve Ittel.
7 Barley Mill Drive
Wilmington, DE 19807

MABS Spring Festival

Spring Festival fliers were sent to our membership a few weeks ago. If by chance you didn't receive one, or have misplaced the one sent to you, more will be available at the February meeting.

East Hanover, NJ is not too far away so plan to get to the whole weekend of events – even part is worthwhile. Study the “menu” carefully to plan your time. Of course, the shopping is unbeatable.

Inclement Weather Policy

Over the years, we have had a few cancellations due to the weather, but sometimes we get caught in a storm or the heat is just too much. If we are faced with a cancellation, the following procedures will take place.

If you are on the email list for newsletters - you will receive cancellation notice by email.

For the few of you who do not have computer access, a board member will attempt to contact you by phone. but we would also appreciate other member friends to attempt notification.

If you are in doubt about a meeting taking place, be sure to check before leaving home. Call Steve Ittel or his wife at 302 778-4546 or Nancy Klabunde at 610-692-7599.

Silent Auction.

At most meetings we have silent auctions of trees, books, pots, and other bonsai-related items. Please make your unused tools, books, trees, etc. available to newer members at coming meetings. And you should be a paying member to participate.

The BBS Website

Due some technical difficulties, the BBS website <http://gobbs.org/> has been having some issues. As a result, the newsletters were somewhat out of date and the pictures from past shows were sub-optimal. Those issues have been overcome and it is now very easy for me to update the site on a frequent basis. I am working through the pages taking care of obvious issues, but I would appreciate any corrections or contributions. Please send them to me digitally at ittelBOK@GMail.com. Thanks.

Longwood Show Pictures

I have not had the opportunity to include more of the pictures from the November show at Longwood and all of a sudden, I find myself needing to fill some space, so here come six more.

