



Bonsai Display by David Knittle

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, February 18, 2017, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available

Every year, Brandywine Bonsai has two opportunities for us to display our bonsai – at the Brandywine River Museum in the spring and then at Longwood Gardens in the late fall. The first of these presentation of club bonsai is relatively informal in the courtyard of the museum with no backdrop and somewhat subject to the weather. The second presentation at Longwood Gardens is inside providing a more formal setting with backdrops.

David Knittle will present a meeting on bonsai display. David is a very well-known wood craftsman who for many years has made high quality wood furniture by hand. Dave developed an interest in bonsai and the methods of displaying quality bonsai and decided he could put his craftsmanship skills into making wooden display tables or stands for bonsai. Dave's bonsai displays are sought after around the world and are in high demand. He will do a presentation on properly displaying bonsai and the different materials used to display bonsai particularly tables/stands. Those of you who use Facebook can see some of his work at <https://www.facebook.com/knittlestudio/>

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 so we can maintain accurate records. Please complete the form and return it with a check (made out to Brandywine Bonsai Society) to:

Steve Ittel.
7 Barley Mill Drive
Wilmington, DE 19807

Potomac Bonsai Festival

At the January meeting it was decided that BBS will sponsor a bus trip to the Potomac Bonsai Festival at the National Arboretum on Saturday, May 13, 2017. We will have a 56 passenger deluxe coach which is sufficient for all active club members and should also allow interested family members to go along.

We will leave the Brandywine Town Center at 8:30 a.m. The return trip will leave the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at 3:30 p.m. This

ought to allow sufficient time to tour the displays and visit the vendors.

Reservations on the bus will be a nominal but non-refundable \$10.00 per person so that we can count on a level of commitment. The remainder of the expenses will be borne by the club.

2017 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

The schedule for this year's meetings is continuing to develop.

January 28: Winter Silhouette, BTC

February 18: Program on Display by David Knittle, BTC

March 18: Workshop for all members as we prepare our trees for display

April 8: MABS in Cromwell, CT

May 13: Bus trip to the Potomac Bonsai Festival

May 20: Bob Mahler presents latest thinking on juniper, BTC

June 10-11: Annual Show at Brandywine River Museum

June 17: Picnic/auction at Anson Nixon Park

July 15: Young Choe presents workshop on kusamono, BTC

August 19: Workshop mainly for new/less experienced members Anson Nixon
September 16: TBA, BTC
October 21: Program on standards for BBS bonsai exhibit at Longwood
October 27-27: Longwood bonsai show.
November 18: TBA

Other opportunities can be located on the internet and include the following:

ABS/BSF Convention, May 25-29 in Orlando, FL.

National Shohin Show, June 23-25, Kannapolis, NC.

MABA Bonsai Show, July 6-8, Indianapolis, IN.

Carolina Bonsai Expo, NC Arboretum, Asheville, NC.

Nature's Way Open House, October 21, Harrisburg, PA.

MABS Spring Festival

The annual MABS Spring Festival commences on Friday evening, April 15, and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 17. It will be held at:

Crowne Plaza Cromwell
100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT 06416

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. Spring Festival fliers are distributed electronically at <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/registration.htm>. Please note that Brandywine Bonsai Society is responsible for the MABS website and now the electronic registration which is available at: <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/digitalreg.htm> .

When you register, be sure to specify that you are a member of BBS. Early-bird prices are almost over; they will increase on March 1.

East Hanover, NJ is not too far away so plan to get to the whole weekend of events. It is likely that the venue will be moved farther north in coming years. Study the listing of events carefully to plan your time. Of course, the shopping is unbeatable.

BBS Inclement Weather Policy

The weather has cooperated so far this winter. Over the years, we have had a few cancellations due to the weather, but sometimes we get caught in a winter storm or the summer 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. So if there is any question at all, please check your email before leaving home.

As a last resort, 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. At the last several meetings, there have been a good assortment of materials for sale. Please make your unused tools, books, trees, etc. available to newer members at coming meetings. You should be a paying member to participate.

