



## Robert Mahler on Pines

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available

Bob Mahler is one of the best well known young bonsai artists in North America. He started his studies with Chase Rosade in New Hope, PA as a teen. He then moved to Tochigi-Ken in Japan



where he spent the next 4 years under the exclusive direction of world-renowned bonsai master Susumo Sudo to improve his mastery of the art and care of bonsai. He returned to the States in 1993 and soon thereafter became the Curator of Bonsai at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York. When the Brandywine Bonsai Society visited the gardens, Bob gave us a wonderful tour.

Bob left Brooklyn in 2005 to pursue a lifelong dream of working with individual collectors via lectures, classes, private collection maintenance, and tours abroad. Bob is fluent in Japanese. His personal favorites for bonsai are Japanese White Pines, Satsuki

Azaleas, and Japanese Flowering Apricots. At this month's meeting, he will instruct us on the care and styling of pines.

### Dues are Due

If you haven't already, plan to get your 2018 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

- May 12 Nature's Way Spring Festival, Harrisburg, PA, with Bjorn Bjorholm; 9:00 - 5:00
- May 19 Rob King on Native Trees - BTC
- Jun 16 Visit The Kennett Collection
- Jul 14 Kusamono with Young Choe at Nature's Way, Harrisburg PA, 10:00 - 4:00
- Jul 21 Picnic/auction – Anson Nixon Park
- Aug 18 Rob King on Boxwood – Nixon Park
- Sep 8-9 6<sup>th</sup> National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester, NY.
- Sep 15 Preparation for Longwood - BTC
- Oct 27-28 Longwood show
- Nov 17 End of year "rummage sale" - BTC

### 2018 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

Please note that there have been some important changes in our schedule for the year – Things have been moved so we could add the Kennett Collection.

- Jan 20 Annual Silhouette Discussion - BTC
- Feb 17 Robert Mahler on Pines - BTC
- Mar 17 To be decided
- Apr 13-15 MidAtlantic Bonsai Festival
- Apr 21 Jim Doyle - BTC

### Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival

MABS 2018 will be held on April 13-15, 2018. It will once again be taking place at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

Headliners will be: Daisaku Nomoto representing Japan; Tony Tickle representing the UK; a combo demo by Matt Reel and Tyler Sherrod representing the USA.

The annual MABS Spring Festival commences on Friday evening, April 13, and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 15.



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.

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.

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/demos. 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.

### **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.

