



BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



Sean Smith – “Japanese Scrolls”

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling by experienced members will be available

Local bonsai artist, Sean Smith, is doing a rerun of his lecture demo on Japanese scroll making that he originally presented to BBS in April of 2013. He will start with an updated PowerPoint presentation on scrolls including their history, the art, when and how to use them in displays, etc.

Following the presentation, he will provide materials and conduct a workshop for a hands-on scroll making. Each participant will produce a handsome scroll they can use in exhibits. The workshop is limited to 10 participants. Silent observers are welcome.

This meeting in 2013 was very well received and we had to turn away a number of individuals from the workshop. Please bring in your scrolls from the previous workshop and any other scrolls you might like to show. All the materials used for making the scrolls are from Japan. The paper and cloth are very expensive but well worth it. The extra charge for the workshop is \$50. Sign up for the workshop is on a first-come first serve basis and limited to ten individuals. Contact Steve Ittel at: lttelBOK@Comcast.net or 302-778-4546



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Dues Reminder

March is the deadline for renewing or initiating membership in BBS. Spring is our time to clean out that old membership roster and bring in the new, so if you want to keep receiving our informative newsletters and participate in auctions, please send your dues payment and membership form to:

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7 Barley Mill Drive
Wilmington, DE 19807

To those of you have taken care of this annual chore long ago, we thank you for your efficiency.

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Registration

Information about the MABS Spring Festival is available at <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/>. We have provided some details about the meeting in the January and February BBS meetings.

If you wish to attend this high quality regional meeting, and want to take advantage of the pre-April 1 cost reductions, time is getting short so act now.

A number of BBS members will be showing trees and BBS also has some organizational responsibilities during the meeting. We would hope to turn out good representation at the meeting. There are lectures, workshops, a display of member trees and a display of trees by bonsai professionals. In addition, there will be a large vendor area and auctions of various bonsai-related materials.

Kusamono

I have been enjoying an open Facebook page dedicated to the art of kusamono. I would recommend it to any of you who engage in Facebook – just type “kusamono” into the search bar at the top of the FB page.

It has become clear that there are two camps of kusamono enthusiasts and we bonsai people are in the minority. Bonsai enthusiasts who create kusamono as companion plants for bonsai tend to be much more conservative in their approach, using only one species of plant in a smaller, conservative pot. Those interested in kusamono as an art-form unto itself are willing to be more

flamboyant, planting a variety of “weeds” in a single, at times very artistic container. I have some to appreciate this latter approach, though not for bonsai.



In June, we are going to have Young Choe give a presentation on kusamono. There will be a large selection of hand-made pots available at the meeting. For those of you who plan to participate in the workshop, it would be good to be collecting suitable plants and moss to make your own compositions.

