



BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



Henri Vermeulen and Others – “Tropicals as Bonsai”

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling by experienced members will be available

Club member, Henri Vermeulen, will lead a meeting on the use of tropicals in bonsai with the assistance of Nancy Klabunde and others. Henri's own collection is weighted heavily to tropicals and many other members have included tropicals in their collections. Tropicals afford the option of having “indoor” trees suited to apartment living or brightening up sunny, year-round



rooms. Tropical varieties enjoy temperatures that are higher than 60 degrees Fahrenheit, which are ideal for indoor maintenance.



When discussing tropicals, the immediate reaction is to think of various ficus species, but the options are far broader. Brazilian Rain Tree, Bougainvillea, Jasmine and Fukien Tea are alternative examples of trees that thrive indoors. Dwarf (or full sized) Pomegranates make for showy trees. And, of course, there are those of us who have love-hate relationships with the Tree of a Thousand Stars - Serrisa Mount Fuji, which are very showy until they dry out for the first (and last) time.

There has been a suggestion that we should feature tropicals at our spring show at the Brandywine River Museum, so this meeting might be a good opportunity for those of you who have tropicals to “show us your stuff!” Please bring in your examples of indoor bonsai.

Dues Reminder

March is the deadline for renewing or initiating membership in BBS. Spring is our time to clean out that old membership roster (we have already done the initial pass and notice a number of familiar names that are still highlighted in red rather than being in the black). 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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To those of you who have taken care of this annual chore long ago, we thank you for your efficiency.

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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 previous meetings and newsletters.

If you wish to attend this high quality regional meeting 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.

Finally, Brandywine Bonsai is able to show four club trees at this meeting. We would like to encourage members to show trees at this meeting even if you do not plan to attend. Transportation to and from the meeting can be arranged through Henri Vermeulen.

Carmela Koussis - Longtime club member, Carmela Koussis, 82, died peacefully on January 9, 2016, after a prolonged battle with metastatic breast cancer. She had been quite active in Brandywine Bonsai Society, though we had seen less of her in the last several years.

She was a graduate of Hunter College High School, Columbia University and Hahnemann Medical College where she was the only female in her class. She was a psychiatrist by profession and loved what she did; she was one of the lucky ones whose career truly matched who she was. We will miss her energy, intellectual curiosity, her kind and unselfish spirit, her joy in learning just for the sake of learning. See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailylocal/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=177415593#sthash.7MHLw751.dpuf>

