



# BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



## Open Workshop

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 10:00 am

Tree counseling by experienced members available the entire meeting



The March meeting will be devoted to working on our trees. Spring seems to be coming early this year despite what the groundhog predicted. Maples, crab apples, and quince are popping. It is time to be pruning and styling (and repotting, but we are not really equipped to handle that inside the BTC so make that mess at home).

Some of the more experienced (or at least more opinionated) members will be available to help any of you who are hesitant to make those necessary cuts or apply those big wires. Ask your questions. Get the help you need. Lets make those trees look great for the Spring Show and the Brandywine River Museum.

### 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:

Steve Ittel  
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 promptness.

### Sales and Silent Auction

This is the perfect kind of meeting to be selling trees, pots, wire, and tools. While the silent auction approach works well for many of these items, we may want to have some

outright sales so that people can get what they need early in the meeting.

Reminder: You are supposed to have paid your dues to participate in these sales and auctions. Thanks.

### 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. You have already missed the early-bird pricing.

There is space for a number of BBS members to be showing trees, so please let Steve Ittel know if you are able to do so. BBS also has some organizational responsibilities during the meeting. We would hope to turn out at least some 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

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vendor area and auctions of various bonsai-related materials.



of commitment. The remainder of the expenses will be borne by the club. Please email me or Greg Kanaski to express interest and get your deposit to Greg ASAP. Thanks.

### Club Bus Trip to National Arboretum

BBS is sponsoring 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



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