



Collecting Dig at Van Heiningen's

April 27, 2019; 10:00

Van Heiningen's Nursery in Dover, PA

Brandywine Bonsai Society is planning a dig at Van Heiningen's Nursery in Dover, PA on Saturday, April 27th. This is an older, semi-abandoned nursery with poor clay soil that has served to stunt the growth of much of the 35 to 50 year-old stock. Many specimens feature dead, weathering wood.

Club Tree Collecting Dig

On April 27 we hope to have a communal dig near Lancaster. This is a chance to get down and dirty and upgrade your collection. This special event is for the hardy (and probably foolish). Randy Rutherford of Van Heiningen's Nursery in Dover, PA, is allowing us to dig in his older, semi-abandoned nursery which has poor clay soil that has served to stunt the growth of much of the 35 to 50 year-old stock. Some of the species you will find there are:

Yew *Taxus cuspidata* and *Taxus brevifolia* that have been deer-pruned

European Hornbeam *Carpinus Betulus*,

Rhododendron (assorted)

Umbrella Pine *Sciadopitys verticillata*

Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*

Shrub honeysuckle *Lonicera maackii* or *x bella*

Potential Complication: At present, conditions at the nursery are still inhospitable due to rain. The 2,500 foot, unpaved lane off the main road is barely passable. Everyone's hope is that conditions will improve by the 27th, but if we have to postpone or cancel we will alert everyone via email. For that reason, anyone who might go should notify Steve Ittel at IttelBOK@Gmail.com ASAP. If too many people sign up we may need to do some carpooling because parking is limited and on an unpaved surface. I told him that I expected maybe a dozen.

Directions: Follow the local directions below or put the Dover street address in the header into your GPS.

VAN HEININGEN NURSERY
6846 Carlisle Rd.
Dover, PA 17315

Take US Rt. 30 to York.

Take PA-74 N/Carlisle Road exit.

Drive 9.7 miles north to 6846 Carlisle Rd.

Look for Van Heiningen's Nursery sign on left

Turn left into unpaved driveway.

When you arrive at the address, turn west into an unpaved driveway. The driveway passes a private home and a barn on the left and takes a hard left turn at the halfway point. When you arrive, please identify yourself to the owner, Randy Rutherford, as a member of Brandywine Bonsai.

Dress for muddy condition. Bring a least a shovel, a trowel, and a durable pruner to cut roots and unwanted branches. The nursery is overgrown with brambles in some places, so that pruner might also come in handy to bushwhack your way to an interesting find. Bring plastic sheet, trash bags, burlap or some kind of container in which to take your finds home. No supplies of any kind are available at the nursery.

Bring cash. This is a one-man operation that is not set up for debit or credit cards. Randy has generally charged no more than \$10 or \$25 per tree. He described it as \$5 for a volunteer from a seed that a bird pooped somewhere to \$25 for something planted 40 years ago or a graft

Be Environmentally Friendly: Please carry out everything you carry in – plastic, burlap, tools, etc. Fill in the holes you dig. Be sure that you can carry out anything you dig – it is not nice to be too greedy by digging something that you have to leave behind. You will not be able to drive to your find and carts probably will not work.

May 18 – Tree planting at Mark Huff’s

This meeting will be at our usual time of 10:00 but if anyone gets there early, they can review Mark’s bonsai collection.

When the meeting gets underway we will pass out three American larch of different sizes to all members. Rob King will talk about forest planting and we could arrange a clump or forest as an example. We anticipate that there will be extra trees for sale in case anyone wants to expand their grouping.

Rob King will bring the substantial larch forest he displayed at MABS in April. It is anticipated that all members will take the trees home, assemble a forest and bring it to our September meeting for discussion.

Additional plans for the meeting remain fluid and there is a possibility that we could do an initial styling on one of Mark’s trees. After the meeting everyone is free to walk through the nursery looking at possible bonsai.

Mark has a variety of soil media and would encourage a discussion about bonsai soil. He would also welcome members to bring buckets or tubs to take home mushroom soil, stones, mulch, chips, sand, etc. if they want.

Directions:

Take Route 1 to Oxford, PA. Exit onto 472 N. Take the first left on Bethel Road. Stay on Bethel. Go right at the stop sign and then straight through the four way stop. Take the fourth driveway on the right. There is a big sign.

257 Bethel Road
Oxford PA 19363.

June 15 – Invernizzi lecture/demonstrations at Longwood Gardens

Join us at 9:30am at Longwood Gardens for a day of bonsai with internationally renowned bonsai artist, Marco Invernizzi. This two-part lecture and demonstration will cover the initial styling and development of a collected 100 year old Engelmann Spruce, as well as the refinement of a “finished” Japanese imported bonsai with wiring, pruning, and styling techniques.

Born and raised in Milan, Italy, Invernizzi first became interested in bonsai at age 15 after watching The Karate Kid Part III. Invernizzi has studied with Salvatore Liporace in Milan and Masahiko Kimura in Inamachi, Japan; has won a number of prestigious awards; and has been published in more than 15 different magazines worldwide, including an October 2008 Newsweek Japan cover photo and feature.

Invernizzi has taught bonsai on five continents and tends some of the best bonsai collections in Europe and the United States. Invernizzi is also the designer and creator of the bonsai tool ICHIBAN, handmade by Masakuni, as well as his Green T bonsai turntable.

IMPORTANT: In order for the club to cover the cost of your attendance at the Bonsai event do not sign up through Longwood Gardens on your own. You need to send your name and e-mail address to Mary Allinson (preferably, or possibly to Steve, Greg or Lark) by June 1. We will compile a list for Longwood Gardens and pay a flat fee for our members to attend. The e-mail address is necessary so you can receive a confirmation from Longwood that allows you into the auditorium.

If you are not sure whether you will attend, it is best to go ahead and send us your name anyway. You can attend the entire day or either the morning or afternoon session. They are independent sessions. Lunch is on your own.

Questions? Feel free to contact Mary by e-mail; you can click the link MaryAllinson989@gmail.com

Pictures from MABS:



Rob King’s larch forest display



Jesse Cook styling his tree with Marc Noelanders

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