



## Open Workshop

Center for the Creative Arts Yorklyn

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:00 am

Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available, as will coffee

This month's activity is going to be an open workshop for spring grooming. Bring recently-acquired material or that old chestnut you have not cracked and get some thoughts from experienced members. Cut it now? Cut it later? The answer will be provided.

If you are among the fortunate members who have everything done and you are relaxing and enjoying your handiwork, please consider attending to lend your expertise to the less experienced among us.

If you want a beverage during the work session, please bring your own. We won't be having refreshments.

### Directions to the Center for Creative Arts, 410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn, DE 19736

Take Lancaster Pike to Yorklyn Road in Hockessin. Turn north (right if you are coming from Wilmington or left if you are coming from PA). When you cross the creek in Yorklyn, the building is in front of you just to the right. Continue north to the parking lot.

### Brandywine River Museum Show

Our annual spring show in the courtyard of the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford is on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all members to exhibit trees at this low-keyed and friendly venue. Our primary purpose at this, and in all of our shows, is to promote bonsai. We want to have trees from as many of our members as possible, regardless of their skill level, to show the public that bonsai is available and enjoyable on a wide variety of levels. All exhibitors will be encouraged to help with the 'tree-sitting' chores, but we also welcome help from those who may not wish to exhibit a tree at this time. We need a minimum of two people for each of the three time slots on each day of the show.

For those bringing trees for the display, setup will start at 7:30am on Saturday and

trees should not be removed until 4:30pm on Sunday.

You can send the completed exhibitor/helper form to Henri via email or snail mail, or give it to him at the club meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. All the forms must get to Henri ([hfverm@aol.com](mailto:hfverm@aol.com)) by May 22 to ensure that we have all the correct identification cards for the trees.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support.

### The MABS Meeting

The MABS meeting was a rousing success and BBS was well represented. We saw: 1) a great vendor area; 2) wonderful and instructive demonstrations; 3) some tremendous trees at the display area, and 4) the truly rare experience of a demonstrator breaking almost every limb off of his demo tree. All break were accidental but dramatic. Ask those who attended for their opinions.

I am sorry that some of you thought that there was supposed to be a BBS meeting that weekend, but nothing had been scheduled.

### Kusamono Workshop

The June meeting will be a kusamono workshop, again held at the Yorklyn Center for the Creative Arts. Young Choe will be our

featured speaker and demonstrator. Details will follow next month.

You will have some pre-work for this meeting if you are going to participate in or observe the workshop. To do kusamono, you will need “weeds” or grasses and moss so now is the time to start collecting them. Spring flowers that I have collected recently include:

- viola labradorica - Dorie’s violet
- Viola sororia - in lawns
- viola lanceolata - Bog violet
- Claytonia virginica - Eastern spring beauty
- Scilla sibirica - Siberian squill
- Ranunculus ficaria - Lesser celandine
- Muscari botryoides - Common Grape-hyacinth



One flower that is abundant right now and evocative of Delaware springs is *Erythronium americanum*, the yellow trout-lily. It is a bulb and hard to collect right now, but if you find some, mark the location and collect the bulbs in the fall. They will grow nicely in the spring.

Small kusamono pots made specifically for this meeting will be available at the meeting. Examples are shown in the pages that is included with this newsletter.

