



Ski Dombrovski on Bonsai Design and Artistry

Brandywine Town Center

Saturday, May 21st, 2016, 10:00 am

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

Ski Dombrovski is noted for his elegant design, particularly of deciduous trees, and will lead a presentation on bonsai design and artistry for the May club meeting.

Members are requested to bring in one or more trees for discussion. The main concern of the discussion is to be about the design of your bonsai, and not the horticultural part of growing the bonsai. There is little need to even discuss the species of tree. The information should focus on anything that has to do with the appearance of the bonsai, such as pot choice, wiring, pruning, trimming etc. Discuss anything that has to do with the artistry of your bonsai and what you expect of it in the future.

Good bonsai are always a work in progress that never ends - they just keep getting better.

Brandywine River Museum Show

Our annual spring show in the courtyard of the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford is on June 11th and 12th. 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 give it to him at the club meeting on May 21st. All the forms must get to Henri (hfverm@aol.com) by the end of May to ensure that he has all the correct identification cards for the trees.

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support.

Available trees

There have been several events this month that made new material available to club members. The first email you got was about the sale of a collection that is taking place May 7 and 8. We look forward to hearing back from participants.

The second email was about a number of very large, old Bird's-Nest Spruce. A number of members expressed interest, but then I heard that the trees were going to require a nursery cart and several people to move. It was going to take a trailer to pick them up. Wisely, all of you passed, because I would not want to be responsible for any back injuries.

The MABS Meeting

The MABS meeting was a rousing success and will be repeated at the Connecticut site again next year. It is a shame that BBS was so poorly represented because it was generally agreed that this was one of the best MABS meetings in a while.

To make things even better, we had a professional photographer taking pictures of the display trees, so you don't have to put up with my usual photos. I have included a number of those shots. They will be available online later.

