



BRANDYWINE BONSAI SOCIETY



BBS Bus Trip to the National Arboretum

Brandywine Town Center
Saturday, May 13th, 2017, 8:30 am

Bob Mahler on “The Latest Thinking on Juniper Care”

Brandywine Town Center
Saturday, May 20th, 2017 10:00
Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available, as will coffee

In the last several years, there has been a revolution in the recommended method of caring for junipers bonsai. Many of us were told to “pinch, pinch, and pinch” – every time you passed you juniper. Now the recommended method is to let the tree extend and then cut back. Bob Mahler will document the new techniques and provide the horticultural background in this new approach that is leading to some magnificent juniper bonsai.

Club Bus Trip to National Arboretum

There are still a few seats available on the BBS-sponsored bus trip to the Potomac Bonsai Festival at the National Arboretum on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Our 56 passenger deluxe coach 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 promptly at 8:30 a.m. so please be there in plenty of time.

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 of commitment. The remainder of the expenses will be borne by the club. Please contact Greg Kanaskie (gkanaskie@verizon.net) as soon as possible to make your reservation. Thanks.

Brandywine River Museum Show

Our annual spring show in the courtyard of the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford is on June 10th and 11th. 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 the art of 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



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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 20th. 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 to all of you for your help, understanding, and support.

trees are appropriately groomed for the show and start thinking about all of the things you no longer need and could unload during the club auction. Or think about all of those things you need and could pick up at the club auction!



Busy June

This newsletter chronicles two significant BBS events in May. There are two more in June. I have mentioned that on June 10-11, we are having of Annual Show at Brandywine River Museum. The next weekend, June 17, is our annual Picnic/auction at Anson Nixon Park in Kennett Square. Please keep all of these events in mind and plan ahead. Be sure your

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