



Annual Picnic and Auction

Anson B. Nixson Park, Kennett Square, PA, Pavilion 1

Saturday, June 21st, 2014,

Set-up at 10:00 am – Auction starts at 11:00 – Food at 12:00



It is time for our annual picnic and auction. This is the club's major fund raiser every year and it is always a fun time. Dennis Donald and Steve Ittel have promised to do their usual masterful job as informative and entertaining auctioneers. Polly Kalesh is handling the food this year. Please come join us at the Anson B. Nixson Park in Kennett Square, PA. We have had issues with the temperature at our picnics in the past, so we are moving this one to June rather than July.)

July BBS Picnic

Special thanks to Polly Kalesh who has undertaken the job of organizing the food for this year's picnic/auction. Please give her your utmost cooperation by placing your order soon. ***Please do not come to the picnic and expect to find food you haven't ordered. Food will be ordered for members only. If you do not wish to have a hoagie, you must provide your own food.***

Polly's phone is 610-350-8955 and you can also place your order at pollytiebout@yahoo.com.

There is a menu attached to make an informed choice. Sweet and hot peppers will be available on the side. Water and chips also will accompany the hoagie feast.

The club underwrites this event as a thank-you for members who participate and support club endeavors during the year. *A few people have not renewed membership. If you are unclear whether you are eligible for the free food and to bid in the auction, check with Steve Ittel and put yourselves in good standing.*

The Auction

We encourage all members to think about what they might want to donate to the auction. Trained bonsai, starting trees, kusamano, tools,

pots, books, scrolls and more would all be welcome.

As always, the money raised at this event goes entirely to the club. This is, apart from dues, our main source of revenue. Please support your club generously.

If you bring an item for auction that you think should not sell for less than \$50.00, put a tag on it that says \$50.00 reserve. If the sum of \$50.00 or more is raised, the club will get 30%, and the donor will receive 70%; otherwise, the donor will take back the item.

The auction will begin at 11:00 AM, break for lunch at noon, and resume for the remainder.

A perspective on money: We have had several guest speakers over the last several years and those speakers are not inexpensive. Brandywine Bonsai made the speakers available to all club members who cared to attend. Other local clubs make it a general practice to charge for workshops with guest artists. Brandywine has tried as much as possible to avoid special fees, but we can only do that if we get support at such times as the picnic/auction. So please take a long look at your tools, pots, trees, stands, stones, books, and anything else that you think would help/appeal to other club members. Keep in mind our newer members who need raw

material, training pots and tools. And finally, when it comes time to bid, we sincerely appreciate your support for the club.

Directions to Anson B. Nixon Park

For those of you who get into Kennett Square by taking Route US1 southbound, take the Kennett Square exit and drive into town on State Street. Turn right onto Walnut Road, near the bottom of the hill. (The Kennett Square YMCA is opposite.) You will soon see the sign for the Anson B. Nixon Park on the left. Park in the main parking lot.

Members coming through Kennett Square from the opposite direction on Cypress St. can take the first street on the left after the YMCA, drive one block, and cross over State St. onto Walnut Road.

Mary Kaye Doyle of Nature's Way

It is with great sadness that I write to let you all know that our great bonsai friend Mary Kay Doyle passed away. She fought a great fight against cancer. Our prayers are with Jim Doyle and his children. Should you wish to send a card his address is:

1451 Pleasant Hill Road
Harrisburg PA 17112

We do not have any details on services yet. Should any of you have details, please let us know.



Brandywine River Museum Show

Thank you to all who participated in the Brandywine River Museum Show. Once again the membership staged a fine show with a variety of trees. A special thank you to those who tree-sat and our show-n-tell presenters, Henri Vermeulen, Fred Knobloch, Rob King and Steve Ittel. Many of the museum's patrons expressed positive comments and asked many questions. The question of the weekend was, "Do the leaves fall off in the winter?" - Greg



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