



Annual Picnic and Auction

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

Saturday, July 18th, 2015,

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 Tiebout is handling the food this year. Please come join us at the Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square, PA.

July BBS Picnic

Special thanks to Polly Tiebout 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 or want some special order, you must provide your own food.

There are no substitutions.

Polly's phone is 610-350-8955 and you can also place your order at PTiebout@Comcast.net

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 have minimal 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.

Longwood Show

Believe it or not, now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do for the Longwood show. Henri would like for all of you to read and think about the article by Bill Valavanis on getting ready for a bonsai show.

The article can be viewed at <http://valavanisbonsaiblog.com/2015/05/10/gettin-g-ready-for-a-bonsai-show/>

- Henri Vermeulen

The Kusamono Workshop

Young Choe's kusamono workshop in June was a success despite being a bit shorter than expected due to scheduling problems on our part. I believe that all of the participants were happy with the kusamono they took home. We certainly learned a lot and it was interesting to be working with material so different that our normal bonsai material.

In the chaos of clearing the room at the end of the meeting, several items went missing. We would like to recover them as soon as possible. The most important



loss was the pair of wooden slats that are shown under the pot on the right in the picture above. Those hold sentimental value to Young. In addition, a pair of root cutters and a pair of scissors having one red and one white handle went missing. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the July picnic.

