



Annual Picnic and Auction

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

Saturday, July 16th, 2016,

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 has promised to do his usual masterful job as an informative and entertaining auctioneer. Steve "Vanna" Ittel will assist. There is a promise of some exceptional pots and plant material this year, so keep your checkbooks at the ready. No need to place sandwich orders this year – we will have platters of a variety of subs available. Please come join us at the Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square, PA.

July BBS Picnic

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 their annual 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. Alternatively, new members and those a bit relaxed in dues payment may pay on site. There should be name tags available for all paid members.

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, stands and slabs, 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.

August Meeting

The August meeting will also be held at Anson Nixon Park so that we can down a dirty with our trees. It will be another open workshop.

If you buy material at this month's auction, you will be able to get help styling it at next month's meeting with the tools you bought and inspiration from the books or magazines you bought.

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/getting-ready-for-a-bonsai-show/>

- Henri Vermeulen