



Dennis Donald: Creating Deadwood on Bonsai Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA – Pavillion 1 Saturday, September 20th, 2014, 10:00

Dennis's presentation will focus on several techniques for creating deadwood on bonsai that will show as few "man-made" influences as possible. Some power tools will be demonstrated. He has included a selection of web sites that should allow you to find all you will ever need to know about creating deadwood on bonsai that looks natural. They all have additional links to a multitude of other sites. As noted, he will also be examining some of the power tools that can be used to facilitate large scale projects – but on a very limited duration -- just enough to show the types and their potential.

1. YouTube video of Graham Potter refining deadwood on a pomegranate: <http://ofbonsai.org/galleries/videos/bonsai-deadwood-refinement-techniques>
2. Creating a Natural Driftwood Effect: <http://www.bonsai4me.com/AdvTech/ATCreating%20Deadwood.html>
3. A Wikipedia link to bonsai carving: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deadwood_bonsai_techniques
4. Bonsai N Stone Academy: http://www.bonsaistone.com.my/v1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85%3Acheng-cheng-kung&catid=38&Itemid=83
5. Books on the Si-Diao techniques of "fiber carving": http://sidiao.cnpenjing.com/intro_e.htm
6. "The Art of Bonsai Project" The bonsai of Cheng Cheng-Kung: <http://artofbonsai.org/galleries/cheng.php>
7. A link to the art of Si-Diao for you Facebook fans: <http://www.facebook.com/people/Si-Diao/100003141616371>

Most of the tools that are useful to us can be purchased at local hardware and craft stores. For small to medium sized bonsai I would recommend: <http://www.micromark.com>

Frank Mihalik: Cotoneaster Lecture/Demonstration Brandywine Town Center Saturday, October 18th, 2013, 10:00

Our guest for October is Frank Mihalik who will be doing a lecture/demonstration on one of his specialties, cotoneaster. He is a very artistic bonsai artist and a number of us have greatly appreciated his cotoneaster artistry. Quite charming. In case anyone is inspired by the lecture, Nancy Klabunde and possibly others will have cranberry cotoneasters that will be for sale payable to the individuals. This meeting will be at the Brandywine Town Center.

Longwood Show

The Longwood Show is scheduled one week earlier than in the past, October 25-26. The Longwood Gardens BBS Bonsai and Ameriseki Show challenges our members to put on another demonstration of the remarkable styling skills of our club.

The sign-up forms are distributed with this email. Please sign up no later than October 18.

We especially need tree and stone sitters. Members not showing are encouraged to spend a part of the day helping with security. You will likely be asked more than a few questions where you can share your expertise with the patrons. It's a very rewarding experience. You

also get the opportunity to see other members' works of botanical art and viewing stones. Sitters are free to tour the grounds when off-duty.

We also need three demonstration speakers, Saturday at 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm, and Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Boxwood, fragrant sweet box, mums and pachysandra are restricted plants and not allowed on the Longwood Gardens grounds.

You may set up on Friday, October 24, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Set-up on Saturday begins at 7:15 am.

Enter through the Business Gate on Conservatory Road on the back side of Longwood Gardens. Drop-off is behind the conservatory gallery/galley entrance. Park on the left side of the driveway (*so that cars can continue to pass on the right side*), drop off your trees or stones, then move your car to the larger employee parking lot.

The show closes at 6:00 pm on Sunday.



A nice cotoneaster bonsai



Well-carved deadwood.
Dennis will show us how!