



Preparation for Longwood Show  
 Brandywine Town Center  
 Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10:00 am  
 Pre-meeting tree counseling will be available, as will coffee

The September meeting is a dry run for the Longwood show. We would like those members willing to show trees to bring them together with their complete display to the Brandywine Town Center so that we can set things up to be able to preview what will be going on at Longwood. This will also be very informative for those members not showing trees. It is an opportunity to hone display skills and get helpful comments about the overall artistry of displays. There will also be extra stands and companion plants and slabs for loan to complement displays for individuals who might need to borrow them to complete their displays. (And this is a request to those of you who have extra stands, etc., to make them available during the meeting and at Longwood.)

## Longwood Show Preparation

The BBS Bonsai and Ameriseki Show at Longwood Gardens is scheduled for October 28-29. This annual fall show challenges our members to put on another demonstration of the remarkable styling skills of our club. The annual spring show at the Brandywine River Museum is designed to show all skill levels and what it means as bonsai are developed. In contrast, we like for the Longwood show to focus on more polished, well-developed and well-displayed bonsai. We would like for all displays to be on stands and many displays to include additional artistic touches such as scrolls, shitakusa or kusamono, or suiseki.

The Ameriseki members will certainly have viewing stones on display, but the stones can also be incorporated into the bonsai displays. Smaller shitakusa companion plants are important parts of bonsai display but well-organized, independent kusamono displays are also welcome.

## Longwood Show

The sign-up forms will be distributed at a later date closer to the show. 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. This is great free

admission to Longwood and sitters are free to tour the grounds when off-duty.

## No October Meeting

The late October Longwood show is somewhat demanding so we have decided that there will be no BBS meeting in October. The Longwood show will serve as the meeting. We welcome all members to join us at Longwood and take in the sights.

## (From a year ago) Additional Pots Available

We always have the possibility of Silent Auctions at our meetings. Last month Dennis Donald brought in a nice selection from his personal collection of pots that were quickly bid upon with several generating heated bidding wars. Dennis is planning to bring in another selection of pots, so be prepared to bid.

In addition, in response to popular demand, Steve Ittel will be bring in a selection of Kusamono pots that he has made.

*Editor's note: Maybe Dennis will. Maybe he won't. But I will if there is room after I pack my trees for the meeting.*

## Washington Trip

The following page is some pictures from our very successful bus trip to Washington for the Potomac meeting. Not only did we see some very nice trees and a good lecture/demo, but also, some people brought home some good material for future bonsai.

