

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Bonsai Workshop Brandywine Town Center Saturday, September 20, 2025 starts 10 am

September Cookie Person: Kathi MacNeil

September Meeting

BYOT: Bring a tree or two to work on or get styling advice. This is a great opportunity for novice members to learn from senior members. Maybe you have a tree that you're not sure about, or maybe you have something that you'd just like to share. Bring it! We'll also discuss last-minute show details.

Longwood Show

BBS members are responsible for the safety and care of the trees during the show. We also educate guests about the trees and answer general questions. This is officially known as being a tree sitter. Your knowledge or skill level of bonsai doesn't matter for this job. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Shifts are scheduled in two-hour increments, and you may sign up for one or for several shifts. If you're displaying a tree in the show, the club kindly asks that you take one tree sitting shift. As a bonus, a tree sitter has free admission to Longwood for that day. Only BBS members are permitted to be tree sitters.

This year, we're using SignUpGenius for scheduling. Please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AEA82DA6FBC52-58281377-bbslongwood>

If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Carlson at robertalscarlson@gmail.com

Longwood will provide information about tree drop off and pick up times and locations closer to the event. Once those have been decided, I'll notify all tree owners by email. Tree sitters will see parking information in SignUpGenius.

Directions to the Brandywine Town Center (BTC)

The meeting hall is a stand-alone building, removed from the commercial area, with a large glass dome on top.

From Route 202 Southbound: Shortly after crossing into Delaware on Route 202 southbound, turn left onto Naamans Road at the intersection bounded by an Exxon station and the Days Inn. At the second light, turn left into the Brandywine Town Center (You will see a large Target

store), turn right, and follow the outer parking lot ring road to the meeting hall.

From I-95 Northbound and 202 Northbound: Take Exit 8 Concord Pike North. Just beyond Concord Mall at the Days Inn, turn right onto Naamans Road and follow the directions above.

From I-95 Southbound: Take the I-495 and Naamans Road exit just after passing into Delaware. Take Naamans Road westbound. After passing Grubb Road, you will take the next right into Brandywine Town Center. Look for the meeting center described above. These directions and a detailed map are available all the time on the directions page of the BBS Website, gobbs.org

Another Workshop (Karin)



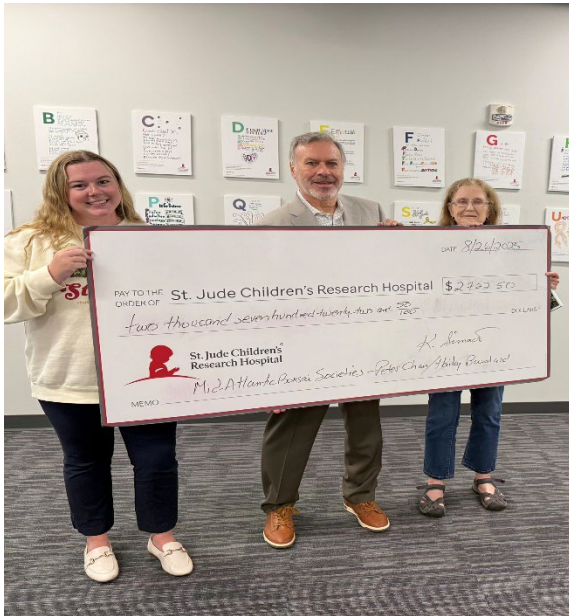
This is a 6.5 inch yew I won this year at MABS from Nick Sebesta along with a bunch of other small plants. I worked on it at a recent workshop. All the branches were growing straight up but I was surprised to find that with wiring I was able to bend them some. The left branches not as much as the right ones.

Share a Tree: Do you have a tree of which you are particularly proud? Maybe one that is flowering, fruiting or showing brilliant colors or maybe just one that you want to share. Bring it to a meeting regardless the topic of the meeting. We can always carve out five minutes for you to

do a show-and-tell with it. It doesn't have to be display ready or a "masterpiece".

MABS delivers Peter Chan Cancer Money

On August 26 Walter Scott (on MABS board of directors) and I gave a check for \$2722.50 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at the office of St. Jude's funding raising arm ALSAC (American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities). St. Jude's is located in Memphis, TN. This was half the fund; the other half is going to Think Pink near Wilkes Barre, PA.



Steve Ittel reports.....



My daughter scheduled me to run a bonsai and wine get-together with some of her friends. Maybe there was too much wine. But one person didn't show up so I had an extra tree and I had to do something with it.

The framework for the tree is a 12" bamboo embroidery hoop. The pads will appear somewhat interlocking. I have yet to decide whether there will be any live branches outside the circle, but probably, yes. The heavy branch at the bottom would not bend down to the hoop without splitting the trunk, so it was left in place and the very bottom pad, growing from it on the left will be bent back to the right and down to complete the bottom of the circle. Since I don't have four hands, I had to use multiple carpentry clamps to get the trunk close enough to the frame before I put the wire on. Wire a few inches and then move a few inches further around the circle and pull it together with a clamp again. Then more wire. ETC!

There will be plenty of deadwood on the creation. I trust that the whole thing will not turn into deadwood.

Everything was fine until there was rain, and then the bamboo hoop softened and became an oval from the strain of the tree resisting change. The diagonal wire is pulling the oval back to a circle. It will be potted up in a bonsai pot next spring; plain pot or something really strange? I would guess that the hoop will have to stay on longer. The pads will be flattened considerably to bring clarity but right now I am going for growth to make the whole thing stronger and to lock in the new positions.

Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

October 18: Sergio Cuan (BTC)

November 15: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (BTC)
BTC = Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, DE

Other Bonsai Events of Interest

American Bonsai Societies (ABS) Learning Seminars.

September 12 & 13, 2025 DoubleTree, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

9th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. September 13 & 14, 2025, Rochester, NY

The Art of Bonsai Exhibition & Sale. New Jersey Bonsai Societies; October 4-5, 2025. Brookdale Community College, Warner Student Life Center, Arena Drive, Lincroft, NJ

Nature's Way Bonsai. October 25 Fall Festival with Mike Lane 9 am to 5 pm; Music 5 to 8 pm. 1451 Pleasant Hill Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112

November 7-9 Winter Study and Philosophy of Design with Todd Schlafer and Jim Doyle

Winter Silhouette December 6 & 7, 2025 in Kannapolis, NC

Free Classified Ads: We are still carrying your classified ads in the newsletter for free. Are you planning on selling things and you want the club to be aware so they can bring some extra money or offering some sort of bonsai-related services. You can send this info to Karin Simmat (ksimmat@verizon.net) for inclusion in the next newsletter.