

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

Longwood Show Prep Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA, Pavilion 1 Saturday, August 16th, 2025 starts 10 am

August Cookie Person: Bill Cushing

August Meeting: Longwood Show Prep

Longwood Gardens has scheduled our annual show for September 23-30. To coordinate the event effectively, we've had to change the BBS meeting calendar. On August 16, we'll meet in Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square at 10 a.m. If you're interested in displaying a tree (or two), bring it to the park. It does not have to be in its show pot at that time. If you're unable to attend the meeting, please email me at robertalscarlson@gmail.com. Reminder: boxwood and chrysanthemum bonsai are not allowed at Longwood Gardens.

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

During our show, the trees will be displayed in the bonsai workshop located next to the bonsai courtyard. We'll have several six-foot tables, and we'll accommodate as many trees as possible. Longwood is excited to educate guests about bonsai through the BBS. As such, we'll be exhibiting our refined trees as well as our beginning/intermediate ones. Avant-garde trees are welcome, too.

During the August meeting, I'll collect tree information (botanical name, common name, owner's name, and years in training) and make note of any interesting history (legacy tree). We'll also be able to see how much space the trees need. Smaller trees will be grouped together so they don't get lost among the larger trees. Stands and companion plants are welcome, but space may limit their use. Scrolls will not be used.

Also, this is the first time since 2019 that we've been able to

include scheduled demonstrations. The weekend will attract the most guests, so a couple on Saturday and Sunday during

the morning and early afternoon are needed. These will be scheduled demonstrations that Longwood will publicize, so please contact me if you're interested at robertalscarlson@gmail.com. I'll need the day, preferred time, and what will be done.

We'll also need tree sitters. If you're new to BBS, this is a wonderful opportunity. Tree sitters answer questions from guests and watch over the trees. Shifts are scheduled in two-hour increments, but we're always happy to make adjustments. Tree sitters are given complimentary admission to Longwood for that day. This year, we'll be using SignUpGenius for scheduling. Start getting excited because this year's show will be awesome!

Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

August 16: Longwood Show Prep (ABN)

September 20: Bonsai Workshop (BTC)

October 18: Sergio Cuan (BTC)

November 15: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (BTC)

BTC = Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, DE

ABN Park = Anson B Nixon Park, Kennett, PA

Mark Huf's = Huf Landscaping, Oxford, PA

LG HH = Longwood Gardens Headhouse

TBD= to be determined

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

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

Photos from the July 2025 BBS Picnic/Auction



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Free Classified Ads: We are still carrying your classified ads in the newsletter for free. Are you planning on selling things that will not be included in the silent auction and that you want the club to be aware so they can bring some extra money, are offering some sort of bonsai-related services, or maybe you are heading to Nature's Way and are offering to pick things up for our members. You can send this info to Karin Simmat (ksimmat@verizon.net) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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"; just something you would like to share.