

Brandywine Bonsai Society

Promoting the art and horticulture of bonsai since 1967

**Marco Invernizzi at Mark Huf's
Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10:00 am**

May Cookie Person: Don Wood

May Program

This month's meeting is especially exciting. We will be meeting at Mark Huf's place in Oxford, PA to get a chance to learn from one of the most-respected bonsai artists, Marco Invernizzi. Marco will be working on one of Mark's prebonsai that he has hand selected for us. At the end of the meeting, it will be raffled off to some lucky club member. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 and end at noon. After the meeting, you will have a chance to do some shopping in Mark's nursery.

If you would like a chance to spend more time observing Marco, after a short lunch break, he will work on some trees that were selected for him by the people who have organized the day's events. You are more than welcome to observe this; however, this part of the day is not associated with the club.

If anyone would like to bring a tree you would need to get in touch with Mark first so he can add you on a list. There might be a chance Marco could spend a few minutes helping with styling the tree or just giving great advice. The tree would need to be fairly mature and worthy for him to look at. Naturally time is limited so it would be a maybe. This is likely to happen after 3:00.

**Mark Huf
257 Bethel Rd.
Oxford, PA 19363**

Directions to Mark's:

Take Route 1 to Oxford, PA. Exit onto 472N. Take the first left onto Bethel Road. Stay on Bethel. Go right at the stop sign and then straight through the four-way stop. Take fourth driveway on the right. There is a big sign.

2024 Brandywine Bonsai Schedule

May 18: Marco Invernizzi Demonstration (Marc Huf's)
June 15: Wiring Workshop, Karen Harkaway (TBD)
July 20: Club Auction and Lunch (ABN Park)
August 17: Open Workshop (ABN Park)
September 21: Scrolls and Screens (TBD)
October 19: TBD
November 16: Business Meeting and Garage Sale (TBD)

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

May 18: **Nature's Way Bonsai 51th Anniversary Open House**, 1451 Pleasant Hill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111
David Easterbrook, a well-known Canadian bonsai artist, will be demonstrating.

American Bonsai Societies (ABS) Learning Seminars,
May 9-12, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Potomac Bonsai Association Festival, May 10-12, 2024, National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, Washington, DC

New Jersey Bonsai Societies, "Art of Bonsai" Exhibition & Sale, July 20-21, 2024 at Brookdale Community College, Warner Student Life Center, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ

Repotting Meeting (Rob King)

Our April meeting was fantastic. George led off the meeting with an excellent and informative look into his approach to repotting bonsai. Afterward many of us who brought trees spent some time repotting them. The meeting was filled with laughter and good fellowship. We welcomed four new members to the club and near the end of the meeting Longwood Gardens surprised us with two large carts filled with chrysanthemum starter plants for us to take home. The plants were identified and a key was provided so that we could pick the exact ones we wanted.

I started with four but after cleaning our work area, there were six lonely plants left so I took them and gave them a good home.

Longwood Show (Rob King)

As I understand it, the date for our Longwood show has not been solidified. Even so, this is a great time to start prepping your tree. What can you do. How about the following.

1. Put the tree into a "nice" display pot (Nice is in quotation marks because of the lack of consensus of what constitutes nice).
2. Routinely treat the tree with insecticide/fungicide so that the leaves are not chewed on when the tree is in the show.
3. Keep up with your weeding so that they don't establish themselves in your soil.
4. Collect moss as you stumble across it. Don't put it on the surface of the soil of the tree yet; you will do that as we approach the show. Cultivate it over the summer so that you have a nice collection come show time? Steve Ittel always has a nice collection of mosses to use. Maybe we can get him to write something about moss in next month's 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.

Meeting Giveaway (ROB King)

Last month, I forgot to bring our meeting giveaway. In the past we have not had a giveaway for our May meeting. This is because I thought that there are so many things going on and because of that it would be difficult to do it. Last year, Greg assured me that we would have no problem conducting the giveaway. Since Greg oversees the tickets, I will follow his lead and we will conduct a giveaway this month.

We will be giving away the book, "**The Art of Bonsai Creation, Care and Enjoyment**" by Yuji Yoshimura and Giovanna M. Halford. If you are not familiar with Yuji, he was responsible to bring bonsai to the East Coast; he held the first bonsai classes at Longwood Gardens and he provided several bonsai to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens (some of which we saw last year when we went to the BBG as a field trip).

This book is a reprint of the original book that was published in 1957. Some say that it rivals John Naka's pivotal book. I don't have an opinion other than I still read both of them over and over. I guarantee that no matter the level of bonsai artist you are, you will get hours of enjoyment from it and will refer to it often.

July Auction/Picnic

Our July 20th meeting is our annual Auction/Picnic at Anson B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square. This is our biggest fundraiser. We ask members to donate items that will then be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the club. The schedule consists of three parts: Pre-lunch auction, club-supplied lunch, and post-lunch auction.

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 Superfly or 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.

MABS' Select Photos by Steve Ittel



Mark Huf's Azalea



Jesse Cook's Maple



Jesse Cook's American Larch



The invited artists' (Sergio Cuan, Rafa Torres, and Boon) first challenges (from left to right)

Brief Comment on this year's MABS (Karin S.)

The show was great as usual. I wish I could divide myself in half though – one half would sit at the demos and the other would shop with the vendors. Of course, the vendors won more time than the demos but I still picked up some good information. The potter Gail Fiato was there again with her unusual glazes. But there were a few new potters like Steve Gossert (who has great colorful glazes) and red tail pottery. I bought two very nicely made mahogany stands from JM Stewart Guitars (he apparently branched out). The auction at the banquet provided some excitement in competition for special items.