



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

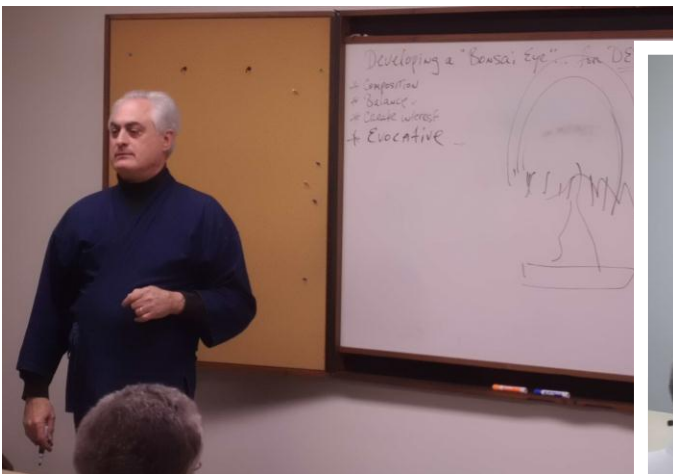
Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 12th, 7-10 pm**

Presentation begins 7:00 pm SHARP!

February 2013 Newsletter

January Meeting

Last month's meeting featured founding member **Martin Schmalenberg**, who gave an excellent presentation on **Developing a Bonsai Eye**. Marty used projected photographs to get us looking at world-class bonsai, and a few not-so-world-class bonsai, to determine (for a start) the direction in which each tree "reads"—does the tree "read" left-to-right, or right-to-left? If you don't know what this refers to, then be sure not to miss us next time. Understanding how to "read" bonsai can be the first step in getting the most out of good material, to bring out the real potential of each tree. It was a wonderful presentation and I think all in attendance had opportunities to think through bonsai design from a fresh perspective.



This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will focus on **forest plantings of Korean Hornbeam and Zelkova**, using material owned and provided by club member Fred Aufschlager (Fred owns the plantings and will be taking them home at the end of the meeting). We restyled and repotted these two forests a few years ago, and it's time to take the project to the next stage. So, bring some tools and plan to join in and get your hands dirty—this is a great chance to get some hands-on experience with an interesting project.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Club Dues: If you haven't yet paid your dues, it's only \$40 for an individual member or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact club treasurer **Fred Aufschlager** (contact information and **membership form** on last page).

Boonton Historical Society: A Tribute to late GSBS member JSL Greentree

A reminder that the exhibit is open every Sunday between 1-4 pm (check with the Historical Society to see if it's still running)—the Historical Society is housed in the red brick and stone building adjacent to the Boonton train station parking lot. On Sundays you can park there for free.

Don't Forget About MABS !



The poster is for the Midatlantic Bonsai Societies 30th Annual Spring Festival, held from April 19-21, 2013, at the Harrisburg/Hershey Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA. It features a list of speakers: Kunio Kobayashi (Japan), Peter Warren (UK), and Ryan Neil (USA). The event includes Friday Workshops, Professional & Members' Exhibits, and a Keido Demonstration by Master Kobayashi. Contact information for Brian O'Byrne is provided at the bottom right.

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Plant Care Tips for February

Now is a good time to begin putting together your bonsai compost. A suggested combination would be 1/3 peat, 1/3 garden compost, 1/3 sand or grit, and a slow-release fertilizer (about a handful per 5 gallons). Towards the end of the month, if there are any brief mild spells, it is time to repot and wire those deciduous trees. It is also possible to lift trees from the ground and do some undercutting. Leave evergreens until later. Branch pruning of deciduous and evergreen trees can be done (except Japanese maples and pines). Any major redesign and reshaping of trees can be done now. Pines and evergreens can be grafted now. [DY]

The weather continues weirdly. Warm days, cold days, but mostly beware of *dry* days. So far this winter, we seem to be getting enough snow or rain to keep things suitably moist. Keep your outdoor trees protected from wind, since the warm weather will allow your pots to dry out. I water my collection whenever the temperature rises above 40 degrees F, and I recommend you follow suit—if there hasn't been rain or snow. If you store your trees in a shed or other enclosure, beware of unseasonably warm weather—your trees may begin sprouting! Wiring may be performed on most conifers during the winter months, but deciduous trees are often too brittle to survive branch-bending, so postpone wiring on leafy trees until Spring. [JM]

2013 Calendar of Events:

Jan-Feb **Boonton Historical Society** continues a 3-month display commemorating our late club member **Greentree** – a celebration of her career as a gardener, landscape architect, artist, and civic activist. Open Sundays from 1-4 pm.

February Tuesday Feb 12

Creating Forest Plantings with Hornbeam and Zelkova. Club member Fred will bring his bonsai forests for pruning, redesign and repotting. We need all hands on deck for this one, so plan on getting your hands dirty! A great hands-on experience for newcomers to bonsai.

March Tuesday Mar 12

Professional nurseryman **Charles Hildebrant** of **Hildebrant Nurseries** (Oldwick, NJ) will demonstrate the techniques of **grafting**. **Minimum of 20 members in attendance requested by presenter.**

We will also select the 3 trees to represent our club at the Mid Atlantic Bonsai Symposium (MABS) in April.

April Tuesday Apr 9: Topic to be determined

Tuesday Apr 23: **Guest speaker Peter Warren**, fresh from his appearance at MABS the previous weekend.

May Tuesday May 14: Topic to be determined.

We are trying to engage a guest speaker for this meeting.

June **Sunday, June 2: Annual GSBS BONSAI OPEN HOUSE.**

Held in the upstairs lecture hall of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Open to the public 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Club members arrive by 9:00 am to help set up. Lectures, demos, dozens of trees on display, vendors selling pots, tools, soil, books, DVDs and more.

Standing Offer for members of GSBS

Efrain Torres, owner and proprietor of **Manhattan Bonsai** in NYC, now offers **FREE shipping** on all orders from members of the Great Swamp Bonsai Society! Specifically, you can order online or by phone, and he will deliver your merchandise to the following meeting of GSBS. This represents a tremendous savings when it comes to ordering soil, pots, or trees, where shipping costs can be prohibitive. To take advantage of the offer, order online, select "Ground" for shipping, and put "GSBS member" in the comment field. (This is for **club members only**, please!) Visit Efrain's website at manhattanbonsai.com or phone him at (914) 793-1093.

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Club Information

Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Ave,
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Date:

Second Tuesday of each Month,
(check our website for special dates
and locations)

Time: 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Remember to check our website
(<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/index.htm>) for
special events, dates, updates
and latest information.

Great Swamp Bonsai Society Membership Registration:

Send to:

GSBS c/o Fred Aufschläger
17 Lakeview Drive,
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

New Renewal

Individual (\$40.00) Family (\$50.00)

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
