



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm**

**Presentation begins 7:00 pm SHARP!**

**March 2013 Newsletter**

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## February Meeting

Last month's meeting was CANCELLED due to the closing of the Arboretum for Lincoln's Birthday – wish we knew about that in advance! We apologize for the problem—we seem to be besieged by mixups this year (someone at our host organization should have spotted the conflict ages ago)—the meeting was meant to be a hands-on workshop on **forest plantings of Korean Hornbeam and Zelkova**, using material owned and provided by club member Fred Aufschlager. We will have to save this one for another time.

## This Month's Meeting—Grafting, and Tree selection for MABS

On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will host guest speaker **Charles Hildebrant** of **Hildebrant Nurseries** (Oldwick, NJ), who will demonstrate the techniques of **grafting**. **Minimum of 20 members in attendance requested by presenter**, so please help make this a good turnout.

We will also select the three trees to represent our club at the Mid Atlantic Bonsai Symposium (MABS) in April. We select the trees by “penny vote”—each member in attendance has three pennies to place before their favorite trees, and the three trees with the most pennies are the winners. We also have a runner up, in case (as in the Miss America pageant) one of the winners cannot perform their appointed tasks. **Any club members who wish to submit a tree to represent our club at MABS must bring the tree to Tuesday's meeting.**

Club member **Fred Aufschlager** will also be on hand with the remaining **bonsai pots** from the **David Yedwab collection**, so if you're interested come prepared.

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**Novices and non-members always welcome!**

**Come and plan to get your hands dirty!**

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**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

Check with the Historical Society to see if the exhibit is still running. It has been open every Sunday between 1-4 pm. 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.

## Newark Cherry Blossom Festival

**From club president Diego Pablos:** “We just got the official invitation for this year’s Cherry Blossom Festival at Branch Brook Park in Essex County, **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**. As you might remember John attended this two years ago, and last year’s festival got canceled due to weather. We need to reply ASAP, to reserve our booth. They need us to give at least one lecture-demo, and we will also need to have the booth staffed at all times, for security purposes. Please let me know if you are available, it will be the Sunday before MABS. Opens to the public at 10 am, closes at 5 pm, set up has to be finished by 10. John will not be available for this one, we would need at least 3 members to keep an eye on the booth, while a fourth member does the demo(s).”

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## Don’t Forget About MABS ! [\[www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com\]](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com)

If you are unacquainted with the **MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies** (MABS) Spring Festival, don’t miss it this year! A wonderful opportunity to see bonsai lectures, demos, and presentations by some of the world’s finest bonsai artists. Also a great chance to purchase pots, trees, tools, DVDs, books, stands, etc. etc. etc. from around the country and around the world. Club member John Michalski will be a vendor this year, offering wild-collected pre-bonsai—look for him under **Northeast Yamadori**.

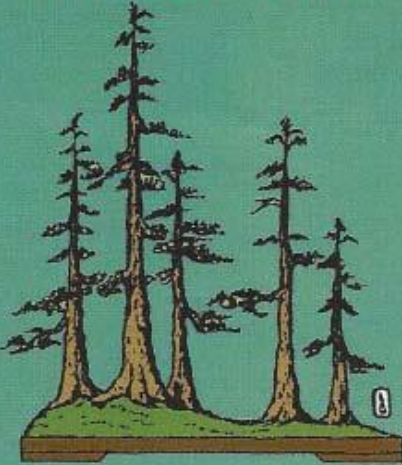
**Please note a change in the presenter lineup. Kunio Kobayashi is unable to attend. Instead we introduce Mr. Minoru Akiyama**, who is second generation bonsai artist from Nirasaki in Yamanashi Prefecture. After graduating from high school, Minoru apprenticed for six years under Kunio Kobayashi at Shunkaen. After completing his apprenticeship in 2003, Minoru quickly established himself as a rising star in the Japanese Bonsai community. At age 29, he was the youngest person ever to win the Prime Minister’s award at the Sakafu exhibition, the highest accolade for a professional bonsai artist. He won this award again in 2011, both times using junipers collected by his father, a renowned yamadori collector. He has won many other awards at Sakafu and won the top prize at Kojuten, the professional Satsuki exhibition. Well versed in all species of trees, he specializes in Junipers, Taxus, Prunus, Azalea and White Pines.

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Akiyama will conduct a “bring your own tree” workshop. Be sure to bring something interesting so you can get the most out of his design and technical ideas. On Saturday, he will present a lecture/demo on a large San Jose Juniper. On Sunday morning, using materials provided by MABS members, he will conduct a lecture/demo on Keido, the art of exhibiting bonsai.

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BONSAI SOCIETIES  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL  
APRIL 19-21, 2013

Featuring:  
Kunio Kobayashi- Japan  
Peter Warren- UK  
Ryan Neil- USA

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- Friday Workshops
- Professional & Members' Exhibits
- Keido Demonstration by Master Kobayashi

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## Plant Care Tips for March

March is the perfect time to repot, and to branch- and root-prune. Trees less than 5 years old should be repotted annually, trees between 5 and 20 years old may be repotted every other year, and trees over 20 should be repotted every 3 years. By the end of March, depending on weather conditions, trees can be gradually brought out of winter shelter. Evergreens may be fertilized now and, in general, you may spray for fungus and insects on a warm day. March is really the last month deciduous trees can be lifted from the ground, as buds have not yet broken. Evergreens can be lifted until the end of April. March and April are also good months to dig trees from the wild, keeping as much fibrous root attached as possible. [DY]

Keep your trees cool. Don't be in a hurry to encourage early growth, as it can still get cold. March is a *great* month for repotting, and for digging planted trees and collecting field grown ones. If you're collecting deciduous trees from the wild, try to get them just as the buds are swelling, but before they have completely opened. [JM]

## Teaming Up with Bergen Bonsai Society?

We are beginning to discuss opportunities to pair-up with BBS for certain events—including the Flower & Garden Show in Morristown, and booking guest artists. Stay tuned.

## 2013 Calendar of Events:

**March** Tuesday Mar 12

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**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](http://manhattanbonsai.com) or phone him at (914) 793-1093.

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## Club Information

### Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
353 East Hanover Ave,  
Morristown, NJ 07962

### 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:

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