



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 10th**

Wiring Workshop/Demo

March 2015 Newsletter

This month's meeting: **Wiring Workshop/Demo with trees you bring**

Bring your tools and a tree or two, or three, for a full-on **wiring workshop** (club wire provided for newbies), where you can get a real workout with the guidance and assistance of our more experienced club members. This is the right time of year for wiring your evergreens, and some of the deciduous trees can be wired (but should not be bent quite yet, as the branches may snap).

Last month's meeting: **Workshop/Demo with Shimpaku Junipers**

Club member Philip Shimko led a Shimpaku lecture/demo in which he used 6-7 year old cuttings to demonstrate initial trunk styling using raffia and heavy gauge copper wire. Several club members joined in as paid participants, and the results were impressive.



MABS Registration information and schedule of events!

This year's **Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival** will be held **April 17-19th** at the **Fairbridge Inn** (formerly the Ramada Inn) on Route 10 West in **East Hanover, New Jersey**. Visit the MABS website at <http://midatlanticbonsai.org/registration.htm> for registration forms and all the details.

We have received the following photo from the MABS board, showing jewelry created in **Frank Mihalic's** workshop at BCI in Australia. Frank is leading a similar workshop at this year's MABS festival on Friday afternoon. You should consider signing up for it!



Plant Care Tips for March

March is the perfect time to repot, and to branch- and root-prune. 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. [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. (The old-school recommendation is that 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—some modern bonsai artists suggest you can wait longer on all ages.) March is also the starting time for digging planted trees and collecting wild or field grown ones (look for buds just beginning to swell, which is a great time to collect). [JM]

Club Soil Mix: We Still Have Bags of Akadama for sale!

Fred still has Akadama soil, in two granule sizes—2.5 mm (small grade) and 5.0 mm (medium grade). Bags are 18 liters, about 22 lbs. Cost per bag is \$40.00, which is a good price. Fred also has 3 bags of **bonsai soil from Saratoga** seller, about 20 lbs., \$25 each, and **pumice** at \$3/lb.

Bonsai Magazines for Sale

Fred also has received an extensive collection of various bonsai magazines, in continuous series spanning from around 1990 to 2008. He will bring some of it to Tuesday's meeting, and if there's something in particular you are looking for, please inquire.

Remember to save your copper wire clippings!

Following the November 2014 meeting, club member Kerry Heck brought in our collected copper wire clippings to turn in for scrap. All together it was 23 pounds of copper and a pound of brass wire screen, which brought the club **\$55.00** – more than the price of an annual membership. If we all contribute in the coming year, I'm sure it could be a lot more, so please save the pieces and bring them to the meetings.

Calendar of Events for 2014–2015 (topics subject to change)

March 10th: Wiring Workshop. Bring your tree(s) from home to get some hands-on practice and instruction.

April 14th: Root-pruning and Repotting workshop. Bring in your own trees for assistance and practice.

April 21st (Tuesday after MABS): Guest presenter from MABS -- Budi Salistyo, from Indonesia.

May 12th: Topic to be determined.

June 7th (Sunday): Annual Club Open House and Bonsai Show.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Visit our webpage at <http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/>

Club Dues: Dues are due at the September meeting. If you still haven't paid, it's only \$40 for an individual membership, or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact club treasurer **Fred Aufschläger** (contact information and **membership form** on last page).

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Club Information

Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Ave,
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Date:

Usually the 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 Aufshläger New Renewal

17 Lakeview Drive,

Bernardsville, NJ 07924

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

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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If Family Membership, please list other members:
