



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 9th, 7-10 pm**

Presentation begins 7:00 pm SHARP!

April 2013 Newsletter

March Meeting

Last month's meeting was on the topic of **grafting**, with guest speaker **Charles Hildebrant** of **Hildebrant Nurseries** (Oldwick, NJ). Mr. Hildebrant was just great—informative, engaging, and entertaining. We also selected the three trees to represent GSBS at this year's Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival. In fact, only three trees were submitted, so we take this moment to urge more of you to bring trees in future—we know there are plenty of wonderful contenders out there, so don't be shy!



April Meeting(s): **Tuesday April 9th, Tuesday April 23rd**

Our April meeting will be an **open workshop**—bring in your trees for styling, pruning, repotting, or wiring.

NOTE: We will **also** be hosting a second meeting on April 23rd, with **guest presenter Peter Warren**, fresh from his appearance at this year's **MABS Spring Festival**.

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

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

We have, unfortunately, had to back out of this year's festival, due to a meager response from our club members. This is a good event for GSBS, but requires a minimum of three—preferably five or six—club members on hand, and we just did not get that commitment this time around. Hopefully we will be invited back next year, and can produce a more resounding response from our club.

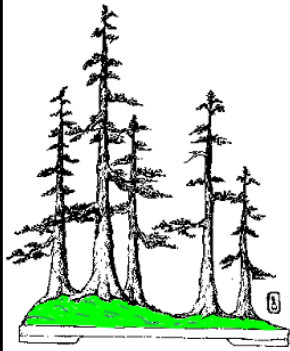
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Don't Forget About MABS ! [\[www.midatlanticbonsai.freervers.com\]](http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freervers.com)

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.



MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies 2013 SPRING FESTIVAL

Guest Artists:

- Minoru Akiyama. (Japan)
- Ryan Neil. (USA)
- Peter Warren (UK)

For a registration form or additional information, visit our website at

www.MidAtlanticBonsai.freeservers.com or contact Brian O'Byrne by telephone at (973) 379-3386,

or by e-mail at bkobyrne@yahoo.com.



Diego Pablos

President's Corner

Hello everyone,

At our March meeting, for those whom missed it, we had the opportunity to learn from Charles Hildebrandt, of Hildebrandt Nurseries. He showed us all the tools and materials needed to do a successful graft, including the types of grafting knives he considers to be the best ones, and the best knife for any budget. Great demonstration and knowledge of the arts. (If anyone would like to visit his nursery, go take Route 78 west of Hwy 287, get off on Oldwick Road heading north, about one (1) mile, nursery should be on your left.)

Remember that this year's MABS will be held at the **Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA, April 19-21**. And we will be having as a **guest speaker the following Tuesday, April 23, Peter Warren**, from the UK--His favorite species include: Junipers, Spruce, Rosemary and anything a bit unusual.

Regards,

Diego Pablos
President, Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Visit our web page at:

<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/>

Plant Care Tips for April

Ready, set, GO! April is still a decent month for root-pruning, and for digging trees from yard or field. Begin your feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning schedules in earnest. Of course, be mindful of potential cold snaps, and be ready to protect vulnerable plants. This is the time we've all been waiting for! [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:

- April** Tuesday Apr 9: **Open Workshop – Bring Your Own Trees**
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,
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:
