



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 29th**

Paid workshop, 1-5 pm; free meeting, 7:00-10:00 pm

April 2014 Newsletter

Mid Atlantic (MABS) Spring Festival – April 25–27, 2014

Please plan on attending this year's Mid Atlantic Bonsai Societies (MABS) Spring Festival, held this year at the **Ramada Inn on Route 10 West in East Hanover, NJ**. It's only minutes from our usual meeting place in Morristown, an easy drive from all major highways.

The fun starts Friday afternoon with three concurrent **hands-on workshops** (check for availability), with guest artists **Suthin Sukosolvisit, Corin Tomlinson, or Takashi Iura**. The vendor area opens between 4-6 pm, offering pots, tools, wire, soil, trees, accent plants, DVDs, and you name it. At 8:00 pm there will be a lecture/demo by **Suthin**. Saturday starts with the vendor area opening at 8:00 am and more lecture/demos by all three guests throughout the day. Professional **critiques** of the trees on display will be held at 5:30 and 6:45 pm. The **club members' exhibit** will be open all day as well. A **banquet and auction** starts at 8:00 pm.

Fees apply to all workshops, lecture/demos, and critiques, and availability is limited. Go to <http://midatlanticbonsai.freeservers.com/fescurr.htm> for details.

The vendor and display areas open again at 8:00 am Sunday, with final lecture/demos by all three artists going till noon, at which time everybody packs up and heads for home.

General admission to the **bonsai display** and **vendor areas** is **\$20.00** and well worth it. For all other activities you may register in person or online (I suggest online, and ASAP). **Please register as a member of the GSBS** – our club receives a portion of the cash surplus in proportion to our participation in the workshops and lectures.

April Meeting: Tuesday, April 29th

Please note that this month's meeting takes place on the **LAST** Tuesday of the month, and features **guest artist Suthin Sukosolvisit**, fresh from his appearance at this year's **MABS Spring Festival**. GSBS will host a **paid workshop** (see notice on next page) to be held at our usual meeting room at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum – *sign up now if you wish to participate, space is limited!* Following a break for dinner, Suthin will join us for our **regular meeting at 7:00 pm** to discuss the art of bonsai using **your trees** for reference/demo material, in addition to trees that have been worked on at the afternoon workshop. Attendance at the 7 pm meeting is free to the public, as usual.

Workshop Featuring Mr. Suthin Sukosolvisit



Born in Thailand, Suthin has been involved with bonsai since 1970. He has won many awards including national bonsai awards in Thailand and the United States, where he and his wife operate the Royal Bonsai Garden in Stoughton, Massachusetts. Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai, but also with Japanese maple, Juniper, Azalea and Black pine, among many other species.

Suthin teaches his bonsai techniques throughout the United States and abroad, sharing new information and techniques wherever he goes. His bonsai are known for their proportion, refinement and detail.



Tuesday, April 29th, from 1 pm till 5 pm

To be held at: Frelinghuysen Arboretum

53 East Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960

This limited workshop is open to 10 participants; the cost is \$50 dollars per participant.

Silent observer's the cost is \$20 dollars.

(Bring your own trees, max. 3 per participant)

Please make check payable to

“Great Swamp Bonsai Society” and send to

Fred Aufschläger, 17 Lakeview Drive, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

(Full payment shall be received to reserve your space)

If you have any questions please feel free to email club president Diego Pablos at bonsai4ever@aol.com, or call 973.224.8139

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. As the weather finally settles into “normal” springtime mode—that is to say, temperatures climb into the 50s and 60s, and stay there—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. The very hard winter we have just experienced lingers on, in the form of late bud-break, so watch your trees for signs of genuine activity before throwing on the fertilizer.

This is the time we’ve all been waiting for! [JM]

Calendar of Events for 2013–2014

April 29th: Guest Speaker Suthin Sukosolvisit, fresh from his appearance at MABS 2014.

May 13th (Second Tuesday): Air-Layering Demo-Workshop. Bring your own, or work with ours. Find out how to get interesting bonsai material from the tops of stock plants, or get better rootage from that bonsai that needs a bit of help. Fertilizer Cake-Making. We will provide the ingredients to make large batches of bonsai fertilizer cakes, which you can bring home in ziploc bags, to spread out on baking sheets and dry at home.

June (First Sunday): GSBS Open House. Lectures, demos, raffles, vendors, dozens of trees on display. A great outing for the club, and a great opportunity for newcomers to see what we’re all about.

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: 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).

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 considerable 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 Aufshläger
17 Lakeview Drive,
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New Renewal

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

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
