



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 14th**

Repotting Workshop/Demo

April 2015 Newsletter

This month we have **TWO** meetings! **April 14th, Repotting Workshop/Demo with trees you bring;** **April 21st, Guest Artist Budi Sulisty, fresh from MABS.**

April 14th, bring your tools, pots, and a tree or two, or three, for a full-on **repotting workshop** (club soil, wire, and plastic bonsai pots 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 repotting, and several newer members have expressed interest in having a helping hand to get them through the process. We encourage our more experienced members to bring a tree to demonstrate with as well. **Don't forget your mixing tubs to help control the overflow!**

April 21st, bring a tree or two to a **lecture/demo with guest artist Budi Sulisty**, visiting the United States from his native Indonesia for this year's MABS Spring Festival. His most recent book, "Tropical Bonsai Gallery," was published in 2008. He continues to write for local and international magazines, and he has taught Bonsai on National Television in Indonesia since 1985. Numerous countries have invited him to give demonstrations and workshops and to judge Bonsai. He is renowned for his work with tropical bonsai, but please bring along any tree that you'd like advice, insights, or hands-on help with.

We will also, on the same day, host an **afternoon workshop with Budi** (bring your own trees), from noon to 4:00, for \$50.00 per participant. Contact Fred to sign up.



Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

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

Last week's special meeting: Selection of trees to represent GSBS at this year's MABS Spring Festival.

Only six members turned up at the Morris County Library (I know, it was short notice), but we managed to produce three deserving candidates to represent our club (along with the beautiful Eastern Red Cedar presented by Peter Michienzi at our last club meeting). The three bonsai brought to the special meeting are shown below.



(left) Shimpaku Juniper by Mark Schmuck; (center) Musk Maple over rock by Rick Myers; (right) Korean Hornbeam forest by Fred Aufschläger. Below: Peter Michienzi's Eastern Red Cedar.



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.

Plant Care Tips for April

Ready, set, GO! April is still a decent month for potting, repotting, and 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. Heaven knows, after this crazy winter, this is the time we've all been waiting for! [JM]

We Still Have Bags of Akadama and pumice 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 **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)

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 Salisty, from Indonesia.

May 12th: Topic to be determined.

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

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
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New Renewal

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

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
