



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

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Guest Artist Marc Noelanders

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April 2019 Newsletter

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Our April meeting will be a demo/presentation by **guest artist Marc Noelanders** (president of the European Bonsai Association and Director of the WBFF for Europe), fresh from his appearance at this year's **MABS Spring Festival**. This evening presentation is free and open to the public, so feel free to bring a friend!



(photo lifted without permission from Willowbog Bonsai)

Marc Noelanders hails from Belgium, and has studied with bonsai masters such as Masahiko Kimura, Saburo Kato, and John Naka. He started the Noelanders trophy in 2000 which is celebrating its 20th show and has grown to become the largest show in Europe. Marc runs ten schools in Europe, the UK, the USA, India and Israel, and travels regularly all over the world to teach and demonstrate the art of bonsai.

Marc Noelanders Workshop: Tuesday, April 16th, noon to 4 PM

There may still be **space** available for the hands-on workshop. Please contact **Diego Pablos** at neyamadoribonsai@gmail.com if interested. For details see **page 6**.

MABS Spring Festival 2019! – April 12–14

This year's Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival is being held the weekend of **April 12-14**, at the **Holiday Inn in Harrisburg/Hershey/Grantville**, PA 17028 (**Exit 80 on I-81**). Headliners will be: TAIGA URUSHIBATA representing Japan, MARC NOELANDERS representing Europe, and JENNIFER PRICE representing the USA.

See last month's GSBS newsletter for photos of last year's event. This is a great opportunity to see world-class artists working on top-notch bonsai material, as well as a chance to see dozens of bonsai representing clubs from up and down the northeast, plus a large VENDOR area where you can browse and buy every sort of bonsai-related material, including trees, pots, accent plants, tools, wire, soil, books, magazines, and Asian-inspired artwork.

If you aren't in a position to pay for the full experience (including the lecture/demonstrations), a modest entry fee will allow you access to the display trees and the vendor rooms, which are well worth the trip all by themselves. If you're new to bonsai, the vendors are a great resource in helping you understand the various tools, soils, plants, etc.

The registration forms, in both digital and PDF format are available at: <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org/registration.htm>. Online registration ends April 5.

Remember to **state your club affiliation on the registration form**—we get a portion of the profits, based on club member attendance!



March Meeting: Creating Deadwood (Jin & Shari)

Our March meeting focused on designing, creating, and maintaining decorative deadwood—known in the bonsai world as *jin* (dead branches) and *shari* (exposed deadwood along the trunk) Photos on following page. We also **selected the trees** that will be **representing our club at this year's MABS Spring Festival**, as shown below. (Not pictured is a Shimpaku Juniper designed by club member Peter Michienzi, which will also be on display.) Congratulations to the proud artists!



(above, left) Rick Myers' Canadian Larch; (above, right) Fred Aufschläger's Mugo Pine; (below) Bill Muldowney's Shimpaku Juniper (yet to be repotted in photo).



Photos from the *Jin* and *Shari* workshop



(left) Bill Muldowney carves the main trunk on a Dwarf Alberta Spruce; (below) Rick Myers assesses his work on a Scots Pine.



(below) Izzy Gurler's artfully carved Bush Honeysuckle.



Reminder: The “Bonsai Show” signs will be available for pickup

We will have signs available to club members who wish to place them in suitable locations in the weeks leading up to our club **Open House on Sunday, June 2nd**.

The date will be here before you know it, so please get thinking about this so that we can make the best use of the signs we have. Thanks!



Plant Care Tips for April

Is everybody ready? April is still suitable for root-pruning, and for digging trees from yard or field. Begin your feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning schedules in earnest. **Be mindful of potential cold snaps**, and be ready to protect vulnerable plants. I never consider my garden safe until the Magnolia blossoms have dropped to the ground without being turned brown by a late freeze. [JM]

Save and Bring In Your Discarded Bonsai Wire

Please remember to save and bring in those wire clippings. **It helps if you cut your wire into short (3-6 inch) lengths, as it packs more easily for transport and sale.** About once a year we bring them to a scrap metal dealer and swap them for cash. It's usually about enough to equal one or two paid memberships, so it really does help keep the GSBS afloat.

Calendar of Events for 2018-2019

April 12-14: Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies' (MABS) Spring Festival.

For details, go to <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org/>.

April 16th: Guest artist Marc Noelanders, fresh from MABS. Bring-your-own-tree workshop from **12-4 pm** (\$50 per participant, at the usual meeting room). Presentation/demo 6:30-9:30.

Paying participants are encouraged to bring up to 3 trees to work on. At 4:00 we break for dinner at a local restaurant (we split the check, including paying for our guest artist) and reconvene at our usual meeting room for the evening presentation, which is free and open to the public.

May 14th: Phoenix/Approach Graft Workshop/Repotting Workshop.

Learn how to graft live “whips” onto dramatic deadwood, to create stunning bonsai material. (Repotting Workshop may be moved to March depending on local conditions (that is, temperature!)—stay tuned.)

June 2nd (first Sunday): Annual GSBS Bonsai Open House. Stay tuned for details.

Dues are Always Welcome!

Dues are normally collected at the September meeting. If you have not yet paid up, please bring cash or check to **club treasurer Rick Myers**, or mail it to his address on the last page of this newsletter. Annual membership remains at \$40 for individual, \$50 family membership, and helps support club activities such as hosting touring experts.

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

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

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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: 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Remember to check our website
(<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/index.htm>)
for special events, dates, updates
and latest information.

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Send to:

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80 Kenvil Avenue
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Name(s): _____ **Email:** _____

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If Family Membership, please list other members:
