



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm**

**Be there or be square!**

**May 2013 Newsletter**

## April Meeting(s)

We had two meetings in April, the first on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> (an open workshop), the second on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with guest presenter **Peter Warren** of the U.K., fresh from his appearance at this year's MABS Spring Festival. Peter was genial, witty, and informative, helpfully critiquing club members' trees and providing all sorts of insights into bonsai cultivation, maintenance, and design.



## May Meeting: **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our May meeting will include **preparing your trees for our Annual June Open House** (please bring in stands, mats, accent plants, etc. to help demonstrate), along with an **open workshop, focusing on plucking, pinching, and wiring**—bring in your trees for advice, assistance, or to teach us! This is a good time to work on **deciduous bonsai** as well as **spruce**, which need their buds pinched about now.

## Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>—**GSBS Annual Open House !!!**

Get working on your trees to help us put on another great show. All trees, at whatever stage of development, are welcome—we like the general public to see bonsai of all types, and from every level of experience. Don't be shy, bring 'em in! On hand will be vendors (pots, tools, soil, books) and club members will present lecture-demos with trees to be raffled off. Open to the public 10:00-4:00, club members please arrive by 9:00 a.m. to help set up.

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**Novices and non-members always welcome!**  
**Come and plan to get your hands dirty!**

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**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).

*Visit our web page at:*  
<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/>

## Plant Care Tips for May

By May most deciduous trees have come into leaf and new candles on pines have sprouted. Watering should now routinely be done once a day. Cuttings of evergreens may still be taken. Air-layering of deciduous and evergreens can be continued. Pinch back long shoots of deciduous trees as sudden frosts can damage the young leaves. [DY]

You can still repot or dig trees in May if you're careful. Begin your feeding, pinching, pruning schedules in earnest. It's growing season, folks! Oddly, in many ways this is easier than the worrying months of winter. [JM]

## Teaming Up with Bergen Bonsai Society?

We continue 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:

**May**            Tuesday May 14: **Preparing our trees for the June Open House; Open Workshop—pinching, pruning & wiring.**

**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](http://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

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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If Family Membership, please list other members:

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