



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 12th**

Basic Design Workshop/Demo

May 2015 Newsletter

This Month: Basic Design and Initial Styling

Club members **Fred Aufschläger** and **Phil Shimko** will be performing a demonstration of basic bonsai design and initial styling on one (or perhaps two) of our “club trees.” The results will be raffled at the meeting.

As always, feel free to bring a tree or two of your own, for questions, comments, suggestions, ideas, or just to show off! We can also assist you with styling, wiring, etc.

GSBS Club Member to show at National Bonsai & Penjing Museum

We congratulate club member **Fred Aufschläger** (who many of you know has been designing and creating his own **bonsai pots** for the past several years), for having one of his wood ash glazed pots selected to be among the 80 to be **exhibited at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum** in Ellicott City, Maryland! The exhibition will be held **June 11-14**, and you can read all about it at the American Bonsai Society’s webpage [absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org) (look under “learning symposium”), or (if you feel like typing a long string of characters) at <http://www.absbonsai.org/2015-abs-learning-symposium/3rd-national-bonsai-foundation-juried-pot-exhibition>.

Well done, Fred! GSBS is very proud of you.



Fred Aufschläger (right), poses with fellow potter Ron Lang.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Visit our webpage 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, and pruning schedules in earnest. It's growing season, folks! Oddly, in many ways this is easier than the worrying months of winter. [JM]

We Still Have Bags of Akadama 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.

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

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,
Morristown, NJ 07962

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 New Renewal
17 Lakeview Drive,
Bernardsville, NJ 07924 Individual (\$40.00) Family (\$50.00)

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
