



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: Annual Bonsai Open House !!

Sunday, June 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm

Club members arrive by 9 am to set up

June 2012 Newsletter

Greentree, 1929-2012

We have lost more than one dear friend this year. Long-time club member **Joan Greentree**, who in later years preferred to be addressed simply as “Greentree,” passed away this May from complications following abdominal surgery. She was a great woman, a talented bonsai artist, a gifted landscape architect, and she will be sorely missed.



Victor Levine, one of Greentree’s grown children, writes: “We met with the Boonton Historical Museum trustees today and they are excited about my idea to devote a show to my mother’s professional work. We will use the opening of that show, on September 23rd, to invite all those whose lives she touched to join us in a celebration of her fifty-year career as a gardener, landscape architect, artist, and civic activist. We hope you and everyone at the Bonsai Club will be able to make it (details to follow), or at least visit the exhibit during its three month residency.”

Stay tuned.

We also sadly note the passing of Peter Michienzi’s grown son Edward, who died last week after a lifelong battle with Beta thalassemia, a genetically-inherited blood cell disease.

GSBS Annual Open House, Sunday June 3rd 10 am to 4 pm

Please plan to attend our annual Big Event! Held in the upstairs lecture hall of the Haggerty Education Center (Frelinghuysen Arboretum—it’s our regular meeting building, but upstairs). Bring as many trees to display as you wish – it’s always good to fill the room up. Don’t be afraid to bring a tree to work on during the show—we’ve found that many newcomers enjoy the chance to ask questions and watch you in action. We’ll be performing several lecture/demos, raffling demo trees, and selling pots, books, tools, videos and other related items.

Please wear your GSBS Club T-shirts, if you’ve got one, and if you need one they will be available for \$10 (to cover cost). Bring a lunch if you like, there is a fridge available.

We have contacted several online “community calendars,” but please do what you can to promote the event too. And bring some friends!

Club members should arrive by 9:00 am to help set up, please.

Plant Care Tips for June

It's getting late to dig or repot hardy trees, though it can still be done if you know what you're doing or have a smart friend. Your feeding, pinching, watering and pruning schedules should be in full swing by now. With deciduous trees, pinch or clip the terminal buds after they've lengthened and hardened up a bit, leaving only one (or two) pairs of leaves to promote ramification. (With certain species, such as Japanese Maples, pinch out new leaf-pairs as soon as they make their appearance past the first new pair of leaves, otherwise the internodes will lengthen beyond utility.) Most of your candle-pinching for evergreens will be winding down at this point. Everyone seems to have their own preferences for fertilizers and feeding schedules, so ask around or find a good book. Keep an eye peeled for insect pests and don't overdo it with the chemicals! Always read and follow manufacturers' directions, and be aware that plants in small containers are more easily stressed than plants growing in the ground. If you spray your trees with insecticides or fungicides, it's best to put them into the shade for the rest of the day..

Tips supplemented with material from *Growing & Displaying Bonsai* by Colin Lewis and Neil Sutherland and from *Bonsai, the Art of Growing and Keeping Miniature Trees* by Peter Chan

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 or phone him at (914) 793-1093.

Novices 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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When:

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.

Calendar of Events:

June 3 Sunday – **GSBS Open House**. All club members encouraged to bring trees to display to the general public. Admission free, open to public 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Club members arrive by 9:00 to set up.

July & August – Club picnic and informal BBQ, hosted at club members' homes on a weekend. Dates and times to be determined.

If you haven't yet paid your Dues...

Our dues-cycle usually begins in September, so please be forthcoming with your dues. Your club uses these funds to provide for guest lecturers, transportation, etc. so please... Dues are only \$40 for an individual member or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact Fred Aufschlager (contact information below).

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