



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Guest Artist Pedro Morales**

**GSBS Bonsai Open House !!!**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm**

**June 2015 Newsletter**

## Special Meeting, Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Guest Artist **Pedro Morales**

Guest artist **Pedro Morales** is visiting from Puerto Rico, and bringing with him his internationally-renown expertise with **tropical bonsai**. This special meeting will be held at the home of **Fred and Doris Aufschläger**, 17 Lakeview Drive, Bernardsville, NJ 07924 (Phone: 908.766.1359). Phone or email ([fdauf@msn.com](mailto:fdauf@msn.com)) to let them know if you're coming. 7-10 pm, and pray for clear skies!



## SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> – GSBS Annual Bonsai OPEN HOUSE

The first Sunday of June is our club's **annual Open House**. Please bring a tree, or two or three, to display in the large lecture hall upstairs of our usual meeting room at the **Frelinghuysen Arboretum**. Open to the public from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, but **club members please arrive by 9:00 am to help set up**. Bring trees, accent plants, stands, etc. if you have them. Some tips for displaying your trees are provided on the next page.

We will be presenting a variety of lecture-demos aimed at beginners, but will field questions of any sort from all comers. **Please consider bringing a tree to actually work on during the show—we've found that people love to walk up and ask you questions about what you're doing!**

Some of the **demo trees will be raffled**, and visitors will cast their votes for **people's choice**.

There will also be **pots, soil, tools, DVDs, magazines, books, and tools for sale**, so bring some cash or your checkbook in case there's something you like.

## Some tips for displaying your bonsai

Classically, bonsai are **displayed on a stand, flat stone, or mat** of some kind, to set the tree apart from its background. Apart from purpose-crafted wood bonsai tables and stands, a pleasing affect can be achieved using rustic slabs of stone, bamboo place settings, artfully-arranged weathered boards, etc. With a bit of imagination, a great variety of inexpensive materials can be put to pleasing affect, so do give it some thought.



In addition, there is usually **an accent plant, stone, or sculpture placed to one side**, to enhance the sense of space around the bonsai. Again, a great variety of things can be used with a little imagination.



Finally, you may consider bringing a **self-standing backdrop** of some kind, to provide cover in case your tree is placed near distractions in our display hall



(windows, light switch panels, fire extinguishers, etc.) that you would rather hide from view during the show. We have found that **tri-fold display boards** (used for displays at meetings or trade shows) made of white or black cardboard, or foam-core board, work fairly well for all but the largest bonsai displays. They can be purchased at office supply and craft stores.

**Beginners: please feel welcome to bring your “beginner bonsai” for display! It’s a great opportunity for newcomers to see where it all starts.**

***Novices and non-members always welcome!***

***Come and plan to get your hands dirty!***

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

## **NEWS: We will be having club meetings in July and August!**

This year marks the start of **a new schedule for GSBS**. In response to club member input, we have decided that January and February have not been great months for bonsai meetings—too many of the members' trees are frozen to the ground or buried in snow, and the tropicals don't like coming out into the cold. Therefore, this year we are trying something different. Starting this summer, GSBS will be meeting in July and August (**venues to be determined this year**), with the usual meetings at the Arboretum in September through December. Then, taking a winter break for two months, to resume meetings in March.

Look for upcoming emails to detail the venues and topics for July and August.

## **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, and pruning schedules should be in full swing by now. Pinch the terminal buds from deciduous trees, leaving only one pair of leaves, and 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. [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 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday):** **Special meeting with Guest Artist Pedro Morales** (7-10 pm at Fred Aufschläger's, detailed provided above).

**June 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** **Annual Club Open House and Bonsai Show.**

### Standing Offer for members of GSBS

Efrain Torres, owner and proprietor of **Manhattan Bonsai** in NYC, 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 considerable 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.

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

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

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If Family Membership, please list other members:

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