



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **SUNDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am–4:00 pm**

**Topic: ANNUAL BONSAI OPENHOUSE**

**June 2017 Newsletter**

## **This month: Our Annual Bonsai Open House !!!**

On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, we host our annual Bonsai Open House (in the upstairs hall of the Haggerty Education Center, our usual building), which is free and open to the public from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. **Club members are asked to arrive by 9:00 am** to help set up, and everyone is encouraged to bring one or more trees to display—whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or with years of experience, all trees, in all stages of development, are helpful in demonstrating the art and techniques of our favorite art form. ***(Please note that the Open House takes the place of our usual Tuesday meeting.)***

We will be presenting several lecture-demos, with some demo trees being raffled at the conclusion of the presentation. **Jim Gillespie** will also be on hand, selling **books, tools, soil, DVDs**, and all sorts of items related to bonsai.

You might also consider **bringing a tree to work on** at one of the tables before the admiring public. It's a great opportunity to demonstrate techniques and answer all sorts of questions.



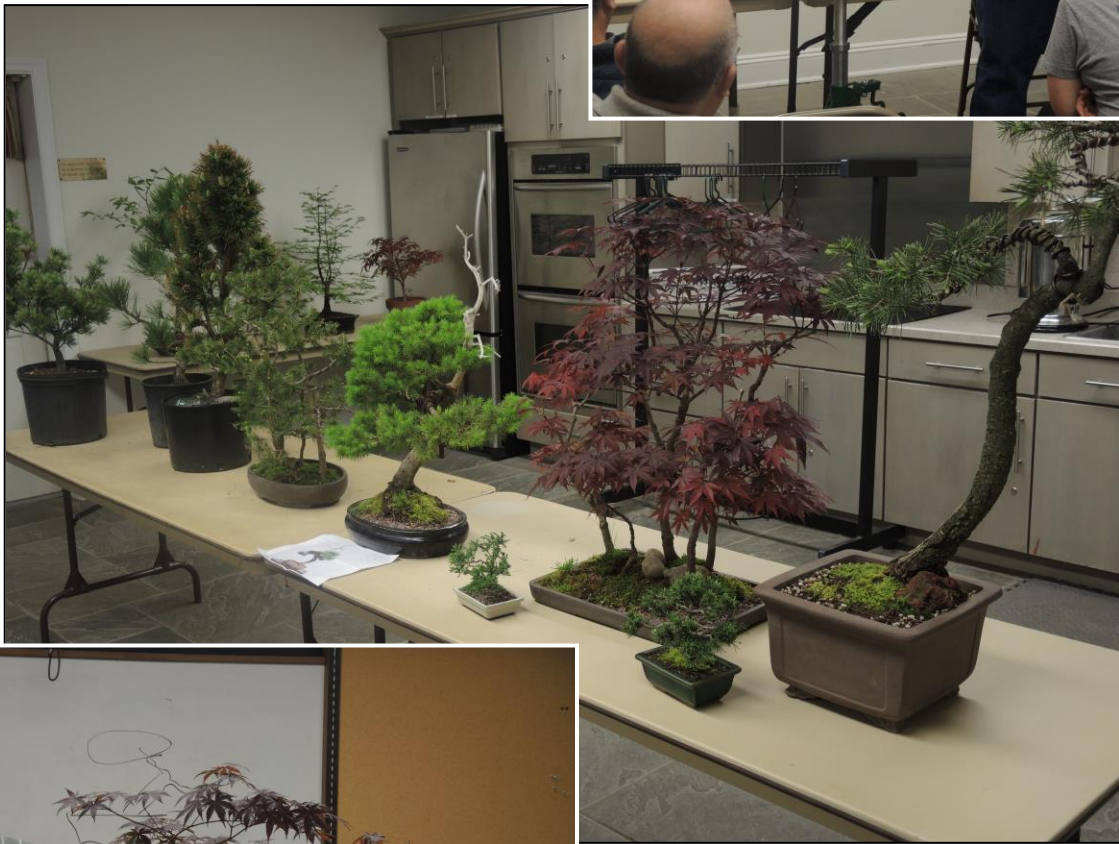
Here are some photos from last year's Open House:





## Last month: Redeveloping existing bonsai.

The May meeting featured a presentation on redesigning bonsai that have “imposed” a need on the designer—an important branch that has failed to break bud, or a top that’s died back. Attendees were encouraged to bring their own examples for questions, comments, and input.



## In-house business: Are you paid up?

Dues are normally collected at the September meeting. If you have not yet paid up, please bring cash or check to **club treasurer Rick Meyers**, 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. See last page for details.

## 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 (particularly as we've been experiencing an oddly cool and rainy May). 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 (for Amur Maples, let the shoots grow until they harden off first, before trimming back to first pair of leaves). 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 or website. In general we feed the trees "hard" in June and July, applying general or high-nitrogen fertilizer as directed by the manufacturer, mixed in the water, or sprayed on foliage, as you prefer. Some growers use pelleted fertilizer such as Osmocote with good results.

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.

Whether or not you follow climate science, there's no doubt our weather has continued to thwart our gardeners' expectations lately, so keep your radar up for incoming heat waves, and move your trees into cooler or shadier situations as needed—some trees can take it, but others cannot. [JM]

## Meeting Dates for 2016–2017

***NOTE: We still have spaces to fill – suggestions welcome!***

June 4<sup>th</sup> (SUNDAY): GSBS Annual Bonsai Open House

July 11, 2017: ***Topic To Be Determined***

September 12, 2017: ***Topic To Be Determined***

October 24, 2017: **Guest Artist David Easterbrook!** Afternoon Workshop 1pm-4:30pm. Evening Meeting 6:30-9:30

November 14, 2017: ***Topic To Be Determined***

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,  
Morristown, NJ 07962

### 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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