



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **SUNDAY, June 3rd**

Annual Bonsai Open House !

June 2018 Newsletter

Sunday, June 3rd: Our Annual Bonsai Open House !

This month's meeting takes the form of our annual **Bonsai Open House**, which will be held in the upstairs lecture hall of the Haggerty Education Center (our usual building). The show will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Club members should arrive by 9:00 AM, please, to help set up.



The show will feature lecture/demos and a display of bonsai provided by our members, so **please plan to bring at least one tree** (we welcome as many as you wish to bring—**3 or 4 is no problem!**) to display at the show. We encourage the display of trees in all stages of bonsai development, so you beginners out there should feel welcome to bring your bonsai, even if you're only getting started with it—even if it's not in a classic bonsai container.

We also encourage you to **bring something to work on at the show**. In recent years we have set up a “work table” where club members can trim, wire, repot, or whatever else needs doing, before the visiting public. People really seem to enjoy the chance to ask questions, and just hang around while we work on our trees. (Bring your tools if you’re gonna.)

There is a small kitchen adjoining the lecture room, so feel free to bring a lunch and/or beverage (non-alcoholic) to keep in the fridge.





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, once again, 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]

Save and Bring In Your Discarded Bonsai Wire

Please remember to save and bring in those wire clippings. About once a year we bring them to a scrap metal dealer and swap them for cash. It's usually about enough to equal one or two paid memberships, so it really does help keep the GSBS afloat.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

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.

Meeting Dates for 2017–2018

NOTE: We are about to start planning our calendar for 2018-2019 – suggestions welcome!

June 3, 2018: ***1st Sunday of the month – Annual Club Bonsai Open House!***



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,
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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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