



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

*Next meeting: **TUESDAY, July 12th**
Annual Club Picnic: Saturday, July 16th*

July 2016 Newsletter

July Meeting: Designing & Styling Dwarf Spruce

Our meeting this month will split the attendees into two groups, each of whom will design and style a multi-trunked dwarf spruce. Should be fun—bring your tools and plan on getting your hands dirty. (Our club president, Diego Pablos, is recovering from gall bladder surgery, and might not make the meeting; past president Mark Schmuck will stand in his stead. Get well soon, Diego!)

This meeting will be held at the usual time and place: second Tuesday of the month, from 6:30-9:30 pm in the downstairs classroom of the Haggerty Education Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown.

Annual Club Picnic: Saturday, July 16th, at Stillwater Studio, Stillwater, NJ

We already have 25 attendees signed up for our annual club picnic, to be hosted by renowned bonsai artist and instructor **Martin Schmalenberg** (who will be giving a presentation at noon), at his home at 926 Middleville Road, Stillwater NJ (near Blairstown – for GPS users, search 926 Middleville Rd. Newton, N.J. 07860 Stillwater Township). Marty has the grill but we'll bring the food and beverages (the club will provide hotdogs and hamburgers), so **please RSVP Mark Schmuck** at lofty235@verizon.net to let him know what else you would like to bring (salads, side-dishes, desserts, wine, beer, soft drinks, etc. etc.).

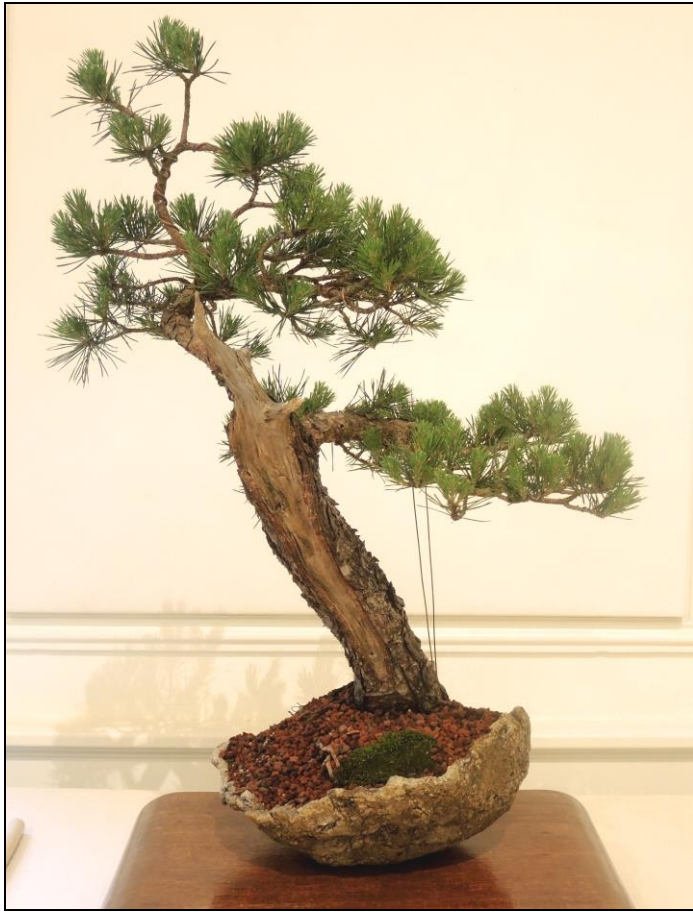
Non-club members are welcome too! Email Mark at lofty235@verizon.net for more information!

June Meeting: Annual GSBS Open House – You shoulda’ been there!

This year’s Open House was a bit sparsely attended by club members, but reasonably well-attended by the general public—you might recall a weather forecast of violent thunderstorms for the day, but Morristown was spared and attendance was pretty good. (In fact, the overcast weather made it a lot more pleasant to load in and out!) We filled nearly 50 seats for three lecture-demos, and raffled off the demo trees designed by club members **Mark Schmuck** and **Bill Kasakoff**, each of whom worked ably on a *procumbens* juniper while **John Michalski** bloviated on the principles, tools, and techniques on bonsai. It was a good show, and if you weren’t there, we missed you! Below are some photos from the event—with apologies for my photography, which this time left everything sort-of washed out and pinkish, somehow.



People’s Choice Award went to Mark Schmuck, for his wonderful Shimpaku Juniper (top left). President’s Award went to John Michalski’s Amur Maple (left).





In-house business: Are your Dues paid up?

If you haven't yet paid up, please bring cash or check to club president **Diego Pablos** at the next meeting, or mail it to Rich Meyers at the 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.

We Still Have Bags of Akadama for sale!

The club still has Akadama soil, in two granule sizes—2.5 mm (small grade) and 5.0 mm (medium grade). Bags are 14 liters, about 22 lbs. Cost per bag is \$40.00, which is a good price.

Remember to save your copper wire clippings!

We collect discarded copper bonsai wire, to be sold as scrap, so please remember to save your clippings and bring them to the meetings. Most years we have enough to equal one or two paid memberships, so it all goes to support club supplies and activities.

Plant Care Tips for July

It's generally too late in the season for digging or repotting, though the more experienced can seemingly get away with almost anything. 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 (leave Amur Maples to grow and harden, trimming back to first pair of leaves afterward), and keep plucking the terminal buds off your junipers and cedars as well. 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]

***Novices and non-members always welcome!
Come and plan to get your hands dirty!***

Calendar of Events for 2015–2016

July 12th: Regular meeting. **Hands-on workshop**—Designing and styling with multi-trunked dwarf Spruce.

July 16th: **Annual Club Picnic.** See details above.

August: **No meeting.** See you in September! **Please send in any topics you would like to see presented in upcoming meetings.**

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

Club Dues: **Dues are normally due at the September meeting.** 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 president **Diego Pablos** (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 – 9:30 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 Diego Pablos
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