



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

*Next meeting: **TUESDAY, July 11th, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm***

Topic: Bring a Tree for Show and Tell

July 2017 Newsletter

This month: Open topic—bring a tree for show and tell, for advice, or for hands-on assistance.

Our summer meetings are a little less formal than usual—if you can imagine that—and for **July 11th (our usual time and place)**, we suggest you bring in a tree or two for questions, comments, assistance, or just to show off. We encourage anyone who has something to “show and tell”—what you’re doing with the tree, or what you’re planning, or how it’s progressing.

Feel free to bring along some summertime refreshments if the spirit moves you (non-alcoholic beverages only, please)!

August meeting: Club Picnic!

We have set a date for the Annual Great Swamp Bonsai Society Picnic—Saturday, August 19th, with a rain date of Saturday August 26th. The picnic will be held at **289 Mount Hope Ave., Dover NJ 07801**, which is the condominium complex where club president Diego Pablos resides with his wife and two children. We will have access to a picnic area and swimming pool, but please send your RSVP

(to neyamadoribonsai@gmail.com) ASAP, so we can get a headcount for the facilities, including day passes for the pool (\$5 per person—please specify if you want to make use of it). Please also indicate what you wish to bring in the way of food, beverages, dessert, etc.

Please bring chairs if you have them, since there are only a few picnic tables available; we will bring some chairs and folding tables also. If anyone has bonsai-related material they would like to auction off, please let Diego know so that we can place a table for such items.

Diego will send directions with map to location in the coming weeks, so keep an eye peeled for that information.

Last month: Our Annual Bonsai Open House

On Sunday, June 4th, we hosted our annual Bonsai Open House (in the upstairs hall of the Haggerty Education Center, our usual building), from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Club members brought trees to display, to work on before the public, and to solicit suggestions or assistance. We also performed a number of lecture/demos, with demo trees raffled off on two occasions. The attendance was moderate but appreciative, and a good time was had by all. If you missed it this year, try to make it next time!



Some more photos from our June Open House:





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 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 (for Amur Maples, let the stems lengthen and harden a bit before cutting back to the first pair of leaves), and keep plucking the terminal buds off your junipers and cedars as well.

Keep your eye on the weather forecast—we are getting accustomed to regular heatwaves throughout July and August, but our trees don't like them at all! When seriously hot weather is predicted, consider moving trees into partial shade or cooler outdoor areas until the heat blows off. (Sometimes the small containers, in particular, get too hot and roots may be cooked, thus ending your relationship with that tree.)

Everyone seems to have their own preferences for fertilizers and feeding schedules, so ask around or find a good website/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]

Meeting Dates for 2016–2017

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

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Saturday, August 19th: GSBS Club Picnic

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,
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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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