



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: Annual Club Picnic in August  
(stay tuned for updates)

Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 11th

July/August 2012 Newsletter

## GSBS Open House

The annual Open House, held Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, went well. We put together a great display of trees, had a hundred or so visitors, and about 20 signed up for our newsletter. If you're one of those people, welcome!! Hope to see you at the meetings!



**Diego Pablos**

## President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

As summer starts, and the high temperatures keep getting higher, remember to protect all those trees that usually grow in shaded zones. Also don't forget to check them in the afternoons as the heat might dry them during the day, you might need to water them again.

I have recently received a promotional sample of a new Bonsai book that will be available in July 2012. Check your email for a copy of the letter I received, and if anyone is interested in checking out the promotional book, let me know so I can make it available for your viewing. The name of the book is *Fine Bonsai: Art & Nature*, Photography by Jonathan M Singer and text by Bill Valavanis, among others. It's produced by Abbeville Press.

As for next year's MABS Spring Festival, we are still working on securing a vendor table for the club, to sell trees, pots, etc. I will keep you informed as things develop.

Our annual club picnic will be held at the Markoff's residence in Randolph, NJ. Plan on either the first or second Sunday of August, exact date to be determined. Details will follow soon.

This will be the last regular newsletter for the summer, so please keep an eye on your email for updates and other messages directly from me (Bonsai4ever@aol.com).

As we start our fiscal year, we are trying to create a program that will satisfy all our members' interests. Toward this end, if you have a topic or subject you would like to see in the coming months, starting in September, please send me all your topic ideas to be taken into consideration, and if you are interested in leading one or more of the meetings please let us know so that we can help you create an informative and illustrated lecture for all level members. **New members, don't be shy—we're here to help you grow in your bonsai interests too, so let us know what you'd like to see!**

Regards,

## GSBS on Cablevision

If you have Cablevision's Optimum package, you can see club members Fred Aufschlager, Michael Markoff, John Michalski, and Mark Schmuck describe their interest in bonsai in a short segment of "Neighborhood Journal" with Joanna Tower. The segment airs on channels 118 or 78 for two weeks starting Monday June 25th, and is broadcast multiple times per day. The episode features Dinosaurs as its main story, so look for it that way in the TV listings.

## Plant Care Tips for July and August

It's maintenance time—keep an eye on your trees' watering needs and feed them well. Most deciduous trees have hardened up their first leaves by now and have moved into their second growth burst, with the exception of beeches which typically have only one shot per year.

There's not much to do apart from watching out for insect pests, viruses, and wilt from the summer heat. If you spray for insects or fungus, keep the tree out of full sun for a few days. If you attempted air-layering in spring this is the time to begin checking for good roots and potting those layers up (if they're ready). Don't count on the clouds to water your trees if you go away for a few days—better to set up a timed sprinkler system, bribe a reliable friend, or if nothing else, water well and place the trees in deep shade until you get back. Check your wiring to make sure the wires are not cutting into the bark; remove or loosen wires if necessary. Cut back on fertilizing by mid-August to prevent unwanted budding before the coming fall freeze.

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## Standing Offer for members of GSBS

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

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

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### Club Information

#### Location:

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#### When:

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.**

# Calendar of Events:

July & August – Club picnic and informal BBQ, hosted at the home of Michael and May Markoff. Date and time to be determined, but most likely the second or third Sunday of August (keep an eye on your email).

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Boonton Historical Society** opens a 3-month display commemorating our late club member **Greentree** – a celebration of her career as a gardener, landscape architect, artist, and civic activist.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Topic to be determined (see President's Corner).

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## If you haven't yet paid your Dues...

Our dues-cycle usually begins in **September**, so please be forthcoming with your dues (new faces are quite welcome to wait until September 2012!). Your club uses these funds to provide for guest lecturers, transportation, etc. so please... Dues are only \$40 for an individual member or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact Fred Aufschlager (contact information below).

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Some photos from this year's annual Open House:



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