



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

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Be there or be square!

July-August 2013 Newsletter

May-June Meeting(s)

Our May meeting (Tuesday 5/14) focused on preparing trees for public display, but also included an open bring-your-own workshop. Our June meeting took the form of our **annual Bonsai Open House** (Sunday, 6/2), and it went off very well—plenty of visitors, lots of wonderful trees, a few well-received lecture-demos performed by club members, and Jim Gillespie on hand to offer his line of pots, tools, wire, and all the other goodies. Thanks to all who attended, brought trees, and helped set up and break down the display. Best in Show went to Peter Michienzi, People's Choice went to Mark Schmuck and Fred Aufschlager, and President's Award went to John Michalski.



2013 People's Choice Award
Winner – a Chinese Elm forest by
club member Fred Aufschlager.

July-August Meeting: **Club Picnic - Sunday, August 11th**

This year's club picnic will be hosted by **Hank and Elaine Gross** at their home (32 Ridge Rd., Layton, NJ 07851). Contact Hank at hank@madriverreps.com, to let him know you're coming, and let him know what you're bringing. (Street directions to their house are attached.) Picnic starts at 11:00 a.m. and goes till who knows?

Advanced Bring-Your-Own-Tree(s) Workshop – sign up now!

Saturday, Sept. 28th, with Japanese artist **Mr. Hirojoshi Yamaji**, From 9 am to 6 pm, to be held at the home of club member **Fred Aufschlager**. See the attached flyer for more information and registration form. (Lunch may be ordered that day from a local eatery, at participants expense, or bring your own.)

Calendar of Events for 2013–2014

We are now putting our heads together for our club's calendar for the coming fall, winter, and spring. If you are interested in being part of the "think tank," or if you simply wish to suggest a topic, please contact Diego at bonsai4ever@aol.com, to join the fun.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Club Dues: If you haven't yet paid your dues, it's only \$40 for an individual member or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact club treasurer **Fred Aufschlager** (contact information and **membership form** on last page).

Visit our web page at:

<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/>

Plant Care Tips for Summer

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, 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]

Since **August** can be a very hot and dry month, it is imperative that trees be watered every day, maybe twice daily. Not much else can be done except to feed regularly. From August on, trees will need less nitrogen and more potassium and phosphorus to harden the wood and induce budding. Continue to pot up air layerings that put out roots. Branches start to thicken during August, and wire which begins to bite into the branches should be loosened. [DY]

August is pretty much about keeping your trees sufficiently watered against the heat, and beginning to harden them up for the coming fall. This is about the time that most people start backing off their feeding, pinching, and pruning schedules. Don't fertilize too aggressively, or else you risk the trees pushing too much new growth that will not harden-off sufficiently before the cold weather comes in. [JM]

Teaming Up with Bergen Bonsai Society?

We continue to discuss opportunities to pair-up with BBS for certain events—including the Flower & Garden Show in Morristown, and booking guest artists. Stay tuned.

2013 Calendar of Events:

At this moment our upcoming calendar is still wide open. Please contact Diego at bonsai4ever@aol.com with any suggestions.

See the attached flyer to participate in an **advanced bring-your-own workshop** on Saturday, September 28th.

We are planning to host club favorite **David Easterbrook** in October. Stay tuned.

Contact and Club Membership information on next page.

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 or phone him at (914) 793-1093.

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Club Information

Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Ave,
Morristown, NJ 07962

Date:

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.

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Great Swamp Bonsai Society Membership Registration:

Send to:

GSBS c/o Fred Aufschläger New Renewal
17 Lakeview Drive,
Bernardsville, NJ 07924 Individual (\$40.00) Family (\$50.00)

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
