



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Club Picnic!**
Sunday, August 10th, noon-?

July 2014 Newsletter

Annual Club Potluck Picnic: [RSVP by August 1st](#), please

This year's **potluck** club picnic is being hosted by Fred and Doris Aufschlager at their home in Bernardsville (17 Lakeview Drive, Bernardsville, NJ 07924). The date is **Sunday, August 10th**, **starting at noon**. So far we've only had a few responses, so if you'd like to attend **[please RSVP by August 1st](#)** so that Fred and Doris can plan accordingly. You can reach Fred at fdauf@msn.com or Phone: 908.766.1359.

GSBS reconsidering non-profit status

Once again, we are thinking about filing as a non-profit organization (something we have never yet done), for two reasons: (1) we would get some breaks on certain types of club purchases; (2) a number of clubs in the MABS association are considering a group insurance policy to cover possible liability when hosting travelling artists. It's not a terribly complicated operation, but we have done without it in the past because it involves more paperwork than our little club has been accustomed to handling. Stay tuned.

Schedule of Club Meetings/Events for 2014–2015

This Tuesday Fred Aufschlager, Bill Kasakoff, John Michalski, and Diego Pablos met to discuss and plan our upcoming meeting schedule. We have plenty of ideas, but as always **we'd like to hear from you**—PLEASE feel free to email us with your ideas and suggestions for meeting topics. We appreciate input from every member, at all levels of expertise, but we emphasize that we particularly like to hear from you newer members—what would you like to see, or have help with? The club is here to serve your needs too! The projected calendar, which is open to revision, appears on page 3.

Club Soil Mix: We Still Have Bags of Akadama for sale!

Fred still has a large supply of Akadama soil, in two granule sizes—2.5 mm (small grade) and 5.0 mm (medium grade). Bags are 18 liters, about 22 lbs. Cost per bag is \$40.00, which is a good price.

Bonsai Magazines for Sale

Fred also has an extensive collection of various bonsai magazines, in continuous series spanning from around 1990 to 2008. Contact Fred for titles and prices.

June Meeting: Our Annual Open House!

On Sunday, June 1st, we held our annual Bonsai Open House at the upstairs auditorium of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Attendance was good, with three lecture-demos performed by various combinations of club members, and a number of new names on the sign-up sheet. If you are one of those new faces, we look forward to seeing you in September (or at the club picnic).

Here are some photos of the trees on display. Club member Jude DeLane stands beside his Schefflera forest, this year's winner of the People's Choice Award.



Plant Care Tips for July and August

Since July and August can be very hot and dry months, it is imperative that trees be watered every day, maybe twice daily. Pinch growing tips to keep your trees in shape. 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. If you've wired maples, beeches and other deciduous trees in the spring, you should check the wires and remove any that have started to cut into branches. By August you should check all trees for wire that need to be loosened or removed.

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]

Calendar of Events for 2013–2014 (tentative)

September 9th: Show and Tell. Please bring in your successes from the summer. We'd love to see one or more trees that you've worked on, grown out, restyled, wired, or are just plain proud of. Every tree has a story, and we'd like to hear yours. **Please also feel free to bring in any tree that you wish to get help with, etc.**

Also: DUES ARE DUE (see page 4).

October 14th: Guest Presenter. (We hope to have David Easterbrook, a club favorite, but the details have yet to be worked out.)

November 18th (THIRD Tuesday): Topic to be determined.

December 9th: Club Holiday Party, Bonsai Auction, Open House.

January 13th: Initial Styling of stock Shimpaku Junipers. Club trees, hands-on workshop. Workshop trees available for purchase if desired.

February 10th: Pruning & Styling Fruiting Trees. Apples, crabapples, etc. Lecture-demo by club member John Michalski. Bring in your own trees for assistance and/or ideas.

March 10th: Wiring Workshop. Bring your tree(s) from home to get some hands-on practice and instruction.

April 14th: Root-pruning and Repotting workshop. Bring in your own trees for assistance and practice.

April (Tuesday after MABS): Guest presenter from MABS.

May 12th: Topic to be determined.

June 7th (Sunday): Annual Club Open House.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty! (at the meetings, not at the picnic)

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

Club Dues: Dues are due at the September meeting. 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).

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Club Information

Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Ave,
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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 Aufshläger New Renewal
17 Lakeview Drive,
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Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
