



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

August 2016 Newsletter

No Meeting in August !

There will be no regular club meeting this August, so relax and keep watering your trees, and we'll see you in September!

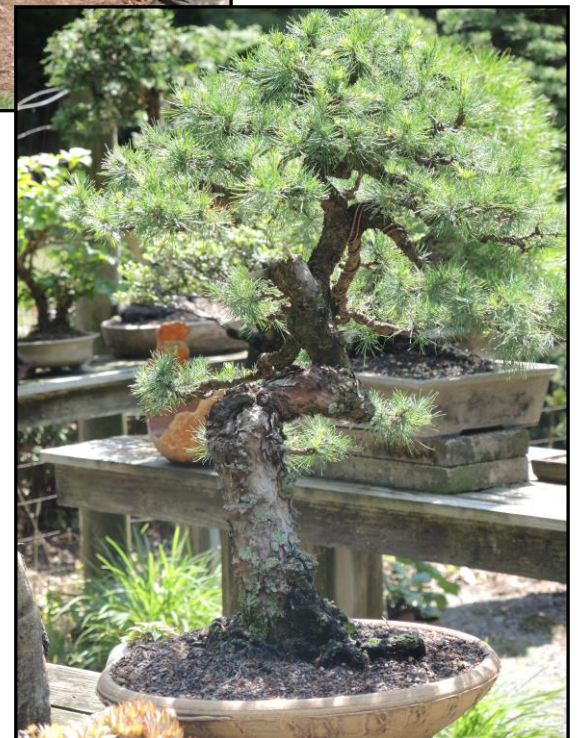
Recap: July Meeting—designing multi-trunk Spruce

Mark Schmuck led the meeting, which featured a group activity in which the attendees were split into two groups, each working together on a multi-trunk Spruce. A few photos of the event are provided below—sorry, we didn't get any of the finished products!



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

We had a wonderful picnic/meeting hosted by renowned bonsai artist and instructor **Martin Schmalenberg**, at his home in Stillwater NJ. About 30 club members, family and friends attended, and it was a beautiful drive through the country on a hot but lovely summer day. Everyone brought great food and drinks, the conversation was lively, and Marty's presentation on what I'll call "the spirit of bonsai" was well received. If you missed this one, plan to be at the next!





Bonsai artist and instructor Martin Schmalenberg (right) shares his ideas on the spirit of bonsai.

What's Coming Up?

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th, at our usual place and time in the downstairs classroom of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Our executive board will be meeting shortly to map out the schedule of topics and workshops for the 2016-2017 season, **so please forward any suggestions to club president Diego Pablos at neyamadoribonsai@gmail.com**.

Thanks!

In-house business: Dues are Coming Due!

Dues are normally collected at the September meeting. Please bring cash or check to **club treasurer Rich 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.

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 August

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]

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Calendar of Events for 2016–2017

August: No meeting. See you in September! **Please email any topic suggestions to Diego Pablos at neyamadoribonsai@gmail.com**

September 13th: First meeting of 2016-2017 season. Topic to be determined. Please bring in one of more bonsai for **“show and tell”**—explain what you've achieved with the tree, or problems you've encountered, or questions for the group.

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

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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:

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