



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

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GUEST ARTIST DAVID EASTERBROOK!

October 2016 Newsletter

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Guest artist **David Easterbrook**, world-renowned bonsai artist, educator, and past curator of the bonsai collection at the Montreal Botanic Gardens, joins us for another of his series of delightful and informative demo-presentations. This time David will be working on a field-collected white pine. If you have not seen David before, you are in for a treat! Feel free to bring a tree or two for comments or guidance, or just to show off for its fall color!



In-house business: Dues are Due!

Dues are normally collected at the September meeting. If you have not yet paid up, please bring cash or check to **club treasurer Rich Meyers**, or mail it to his address on the last page of this newsletter (which I have finally put there after neglecting to do so for several issues). 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.

GSBS Member email/phone contact list

We are putting together a list of email and/or phone numbers, possibly with information on your areas of interest, **of paid GSBS members only**, to be **distributed to paid members only**. If you are (or will soon be) a paid member and would like this information withheld, please notify club V.P. Bill Kasakoff at Bill.Kasakoff@gmail.com. Thanks!

Meeting Dates for 2016–2017

NOTE: Our club calendar is still WIDE OPEN – suggestions welcome!

October 18th: ***Guest Artist David Easterbrook.***

November 15th (3rd Tuesday): Group hands-on design with nursery junipers.

December – NO MEETING

January 10th – Club holiday party and bonsai auction.

February – NO MEETING

March 14th:

April 11th:

May 9th:

June 4th (SUNDAY): GSBS Annual Bonsai Open House

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

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Plant Care Tips for October

Tree growth is now drawing to a close, with leaves displaying a final array of color before winter. Watering can definitely be minimized at this time. Heavy branch pruning can be done on pines, and overwinter them in a cool greenhouse. Do not continue to fertilize—begin again in March. [DY]

It is hardening-off time for your trees, and by now you should have created a safe place to keep them for the cold months ahead. Certain types of trees are repotted or trained at this time of year—see the comments that follow. Most of you realize that our dry-ish summer has continued into the fall, and this continues to put stress on our plants, so preparing them for winter is more crucial this year than ever.

Feeding: As reported in last month's newsletter, many authors suggest a single Autumn feeding. Please note that fertilization must be handled with sensitivity, or else you risk pushing too much new growth that will not harden-off sufficiently before the cold weather sets in. Deciduous trees may benefit from a low-nitrogen (that is, higher in potassium and phosphorous) feeding after the leaves have fallen but prior to November 1; this can promote bud formation and strengthen the trunk and root system for winter. Similarly, evergreens may be fed a low-nitrogen fertilizer, until the end of October.

Repotting and Training: Japanese texts recommend autumn repotting for most evergreens, but they also cite early spring for each of these—considering the difference in climate, and the drought and all, I'd stick with early spring. Cherry and flowering quince are repotted by the Japanese in October. Many needled evergreens are most successfully wire-trained during the autumn months, but most sources say wait until late October or November.

Winter protection: By November you will need to have figured out how and where you will stash your hardy outdoor trees. Thanksgiving is commonly used as a start date for winter protection. If you have only a few trees, it may be possible to plant them directly into the ground, pot and all, and cover the plant with an upturned bushel basket. But for larger collections it may prove useful to build some sort of cold-frame or organize some space in an unheated shed or some-such. Beware of continuing—or surprise—warm weather, if you plan to shed or cold-frame your trees, since these enclosures can remain surprisingly warm, causing trees to pop new buds or refuse to harden off. [JM]

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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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