



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 12th**
7:00-10:00 pm

November 2013 Newsletter

Welcome New Members

We welcome new club members **Jude DeLane**, **Ismail Gurler**, and **Beth Worley**. And a long-belated welcome to recent additions **Craig Reinmann**, **Mary Larsson**, and **Wayne Beck**. It's always great to see new faces and we hope you'll stick around for the fun, education, and camaraderie.

November Meeting

This month's meeting will be a presentation on **bonsai pots** by nationally-recognized bonsai potter **Ron Lang**. Ron will be presenting "The Gestalt of Tree/Container Selection," which addresses the considerations one makes in selecting from so many options and styles of pots to best suit the bonsai tree. Rather than just "what is the right pot for this tree," Ron tries to explain how various subtle design details of pots can help bring out subtle characteristics in a tree, by evaluating how the component parts of a container, like shape, wall profile, lip and foot treatment, volume, color and texture will contribute—or perhaps undermine—the whole composition.

As always, you are welcome to bring any bonsai from home for questions, comments, or to show off!

Pots for Sale

Club Vice-President Bill Kasakov is helping Fred (who tends to act as our default repository for unclaimed freight) by selling some bonsai pots that were bequeathed to GSBS. He will gladly bring them to the next meeting so that you may avoid the cost of USPS delivery. You can find them by searching for his user ID: GINNYBILL on eBay, or follow the attached links: http://www.ebay.com/itm/Lot-of-3-Glazed-Ceramic-Bonsai-Pots-/151158293316?pt=Planters_Pots&hash=item2331bc8344 and http://www.ebay.com/itm/Lot-of-9-Glazed-Ceramic-Bonsai-Pots-/151158315967?pt=Planters_Pots&hash=item2331bcdbbf.

Thanks, Bill!

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).

Plant Care Tips for November

During November deciduous and evergreen trees can remain out until about the last week of the month. Prepare trees for their winter setting, whether it be a cold frame or whatever type of winter protection you may have. Prior to setting them in their winter quarters, check for insects and spray and remove all dead leaves and branches. Thinking ahead, write down and plan what you need to do for spring and choose which trees you will work on first. Tropicals should already be indoors and you can continue to water, feed, repot and prune them all through the winter. If they are in a heated dry atmosphere, mist frequently. [DY]

If you store trees in a cold frame or unheated shed or garage, take precautions against rodent damage. Rats, voles, or mice can strip bark and gnaw branches—and roots—back to stumps. Many growers claim success with mothballs scattered liberally among the pots, but I'd suggest you keep them out of the soil and not in the direct line of any watering you may do over the season. [JM]

Our visit with David Easterbrook

At the November meeting we will also be displaying some of the trees worked on during our **special meeting** with **David Easterbrook** (see photos below and on next page) which was held at Fred Aufschlager's home on Monday, October 21st. At least seventeen members—including several of our newest—turned out for a great presentation. Apart from his amazing talent in assessing and designing bonsai, David is a warm and engaging instructor, and a lot of laughs. It was a wonderful meeting and if you missed it you should be sure to attend the next one. (Photos of some of the incredible transformations are shown below and on the next page.) Thanks once again to Fred and Doris Aufschlager, who offered their home and prepared a well-lit and comfortable space for the meeting.



A long and thin Eastern Red Cedar, tilted, wired and twisted, and finally wired out completely. An amazing transformation.



A large Eastern Red Cedar, trimmed, shari'd and prepared for later wiring.



A yew is trimmed, thinned, wired, and shaped to stunning effect.

Calendar of Events for 2013–2014

November 12 (Second Tuesday): Ron Lang on “The Gestalt of Tree/Container Selection.”

December 17 (THIRD Tuesday): Holiday Party, Club Auction, and Open House. Bring snacks, beverages, desserts, and anything bonsai-related that needs a new home—and your checkbook!

January (Second Tuesday): “Night of the Somethings” – A competition, of sorts, with several similar unstyled trees (they were going to be Mugho Pines at one time, but we are still seeking good material) presented to teams of two, each of whom has to create a sketch of their proposed result, and three hours to make it happen! (We had lots of fun with a similar exercise a few years ago with “Night of the Junipers.”)

February (THIRD Tuesday): Forest Planting: Root Pruning and Repotting. Several years ago, we worked in two teams to design and pot up two separate large forest plantings, one of Korean Hornbeam, and the other of Zelkova. It’s now time to revisit both forest plantings, which is a great opportunity for novices to get their hands dirty and get some experience.

March (Second Tuesday): Repotting Demo-Workshop: Bring your own, or work with ours. We will also **vote for the 3 trees to represent GSBS at this year’s MABS Spring Festival.**

April 29: Guest Speaker Suthin Sukosolvisit, fresh from his appearance at MABS 2014.

May (Second Tuesday): Air-Layering Demo-Workshop. Bring your own, or work with ours. Find out how to get interesting bonsai material from the tops of stock plants, or get better rootage from that bonsai that needs a bit of help. Fertilizer Cake-Making. We will provide the ingredients to make large batches of bonsai fertilizer cakes, which you can bring home in ziploc bags, to spread out on baking sheets and dry at home.

June (First Sunday): GSBS Open House. Lectures, demos, raffles, vendors, dozens of trees on display. A great outing for the club, and a great opportunity for newcomers to see what we’re all about.

Novices and non-members always welcome!

Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

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

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,
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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:

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New Renewal

Individual (\$40.00) Family (\$50.00)

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:
