



# Great Swamp Bonsai Society

*Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10th*

*Time: 7-10 pm*

**November 2015 Newsletter**

## November Meeting: Winter Care/Hands-on Design Workshop/Bring your Problem Tree(s)

This is the time of year to start putting your hardy trees into winter storage. We will offer a variety of solutions, for everyone from the beginner with one or two trees on up.

This is a brief presentation, and so we will also be hosting a **hands-on, bring-your-own, design workshop**, for you to get help/ideas/assistance with styling or designing your bonsai. Bring your tools and wire if you have them, and we will have club wire available as needed.

We also encourage all attendees to bring along any trees you would like to show just because they came out looking so great!

## Recap: October Meeting: Design and Maintenance of Junipers

During our October meeting we had club member **Peter Michienzi** demonstrate his design and training skills on a **large juniper** owned by club member Fred Aufschläger. It was an extended, thoroughly informative and enjoyable presentation, by one of GSBS' most experienced and talented artists. Thanks for a great demonstration, Pete!



## Get Set for the December Holiday Party and Bonsai Auction

Now is a good time to begin gathering material for this year's Annual Bonsai Auction and Open House (held at our December meeting). Anything bonsai-related—trees, accent plants, tools, pots, books, magazines, DVDs—can be put on the auction block. GSBS gets 10% of the proceeds, which goes to help support club activities and supplies.

## Please Get Your Dues In

So far, only 16 members have paid their dues for the 2015-2016 season. If you haven't yet paid up, please bring cash or check to club treasurer **Fred Aufschläger** at the **October** meeting. 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!

Fred 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 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]

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

*Novices and non-members always welcome!*

*Come and plan to get your hands dirty!*

## Position Still Open: Publicity for our Annual Open House 2016

The Great Swamp Bonsai Society **needs a volunteer** to shoulder the responsibility of **publicizing our annual Open House**.

The tasks are relatively simple but need to be managed in a timely manner. And, they all come in at the same time, in May. These include:

- **visiting the online websites** for the area news outlets (**NJ.com, Starledger.com, Dailyrecord.com, etc.**) and supplying the necessary details by filling in all the fields.
- There are also **online websites** for entering show information for **NJTV**.
- We also, we have found, need to **double-check the Morris County Parks publications** to make sure they have the correct info.
- Finally, this person should take responsibility for **putting up our banners** (we plan on having two new ones manufactured this year) out in front of the Arboretum's main entrance on Hanover Avenue, a few weeks before the event (this would be done by the Arboretum's personnel, but someone needs to check in and offer assistance if necessary—this year our banner was simply tied to the wooden fencing, in such a manner that passing motorists would be unlikely to read it; what we need is to have the banners staked out on the grass perpendicularly to the road, one banner facing each way.
- Some years, we have been able **to get an article in the Morristown Daily Record and/or the Newark Star Ledger**, with photos. This can be a great help, but only if the papers are contacted well in advance so that the article comes out the week before the show (we have had them go to press the Friday afterwards, and that doesn't boost attendance at all!)

It may look like a lot, but in fact most of it is accomplished in an hour or two at your computer, sending the same text to every website.

**If interested (or, at least, willing), please contact John at [huonia@aol.com](mailto:huonia@aol.com).**

## Calendar of Events for 2015–2016

You will note our calendar has several openings left. **Please forward any topic ideas**, and look for updates in future newsletters.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>: Winter Storage.** Learn a variety of ways to protect your hardy bonsai during the cold winter months. Bring any trees for questions/comments/assistance/to show off!

**December 8<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Party and Club Bonsai Auction.** Please bring a favorite food or non-alcoholic beverage, along with any trees, accent plants, pots, tools, books, magazines, DVDs, or any other bonsai-related materials you wish to sell. GSBS gets 10% of the proceeds. Oh yeah—and your checkbook!

**January-February: NO REGULAR MEETINGS.**

**March:** Topic to be determined.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Topic to be determined. – *Repotting workshop?*

**April 18<sup>th</sup>: MONDAY – Guest artist Bjorn Bjornholm, fresh from MABS.** Afternoon paid workshop (details to follow), followed by informal dinner at local restaurant and evening lecture/demo (free to public).

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Topic to be determined.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>:** First Sunday in June, Annual Club Bonsai Open House, open to public 10am-4 pm. Club members arrive by 9:00 am to help set up.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Topic to be determined.

## Standing Offer for members of GSBS

Efrain Torres, owner and proprietor of **Manhattan Bonsai** in NYC, 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 considerable 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](http://manhattanbonsai.com) or phone him at (914) 793-1093.

**Club Dues:** **Dues are due at the September meeting.** It's only \$40 for an individual membership, or \$50 for a family membership, and helps to support our activities. Please see or contact club treasurer **Fred Aufschläger** (contact information and **membership form** on last page).

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## Club Information

### Location:

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
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### Date:

Usually the 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.**

### Great Swamp Bonsai Society Membership Registration:

Send to:

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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If Family Membership, please list other members:

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