



Great Swamp Bonsai Society

Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 11th, 7-10 pm**

December 2012 Newsletter

November Meeting

Last month's meeting focused on **pin**es. About twelve members turned up, pines in tow, for opinions, assistance, and discussion, as well as working on trees together and in the company of friends.

December Meeting – Party, Auction, Open House

This month is all about celebrating the holidays, enjoying food, drink, and good company, and having a good time at our **Annual Club Auction and Winter Open House (non-members welcome!)**. Please bring a favorite food or (non-alcoholic) beverage. And please feel free to bring along any bonsai-related items you wish to part with—trees, pots, tools, books, video, stands, magazines, etc. etc. And bring your checkbook just in case, you know, you find something to bring home. A portion of the proceeds go to support the club.



Dues are due

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).



Arborvitae worked on by David Easterbrook at the Oct meeting. Juan Calderon helps design a pine with Mark Sanders.

Novices always welcome! Come and plan to get your hands dirty!

Boonton Historical Society: A Tribute to late GSBS member

JSL Greentree

I took a moment to visit this detailed exhibit on Sunday November 18, and I strongly recommend it to anyone who knew Greentree during her years with the GSBS. Among other things, it was a moving and sobering reminder of just how little we often know about the people in our lives. Greentree was certainly a remarkable and gifted woman, and I felt privileged to have known her for the few years I did. The exhibit is open every Sunday between 1-4 pm (expected to run into 2013)—the Historical Society is housed in the red brick and stone building adjacent to the Boonton train station parking lot. On Sundays you can park there for free.

Here are some of the images that I took away from my visit.

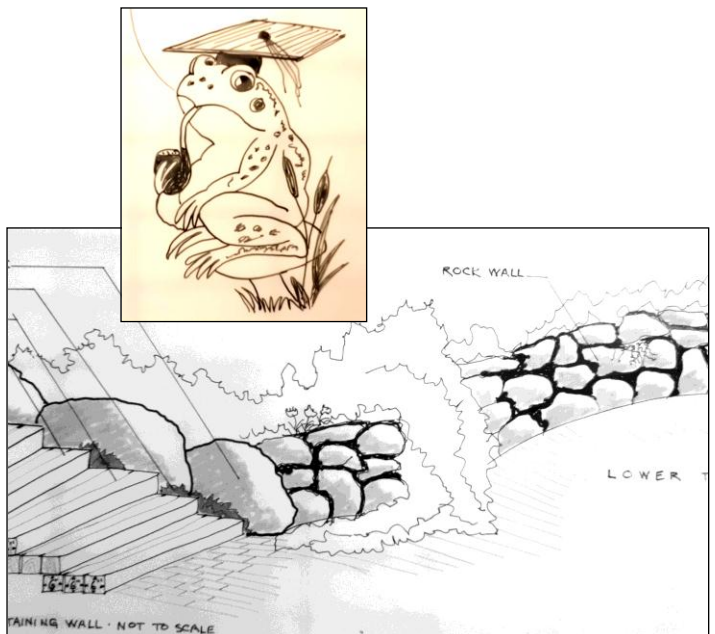


A portrait of Greentree taken in the 1960s.



Greentree's work desk.

Details from a few of Greentree's landscape designs.



<p>MIDATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES 30TH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL APRIL 19-21, 2013</p>	<p>Featuring: Kunio Kobayashi- Japan Peter Warren- UK Ryan Neil- USA</p>
<p>HARRISBURG/HERSHEY HOLIDAY INN GRANTVILLE, PA</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friday Workshops ● Professional & Members' Exhibits ● Keido Demonstration by Master Kobayashi
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Contact: Brian O'Byrne ● 234 Sagamore Road Millburn, NJ 07041 ● 973-379-3386 Email: bkobyne@yahoo.com www.midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com</p> </div>	

Plant Care Tips for December

Your trees need a well-deserved rest, but you needn't go dormant yourselves! It's a great time of year to assess the design of your deciduous trees and wire your evergreen trees, to plan your repotting schedule, mix or purchase bonsai soil, clean up and sharpen your tools, read some good books and periodicals, and travel the countryside looking for suitable material from the field.

Any non-hardy trees should be inside by now, of course. No more fertilizer for your hardy (outdoor) trees, and you should be able to reduce your watering schedule soon. Remember, leafless trees need less water, but don't allow the soil to dry out completely! This holds true throughout the winter months. Your hardy trees are usually placed into winter protection by early December, so by the Holidays you definitely need to have them stored safely for the season.

Remember, winter protection is chiefly concerned with: a) preventing the soil from repeatedly freezing and thawing; b) preventing wind from dehydrating the upper portion of the plant; and c) preventing the soil from drying out completely. You may also have to concern yourself with rodents that sometimes feed on the bark of dormant trees. Wiring may be performed on most conifers during the winter months, but deciduous trees are often too brittle to survive branch-bending, so postpone wiring on leafy trees until spring. [JM]

Calendar of Events:

November-December – **Boonton Historical Society** continues a 3-month display commemorating our late club member **Greentree** – a celebration of her career as a gardener, landscape architect, artist, and civic activist. Open Sundays from 1-4 pm.

December 11 (Tuesday, 7-10 pm) – Annual Holiday Party, Club Auction and Winter Open House! All are welcome to attend for snacks, fun, and buying and selling trees, pots, books, tools, and any other bonsai-related items that one person wants and another person needs to let go of (GSBS gets a percent of the proceeds). Bring a friend and a holiday treat (food, non-alcoholic beverages of any description). **General Public Welcome! First-timers Welcome!** Come and see what we're all about!



Diego Pablos

President's Corner

Hello everyone,

At our November meeting, we ran a BYOT open workshop featuring pines. Juan Calderon did the rounds helping, suggesting and working on the different species brought in by club members. He also made some recommendations on what to do next spring for some of the trees—some needed transplanting, others just a good dose of fertilizer...

Mark your calendars; the 30th Annual MABS Spring Festival will commence Friday, April 19, and will continue through Sunday afternoon, April 21, at our family-friendly location: the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey (PA). Note that this coming year (2013) MABS will have the workshop on Friday instead of Sunday afternoon. This year will also feature the MABS regional runoff for the A.B.S.-supported Joshua Roth New Talent Competition.

Our December meeting will feature our annual club auction, holiday gathering, and winter Open House. This is a great opportunity to acquire some trees, pots, books, etc... so please feel free to attend, and bring a friend !

If you are planning to bring food and/or drinks, remember there are NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED! This is a Parks rule.....

Thank you for your continuous support, and hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Regards,

Great Swamp Bonsai Society Membership Registration:

Send to:

GSBS c/o Fred Aufschläger
17 Lakeview Drive,
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

New Renewal

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

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

If Family Membership, please list other members:

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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When:

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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