



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

...to disseminate knowledge, encourage others and create interest in the art of bonsai

March 2013 Newsletter



THIS MONTH

Planting a Trident Maple Forest on a Slab!

Now's the chance to finish your slab from the July 14, 2012 workshop. Or bring your own shallow tray, or buy one; buy trees at approximately \$2.00 each. One hundred and fifty are ordered so you can plant as many as you want for a forest planting. You can also bring your tridents from last year and add them to the forest as well. The Society will provide all materials, other than trees and slabs.

Note: If you need bonsai soil, wire or pots for your regular Spring maintenance, call Bob at Bonsai In The Burgh by March 13th (724 348-4771) for delivery at the March meeting.

Don't forget to bring your tools!

March 27, 2013 • Wednesday • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center, Shadyside



NEXT MONTH



Larches, Larches and More Larches! Details TBA (To Be Announced)

April 17, 2013 • Wednesday • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center, Shadyside

Please check our newly revamped website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>



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Deadlines:
Generally two months prior to issue date.

Submissions:
Please submit Photos or Artwork in JPG format and Copy in Microsoft Word.



A Note From Dave:

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Unfortunately you do have to follow nature's pace. Staring at your trees will not make them pop out leaves any sooner. If you are like me, after a do-nothing winter you can't wait to get started. And once nature gets going, there will be a lot to do.



Photo By Cindie Bonomi

Our first meeting of the year will be a continuation of a project we started last year: planting on a hand-made slab. If you didn't make a slab, bring a flat tray or shallow pot, or buy one from Bob Dietz. We will be grouping trident maples into a forest. For a very minimum fee, you can plant as many as you like with the emphasis on creating a natural looking forest. If you care to add rocks to the setting, try to find similar rocks with flat bottoms. As with the trees, an odd number of rocks looks best. We will be wiring the trees in place from the holes in the slab, and encircling them with a mud and sphagnum moss ring. Other than the trees and slabs, all materials will be provided by the society. Since this will be quite an involved project, we will start right at 7 and can continue until 9:30 if needed.

You can look forward to many different events this year, including other tree workshops, our annual member show, a guest speaker, and possibly a Saturday workshop in the summer. We will be having an auction this year on the first Saturday in August, along with our annual member picnic. So once nature says it's time to start the growing season, we'll have plenty to look do.

Dave Metzgar

Haiku Corner

Spring rain:
Rain-drops from the willow,
Petals from the plum tree

-Shoha



2012 Bonsai Society Holiday Dinner



More 2012 Bonsai Society Holiday Dinner



Member Survey

Please take a moment and help us with your comments.
We want to make your membership year as productive as possible

How did you originally learn of The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society?

- from a friend
 newspaper article
 PBS website
 the Internet
 Bonsai Classes at Phipps
 a flyer
 from a Garden Center

Would you like to receive your newsletters electronically? yes no

If yes, Name E-mail Address

Are your bonsai skills: beginner intermediate advanced

Please tell us what programs you'd prefer:

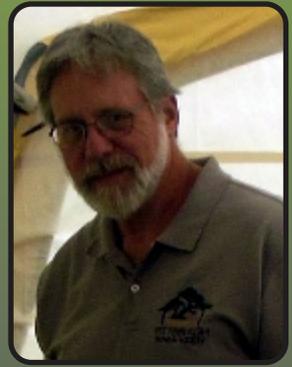
- lectures
 workshops with your trees
 demonstration & workshops
 Bonsai Basics



Questions:

Bob Grealish's Spring Dig!

I think the best time to dig trees from my field would be Saturday, April 6th. We can start about 9 AM and go until dark. I have a variety of pines, horn-beams, elms, maples, juniper, Hawthorne, etc. up to 20 years old. Some are young material, some are developed. Prices will be about \$20-100+. People should bring



shovels and either burlap and string or some kind of container. I have whatever else we might need, like pruners, loppers and a backhoe. I'll put the coffee on.

~Bob

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Yea! We Got Shirts! Good Shirts!



Now you can proudly show your enthusiasm for Bonsai and the Pittsburgh Bonsai Society with golf shirts from members Anna and Cliff Domasky.

Available in white, tan and taupe. \$25 each, including three-color embroidery.

You can also supply your own quality shirt; have it embroidered for a modest \$10 charge. For more details contact Cliff or Anna at:

annaclaus55@hotmail.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Events:

19-21 April 2013:

Grantville, PA: MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' 30th Spring Festival, Holiday Inn, Harrisburg/Hershey. Featuring Minoru Akiyama/Japan; Peter Warren/United Kingdom; Ryan Neil/USA;

<http://www.midatlanticbonsai.freezers.com/fescurr.htm>

3-5 May 2013:

Potomac Bonsai Association Spring Festival Washington, D.C. at the National Arboretum

www.potomacbonsai.com
or www.usna.usda.gov

Fri., Sat. & Sun., Aug. 16-18:

Midwest Bonsai Society presents the Mid-America Bonsai Show. The 36th Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Go to:

www.midwestbonsai.org/show.htm
for more information.

A Reminder about Annual Dues:

You'll find a "short form" dues renewal notice in this issue. Our Membership Year is January 1 to December 31. Your Society relies on your support and participation in order to bring the programs that we all enjoy. (Dues remain: \$30 individual and \$40 per family).

April 2013 Issue Deadline:

Submissions for the April 2013 Newsletter are due no later than March 25, 2013.

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