



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

April 2014 Newsletter

Kelley Adkins, Workshop On The Carpinifolia Elm

APRIL



Exceptional Bonsai artist and longtime friend of our Society, Kelley Adkins, will present a demonstration and workshop featuring the Carpinifolia Elm. Kelley's demonstration tree will be raffled off. A limited number of single-trunk, double-trunk and triple-trunked trees will be available ranging from \$40 to \$120. Remember: this program starts at 6:30pm, not 7:00pm! Bring your tools. Most current information will be on our website



April 16, 2014 • Wednesday • 6:30pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

MAY

Spring Show Prep!



~Photo by Cindie Bonomi from last year's show

Despite The Winter That Wouldn't Leave, the 33rd Annual PBS Spring Show is right around the corner. After spending considerable time and effort creating your bonsai, it's time to exhibit that living art in our Spring Show. The May program promises tips and techniques to enhance your choice tree to Show readiness! Bring your exhibit tree(s) and tools. As always, the Society has tools and wire available.

May 21, 2014 Wed. • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

Please check our ever-evolving website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>
Also visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pittsburghbonsai



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Deadlines:
Generally one month prior to issue date.

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



A Note From Dave:



We Want Your Feedback...

As PBS board members, we try and present a diverse and interesting set of topics for our monthly meetings and events. We do this based on programs of the recent past and what we think members might enjoy in the future. But we want to hear from you too, those who attend meetings regularly and those who haven't been around in a while. Are we doing enough for beginners, have you seen it all and want something totally new? Do we handle the meetings well, do you want more time for questions or working on your own trees? If you have any suggestions, please email or call me and we'll see if we can help. Most of the updated information on any and all events will be on the website, so you can post comments there, too.



~Photo By Cindie Bonomi

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Car trip to the National Arboretum in Washington D.C.

Any PBS members interested in taking a carpool trip to the arboretum during the weekend of May 3 and 4? The visit will coincide with the Potomac Bonsai Festival that is held at the arboretum. Members who expressed interest at the last meeting wanted to make it a two day trip. Hotel and carpool details will need to be worked out. Look for more info on the website or by email. For more info on the festival, see <http://www.potomacbonsai.com/>



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. Please send in the Membership Application/Renewal Form from this issue plus your renewal check by April 30th to continue the delivery of your future newsletters and special event notices. Your Society relies on your support and participation in order to bring the programs that we all enjoy.

(Dues For 2014: \$ 30 individual and \$ 40 per family)

Haiku Corner

As though this were the lot,
A great deal fell,
Spring snow.

~Issa

Wiring and Re-Potting Techniques Meeting!

~By Jay Miller

Forty-Five of the Faithful gathered at the March Meeting for a bonsai "fix"! Dan Yobp presented Re-Potting 101, while Bob Grealish demonstrated tips to remember in wiring.

Dan discussed and showed organic and inorganic components of bonsai soil. He passed around various particle sizes for large, medium and shohin bonsai. Dan and Bob analyzed common soil materials. Average bonsai soil might be 1/2 bark and 1/2 haydite. Dan used his spray bottle of water not only to keep the roots moist, but to selectively clean and examine specific root areas. Never flush all the previous soil from the root ball. Working with a chopstick and root rake, he then transferred and fitted the hawthorn tree from a nursery pot to a shallow wooden, pre-drilled training tray that he had assembled from scraps. His meticulous approach to cutting fine roots insured a good fit. Dan pointed out that drilling many wiring holes gives him the flexibility of

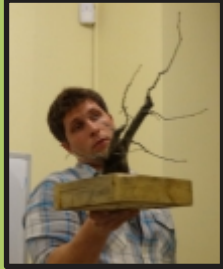
selecting which holes will enable wiring the tree in from THREE points, ensuring better tiedowns. He mentioned the desirability of protecting the surface roots with plastic tubing or even sections of old belts. Once the tree was wired in securely, Dan demonstrated his two handed approach to tamping soil. His advice for repotting aftercare? Pay attention to the tree: watering and feeding cycles, whether wire was 'digging in' and unwanted critters

Bob Grealish covered the various types of wire used for bonsai, the sizes and their properties. He stressed the need for planning what areas of the tree were to be wired, and the timing of wiring and re-wiring. His comment that "Bonsai is Chaos Theory in Action" drew appreciative laughter. With Dan holding the branch, Bob showed a raffia and wiring technique for larger branches.



~Photography By Mari Yobp

More Wiring and Re-Potting Photos



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 ☐ PBS Facebook
☐ 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

Other Suggestions:

Questions:

PITTSBURGH BONSAI SOCIETY • 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 16	Wed 6:30pm	Kelley Adkins Carpinifolia Workshop
May 21	Wed 7pm	Spring Show Prep Class; Get trees ready!
June 6, 7, 8	33rd Annual Spring Show	Phipps Garden Center
June 18	Wed 7pm	Bring your Show purchases for Care/Styling tips
July Auction	TBA	Phipps Garden Center
July 16	Wed 7pm	Tropical Tree Workshop
Aug TBA	Sat 11 am	Annual Member Picnic
Sept 17	Wed 7pm	Guest Speaker Workshop
Oct 15	Wed 7pm	Carving: Demonstration & Hands-on train
Nov 19	Wed 7pm	Phoenix Graft
Dec 09	TUE 6:30 pm	Annual Holiday Party

All events, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Phipps Garden Center, starting at 7:00pm

Phipps Garden Center is located at the edge of Mellon Park in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh. At the Phipps Garden Center sign on Shady Avenue, just south of the intersection of Fifth and Shady Avenues, turn into the cobblestone driveway. Park in the metered lot. Walk 50 yards farther down the cobblestone lane. The Garden Center is the red brick building on your left

Severe Weather & Emergency Information: PBS Meetings and Special Events at Phipps Garden Center will take place as scheduled except in the event of severe weather or emergency. Unsure? Call their Emergency Phone Number: 412 441-4442 for updates.

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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Events:

31st MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival:

April 25, 2014 - 8:30am to April 27, 2014 - 4:30pm. The 31st MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival will be held April 25-27, 2014 at the Ramada Hotel in East Hanover, NJ. Featured bonsai artists are, Takashi Iura from Japan, Corin Tomlinson from the UK, and Suthin Sukosolvisit from the US. The Festival features Friday workshops, members' bonsai exhibit, raffles of demo material, silent auctions, exhibit critiques (Sat.), banquet and live auction, and a large vendor area. For more information go to: <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com>

May 2-4, 2014 Potomac Bonsai Association Spring Bonsai Festival:

"Southern Fried Bonsai", Washington DC at the National Arboretum. May 2nd 8:00am to May 4th 5pm. A 5 hour drive but worth it! www.potomacbonsai.com or www.usna.usda.gov

37th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit:

August 15 - 17, 2014. Our August show is our show with the longest history, going into year 37 in 2014. It is one of the biggest regional shows in the nation. Centered on the Chicago Botanic Garden's Permanent Collection, featuring almost 50 world-class trees, it's a showplace of trees from across the midwest. Enthusiasts from five states bring their trees to be judged in the main hall at the Garden's Regenstein Center - with this year's Guest Master Rodney Clemmons. There are no residency or membership restrictions for entering the show - any tree that can make it to Chicago is welcome to be entered. Download a tree registration form that you can fill out in advance and bring with your tree.

Along with this fabulous display of regional talent, there are over a dozen national vendors, workshops, free demonstrations, and a banquet with a silent auction.

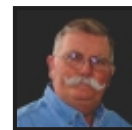
4th US National Bonsai Exhibition:

September 13, 2014 - 9:00am to September 14, 2014 - 5:00pm International Judges: Susumu Nakamura, Lindsay Bebb, David Easterbrook will evaluate over 200 bonsai from across the United States for awards and present free demonstrations. For additional information and to submit photos for entry contact: William N. Valavanis at: wvnv@internationalbonsai.com or 585-344-2595

May 2014 Issue Deadline:

Submissions for the May 2014 PBS Newsletter are due no later than April 17, 2014.

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*Dues Are Due!
Renew Now!*

