



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

August 2013 Newsletter

THIS MONTH
"IT'S A TWO-FER"

The Great Bonsai Auction

Going, Going, Gone! Bring your sell-ables in from 12 to 12:30pm

All Bonsai related items: pre- and finished bonsai, pots, books, tools, pins, jewelry, etc.

Saturday, August 3 • 1:00pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside



The Annual PBS Picnic and Flea Market at The Grealish Farm



Sat. Aug. 10, 2013 • Starting at 11am

Our Annual Laid-Back Summer Bonsai Picnic and Swap Meet surrounded by superior bonsai, fellow enthusiasts and great munchies! Member/Guest Directions inside.

-Photos from last year's picnic by Cindie Bonomi

Boxwood 101

NEXT MONTH

With Armand Latour



Armand's presentation will cover this remarkable plant's features, explaining why it is so popular for bonsai. Members with finished boxwoods should bring them to the meeting.

Wed. • Sept. • 18, 2013, • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

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



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

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A Note From Dave:



A Little Break....

Midsummer usually means you get to take a break from the many chores that bonsai require during other months of the year. Most of the deciduous trees have slowed down growth and the pine needles have hardened off. It's time to sit back and enjoy your creations with a cold drink for you and one for your tree.



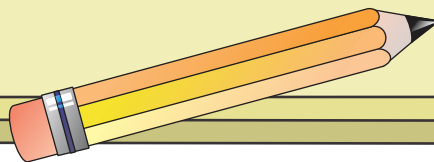
~photo by Cindie Bonomi

Without the normal Wednesday meeting, the two events in August are casual and fun, and both fall on Saturdays. The auction is at the Garden Center on Saturday, August 3 and starts at 1:00 pm. Come and bid on bonsai related items and if your wallet is deep enough, take home some more trees to play with. Some light food and drink will be provided. If you are bringing in items to be auctioned, please be there between 12:00 and 12:30 so we can catalog them and be ready at 1:00.

A week later is the annual Picnic at Bob and Rose Grealish's house starting at 11:00 am. Main dishes and drinks will be served but feel free to bring along a side dish or dessert. This is a great way for new PBS members to get to know everyone and also see a great collection of bonsai.

See you there.

Dave Metzgar



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"Now What? Here's What..." at the June Meeting

by Jay Miller

The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society is fortunate to have a large number of new members. They certainly demonstrated their enthusiasm at our Spring Show, by purchasing a wide variety of bonsai material from the Meehans and from our consignment tree area. Good attendance at the Demonstrations on both days exposed them to the art and process of tree development. The June meeting was well attended, with those new trees ready for "Now What..."

Bob and Dave performed a brief demonstration, then circulated, along with other veteran members, among the worktables. Every one got a lot of "Face Time" with the experts as well as "Tree Time". Some folks brought their own tools, others took advantage of the Society's tools, some relied on the generosity of other members, but all started the long and satisfying creative process with a lot of encouragement.



Dave opens the meeting and gives people some ideas of what they might do with their newly acquired trees.



Bob went from table to table and helped as well.



~photography by Cindie Bonomi

Some Our TREES From Our: SPRING BONSAI SHOW



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STREET

Haiku Corner

The summer moon
Is touched by the line
Of the fishing rod.

-Chiyō-ni

TREES

~photography by Cindie Bonomi

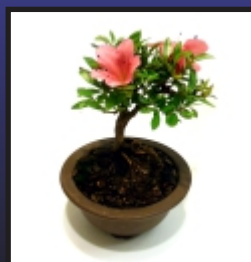
Materials native to North America that make decorative accent plants include:

From: Jerry Stowell's Accent Plants for Bonsai Display

- alpine azalea, *Rhododendron lapponicum*
- alpine buttercup, *Ranunculus eschscholtzii*
- American columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*
- bird's-foot violet, *Viola pedata*
- blue-eyed grass, *Sisyrinchium* spp.
- bluet, *Houstonia caerulea*
- blue violet, *Viola sororio*
- bunchberry, *Cornus canadensis*
- downy rattlesnake plantain, *Goodyera pubescens*
- gold-star grass, *Hypoxis hirsuta*
- horsetail, *Equisetum* spp.
- mountain cranberry, *Vaccinium Vitis-idaea* var. *minus*
- pasture rose, *Rosa carolina*
- partridgeberry, *Mitchella repens*
- pincushion plant, *Diapensia lapponica*



- shrubby cinquefoil, *Potentilla fruticosa*
- small ferns, such as the Christmas fern,
- *Polypodium vulgare*
- spleenworts, *Asplenium* spp.
- trailing arbutus, *Epigaea repens*
- Virginia saxifrage, *Saxifraga virginensis*
- woodland (white) aster, *Aster divaricatus*
- wintergreen, *Gaultheria procumbens*
- yellow violet, *Viola rotundifolia*



Tree with Companion Plant

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Come and Celebrate Summer at our Bonsai
Flea Market & Picnic Saturday, August 10, 2013 11am

The Grealish Farm

Bob & Rose Grealish's House:
39 Henry Road, Tarentum, Pa.
Phone: 724 265-4535

This is a great opportunity to buy, sell or trade bonsai trees, training stock, tools, pots, soil, wire and countless other bonsai-related items.

Bring chairs, a bathing suit and a table & the \$10.00 fee if you want to sell stuff.

Ample parking, snacks and beverages will be available. However, please feel free to bring something to share with your friends, old and new.

From Pittsburgh:

Route 28 North to the Cheswick Exit. At end of ramp, turn right and go to the first stop sign. Turn right on Russelton Road (at Bocheck's Auto Repair). Go 7.4 miles, through Rural Ridge and Russelton and past the Red Belt sign. There will be a sharp left bend and go across a small bridge to the stop sign. Turn right on Saxonburg Blvd. (There's a Culmerville gas station across the street.) Go 1 mile to Henry Road (small green sign on left, easy to miss!). Turn left and go 1 mile to the brick farmhouse on the right. 39 Henry Road sign on house, mailbox across from driveway, driveway past house.

From Route 8:

Go east on Bakerstown Road (Red Belt) to Saxonburg Blvd (Culmerville gas station on right). Turn left on Saxonburg Blvd and go 1 mile to Henry Road (small green sign on left, easy to miss!) Turn left and go 1 mile to the brick farmhouse on the right. 39 Henry Road sign on house; mailbox across from driveway, driveway past house.

Some Heat Tolerant Species For Bonsai

These are observed results from a Texas Bonsai enthusiast who grouped his trees into three categories: (He did not stress whether all trees were under shade material, or shade trees.)

1. These species have not seemed to suffer at all:

Trident maple
 Buttonwood- has grown like a weed in full sun
 pinus thunbergii
 a.p. "Shin Deshojo"
 cedrus deodara-
 cedrus atlantica
 Juniperus chinensis "shimpaku"
 podocarpus macrophyllus
 sequoia sempervirens- much to my surprise has zero heat damage though I keep them misted regularly

pinus edulis
 a.p. "bloodgood"
 Chaenomeles japonica "Texas Scarlet"

3. These have browned badly and have lots of dried up leaves:

a.p. "kamagata"
 a.p. "germaines gyration"
 Taxodium distichum (about half of them are only mildly browned)

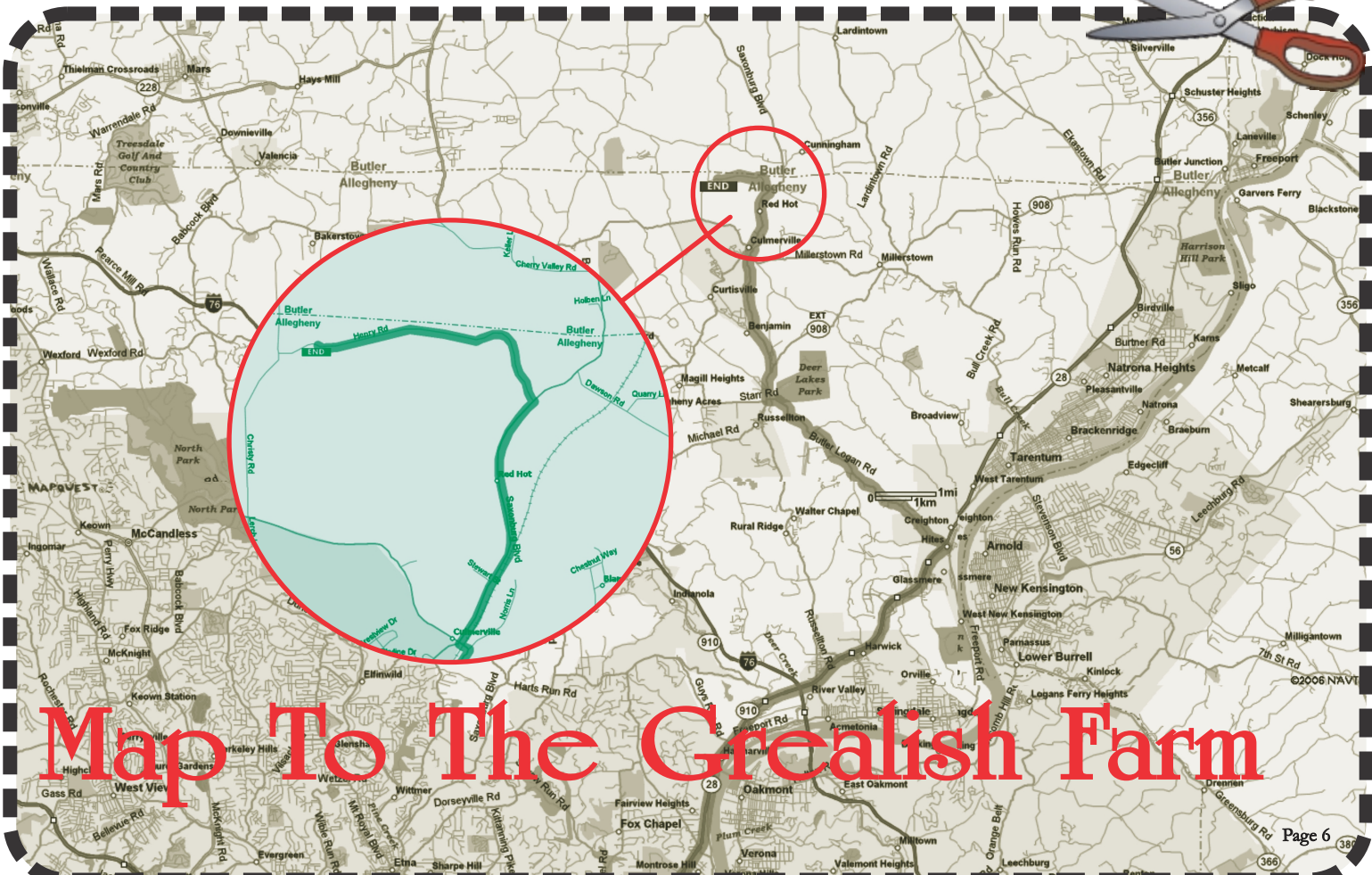
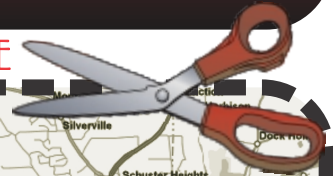
2. These have had some browning/burnt leaves but still healthy:

Acer palmatum- plain green
 Acer Palmatum dissectum "Red Dragon"
 a.p. dissectum "Inaba Shidare"
 a.p. dissectum "Crimson Queen"



Acer palmatum dissectum complements of the internet

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Plant Care Tips for August

(from the Great Swamp Bonsai Society)

Since August can be a very hot and dry month, it is imperative that trees be watered every day, maybe twice daily. Not much else can be done except to feed regularly. From August on, trees will need less nitrogen and more potassium and phosphorus to harden the wood and induce budding. Continue to pot up air layerings that put out roots. Branches start to thicken during August, and wire which begins to bite into the branches should be loosened.

August is pretty much about keeping your trees sufficiently watered against the heat, and beginning to harden them up for the coming fall. This is about the time that most people start backing off their feeding, pinching, and pruning schedules. Don't fertilize too aggressively, or else you risk the trees pushing too much new growth that will not harden-off sufficiently before the cold weather comes in.

Wear Your Pride!



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.

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For more details contact Cliff or Anna at: annaclaus55@hotmail.com

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724-348-4771
Pots, wire, tools, soil, plants

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonsai Barn:

Whether you want to buy, sell or trade any bonsai-related material, take advantage of the "Bonsai Barn" on our website www.pittsburghbonsai.org. You can also list regional/national bonsai events that your fellow PBS members might find interesting.

Spotlight Trees:

Remember to bring your spotlight trees to a meeting for "show & tell". It's a great way for new members to learn about new (to them) species; their TLC requirements and the story of your tree.

Coming Events:

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.

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 12-15- ABS Learning Seminar. The 2013 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar in Saratoga Springs, NY. For more information go to their website: <http://www.loveofbonsai.com>

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Pittsburgh Bonsai Society • 2013 Calendar of Events

Aug 3.....Sat 1pm..... Auction (Bring items in 12-12:30pm)
Aug 10 Sat 11am Picnic at the Grealish Farm
Sep 18 Wed 7pm Boxwood 101 with Armand
Oct 16 Wed 7pm.....Boxwood Workshop with Armand
Nov 13.....Wed 7pm.....TBA plus Elections
Dec 6.....Wed 6:30pm..... Annual Holiday Party
2014January & February..No Meetings
Mar 19.....Wed 7pm.....TBA



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

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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.