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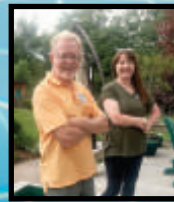
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NEWSLETTER

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THE PBS ANNUAL PICNIC

~Photos of 2019 and 2021 PBS Picnic by Cindie Bonomi



August 7 brings us the annual PBS picnic, hosted by Bob and Rose Grealish. It remains one of the top highlights of the PBS annual calendar and is an opportunity to enjoy great company and great bonsai for an afternoon. You can wander around

Bob's collection and admire some outstanding trees, bring your own tree to work on or get advice, or just have a drink and something to eat and socialize with everyone. There's also a pool to cool off in for those who are interested, so plan to bring a swimsuit.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

August 7 ★ Sunday ★ 11am ★ The Grealish Farm

THE AUGUST GARDEN TOUR

Dan Yobp will be having his garden tour Saturday, August 27 (from 2pm-4pm). If you are planning on coming, please call Dan on his cell: 626 755-8850 He will be happy to give you his address and directions.

~Photo by Mari Yobp



THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST

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The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society (PBS) was organized July 10, 1957 to disseminate knowledge, encourage others, and create interest in the art of bonsai through meetings, workshops, newsletters, and guest speakers. It's our seventh decade of advancing the art of bonsai in Pittsburgh and the Tri-State area. The membership year is January 1 to December 31. For details on events, Society membership or general information, see the Society's web page at: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>. Our newsletter is published periodically, 10 issues per year.

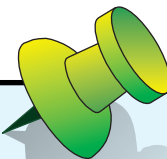
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Submissions:

Submissions are encouraged. Please submit photos or artwork in JPG format and copy in Microsoft Word.

A Note From Mike:



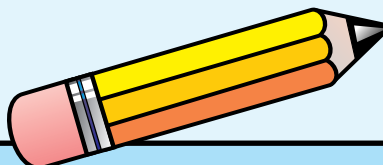
There will be no meeting in August, but we will be having the traditional Bonsai picnic at the Grealish homestead Saturday August 7th and will be starting at 11:00am. Members are encouraged to bring a food item to share with the other members.



~Photo by Mike Stern

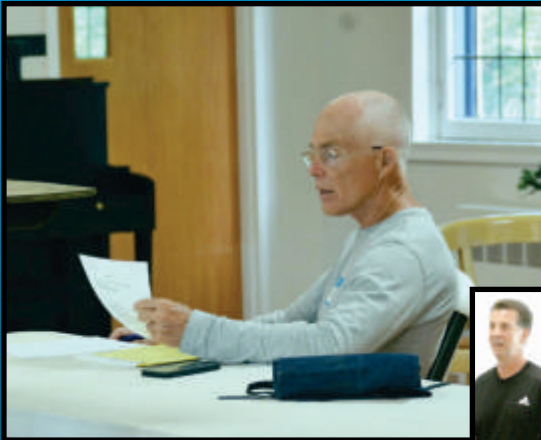
This is an opportunity for members to get together at a social event and talk bonsai. Also, members are offered the opportunity to view Bob's amazing garden and collection of trees.

This will also be an opportunity for members to get a chance to look at the trees that will be available for sale and workshops from the growing field. There are dwarf elms, Trident maples, Bald Cypress, junipers, crab apples and dawn redwoods.



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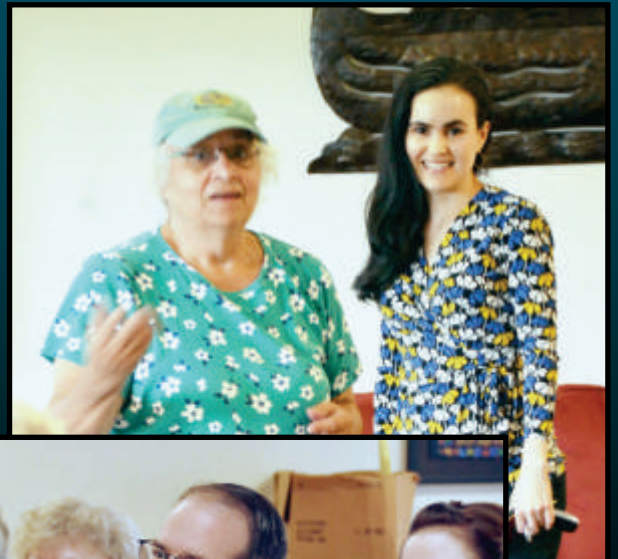
July Meeting Photos





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Pranag K. Nag,
Louise Means and
Cindie Bonomi*







PBS AUCTION



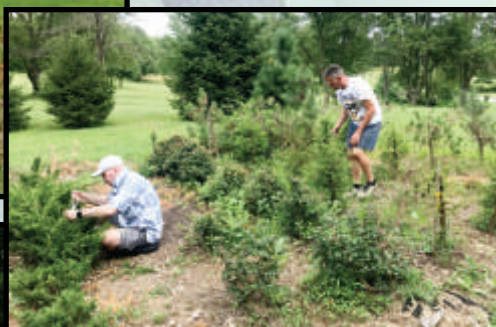
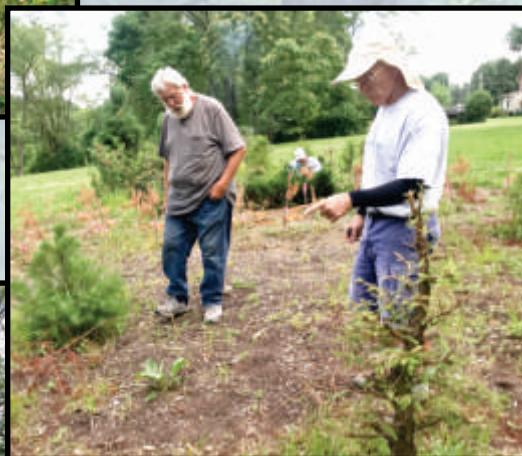
~Photography by Pranag K. Nag and Cindie Bonomi







JULY FIELD DAY AT GREALISH'S



~Photos by Cindie Bonomi

DAVE METZGAR'S GARDEN TOUR



~Photos by Cindie Bonomi



~Photos by Cindie Bonomi



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Dave
Steidel



The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society held its annual auction on August 23rd, 2022. Approximately 240 trees, pots, and other bonsai related items were ready to be auctioned at 10:00am. Because of the Pittsburgh Grand Prix, the auction was postponed 15 minutes to give people time to arrive. With 240 items and approximately 40 bidders, the auction began. The age range of the bidders was from 7 to 70+.

Trees, scrolls, pots, magazines, books, and tools were auctioned off. Bidders went home with some great material.

Members who sold material will be reimbursed 85% of the auction price and the club keeping 15%. A highlight of the show was the bidding on a Schefflera donated by Dave Steidel. The tree was sold for over \$600. A huge THANKS to Dave for his generosity.

To everyone who donated their time to make the auction happen, the officers are grateful. The setup started at around 8am and cleanup was complete by around 3:15pm.

Haiku Corner

Cool breeze,
tangled
in a grass-blade.
-Issa

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Your Trees In August

~ By Michael Stern

August is a month where temperatures typically rise. If the temperatures get into the mid-90s, trees often go dormant and the needs for fertilization diminish. If trees go dormant and humidity is high, watering needs may also reduce. Always check your soil to determine watering needs.



~Photo by Mike Stern

Though pines and junipers often respond well to high temperatures, other trees may need some shade protection.

This is the time that mild restyling of junipers can occur. The next best time to work on trees will be early fall, around September, as trees are going into their vascular phase of growth. During the spring and early summer, trees are primarily putting on foliar mass. Around August 15th, foliar growth reduces, and trees start putting on more vascular tissues such as thickening and root growth. After early spring, early fall is the next best time to perform significant styling of your trees. Since vascular tissue is expanding trees can heal more quickly from bigger bends. Also, the elongated growth of Pines and spruces and other elongating species has hardened off and is less fragile. If you remove less than 50% of the foliar mass, the tree is likely to make it through the winter. However, If you reduce significant foliar mass, winter protection is a must.

Regardless of whether it's early spring or early fall, it is important for a tree to have demonstrated vigorous growth and be healthy before any significant styling occurs. If you repotted the tree in the spring and it is not demonstrating vigorous growth. You should not be doing significant work in the fall.

You should also be checking the trees that you wired in the spring as there is some vascular growth occurring in the spring as well as summer. Wire that is biting in will need to be carefully removed. Wire on smooth barked deciduous trees needs to be monitored closely and removed before it bites in and leaves marks. With rough barked conifers you may want to wait to remove wire until there is some biting in, as it may hold better.

For your Bonsai supplies, support

the store that exists for the society



Bob Dietz

Bonsai In The Burgh

Home: (724) 348-4771
Cell: (412) 592-3271



Pots, Wire, Tools, Soil, Trees

Contact Bob Dietz in advance of the meeting if you need to purchase any bonsai supplies, from potting mix soil to tools

Garden Tours

The idea of the garden tour is that you open your garden to the society for a few hours on a specified day. During this time, members can see your trees, ask questions, take photos, learn, and get ideas for their own trees.

If anyone is still interested in opening their bonsai garden to the PBS members, contact Terry Monroe at: terrym74@yahoo.com

Member's Garden Tours 2022

Dan Yobp will have his Garden Tour Saturday, August 27 (from 2pm-4pm). Dan's cell: 626 755-8850

GARDEN TOUR CHANGE:

Cindie Bonomi will be changing her garden tour from September 24 and 25 to Saturday, September 10 (from 10am to 3pm). Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 11 (from 10am to 3pm). Cindie's cell: 412 689-5586.

Fundamentals in Creating a Bonsai

We now have four educational videos on our Pittsburgh Bonsai Society Youtube page. Links are on our website.

Carpinifolia Repot 2022

Aftercare for collected bonsai material

Bonsai as energy management

Watering: The first thing taught, and the last technique mastered

This new video we just added discusses the complex aspects of watering your bonsai and the factors to consider to maintain a healthy balance of oxygen and moisture in the roots.

Bonsai Field Growing Education Program

Dave Metzgar will keep us informed through emails about scheduling ongoing educational experiences.

Dave Metzgar has scheduled the third Bonsai Education Field Day at the Grealish homestead on Saturday July 9th 5pm. The field is in shade, and it is cooler to work in the evening.

Bring work gloves, concave pruners, scissors, weed diggers and hoes.



We have shimpaku junipers and crab apples to prune. The elms and tridents that were dug and in mulch need to be trimmed. Bob sprayed for weeds since we weeded in June. So, weeding should be quick.

Email Dave If You're Interested

If you are interested in participating and learning about the field, I'm Dave Metzgar.

Email me: davemetzgar119@gmail.com or text me at: 412-956-2482.

New Members:

Jennifer Capasso
Howie Powell
Joe Poskin
Zhen Wen Feng



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*-Photos by
Cindie Bonomi*



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

Our Membership is Growing

The Society membership is now over 100 and continues to increase every month - reaching numbers not achieved in many years. New and renewing memberships are welcome any time of the year.

As of April 1st all members in good standing will receive the Society newsletter, emails, and Zoom meeting notifications. They will be able to attend

member-only events and be afforded other member-only opportunities. They can request membership on the Pittsburgh Society Group page or mail in the membership form on page 19 of this newsletter.

Those interested in Bonsai are welcome to attend a meeting or two to determine if they would like to join.



Membership Application
or Renewal Form

Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

Membership Year: January 1 to December 31

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Name _____

Address (Number and Street, Rural Route or Post Office Box) _____

City or Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email address is used for membership database and member correspondence only. The Society will keep this info CONFIDENTIAL

Phone _____

Date _____ Signature _____

_____ Individual Membership \$30.00

_____ Family Membership \$40.00

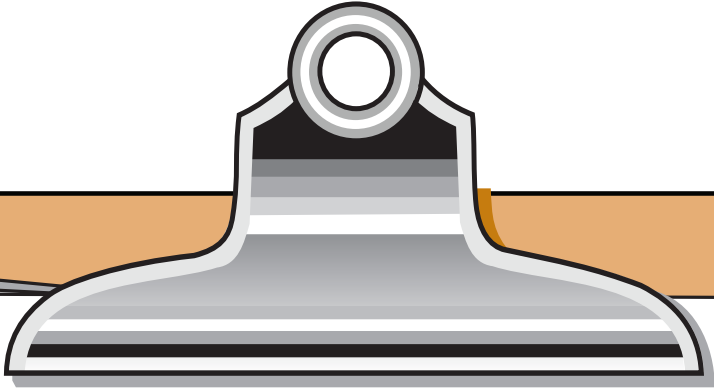
_____ I am a New Member

_____ I am Renewing my Membership

Make your check payable to the
Pittsburgh Bonsai Society and send it to:

Ed Baginski
272 Apple Hill Drive
Delmont, Pa 15626

The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society, formed in 1957, is a non-profit organization. The mission: to disseminate knowledge, encourage others and create interest in the art of bonsai.



SOME EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom Presentations:

Contact Larry Lamonde at: larryl@precopy.com if you are interested in doing a Zoom presentation on a bonsai-related topic. The free Zoom application allows for a 40 minute presentation. If you wish to allow questions and answers following the presentation, take that into consideration.

Dan Yobp's Zoom Meetings:

Dan Yobp will be hosting 2 Zoom Meetings. The first is on Weds. Aug. 17th at 7pm. The topic is: "Bonsai Process-How to Reach a Good Design Through Horticulture and Art".

This will be a two part-series. First part will be about design in terms of art and how that relates to bonsai.

The second part is 8/24 7pm and it will cover how horticulture affects design. Don't miss it!

Fundamentals in Creating a Bonsai:

When there is a Bonsai Field-Growing Education Program at the Grealish homestead, experienced members will always be available to offer one-on-one direction and guidance in helping a new member create a bonsai.

The newer member is responsible for supplying a specimen for which they are seeking assistance. If you have tools and wire, bring them along.

Bonsai Field Growing Education Program:

Dave Metzger will keep us informed through emails about the next educational opportunity for our field-grown trees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting and Demonstration Ideas:

If you have a topic or subject that you would like to see PBS present in coming months, please contact Mike Stern for consideration of your idea. This means NEW members, too! PBS wants to help you grow in your knowledge and skills as your bonsai grow.

Meetings and Workshops:

Most of the repotting should have been accomplished by the time you are reading this newsletter and we will be working on fertilizing, pruning, wiring, styling, and pinching.

Bonsai Field Growing Education Program at Grealish's:

The Bonsai Society grows trees in the field to provide reasonably priced, quality pre-bonsai for our workshops. The Growing Field Director, Dave Metzger, will be scheduling dates throughout the year for members to come together and have hands-on experience with these trees. The timing and technique of setting structure, pruning, wiring, bending, and trimming of these trees is based on the same schedule as your own bonsai. Since many members do not have lots of trees on which to practice, the field provides the opportunity to see how and when specific techniques are applied on multiple trees and different species. To improve one's knowledge and technique, repeated experience is the best teacher.

Bonsai Mirai:

This subscription online platform allows you to observe, ask questions, and experience bonsai education remotely. It maintains a library of hundreds of videos that you can access on addressing everything bonsai from seasonal techniques and aesthetic considerations to horticultural knowledge. Go to: bonsaimirai.com

Eisei-En Nursery, Nashville, Tennessee Bjorn Bjorholm:

Intensive learning opportunities. Go to: <http://www.bjornbjorholm.com> Eisei-En Nursery, Nashville

Brooklyn Botanical Garden:

CV STARR Bonsai Museum
30 Trees on Display Year-Round

National Bonsai & Penjing Museum:

Washington, DC. 10 am to 4 pm



**Compiled by:
Michael Stern**

Newsletter Information:

It's easy to make an announcement or contribute to the PBS Newsletter. If it is text only, email Mike Stern at: mstern55@outlook.com. If it is a sketch or photo, email Cindie Bonomi at: cindiebonomi@gmail.com.

Submissions for the September Newsletter are due no later than August 25th, 2022

Pittsburgh Bonsai Society 2022 Events

The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society Board is excited and proud to have put together a year-long program that provides seasonally-based experiences, education, and topics for new members as well as experienced members. This is the first time that we will be integrating with our monthly meetings remote learning via Zoom, the bonsai growing field, and Garden Tours. We will be offering comprehensive learning experiences and opportunities for all members.

We did our best to schedule when specific techniques will be seasonally appropriate to teach and demonstrate; however, these will be subject to change based on weather conditions and the developmental phase of the available trees. Applying techniques at the appropriate time are critical to creating healthy and quality trees.

The proposed schedule for experiences and demonstrations at each meeting are subject to change. We will announce those changes prior to each monthly meeting. We will announce Zoom Q&A meetings as well.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Redeemer, 5700 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15217. All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and will reoccur every third Thursday of the month-unless otherwise specified. The church has an off-street parking lot available for our use and is one mile from our former meeting site at the Phipps Garden Center.

OUR MEETINGS ARE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Month	New Members Program First 15 minutes post business meeting	Meeting Program 7:00 pm	Field Growing Bonsai Program Dates to be announced.
August	What are trees doing in August? Increasing vascular growth. Dan Yobp's two-part Zoom Meetings are entitled "Bonsai Design" on Weds. 8/17/22 at 7pm. The following Zoom Meeting will be on Weds. 8/24/22 at 7pm.	No meeting. Also there will be no Field Day in Aug. at the Grealish's. Picnic August 7th.	Bending branches to create movement. Re-wounding scars to increase healing. Garden Tour #4 - Dan Yobp Saturday, August 27 (from 2pm-4pm)
September	What to look for when searching for nursery material. Fall fertilization.	Meeting Thursday 15th. Wiring conifers such as spruce or juniper. Merit-Based Group Critique	Bending branches to create movement. Garden Tour #5 CHANGE - Cindie Bonomi has changed to Saturday, September 10 (from 10am to 3pm) Rain date: Sunday, September 11 (from 10am to 3pm)
October	Tool maintenance	Meeting Thursday 20th. Leaf-drop pruning on deciduous and fall wiring. Mike Stern Merit-Based Group Critique Pro Workshop (fee-based and bring your own tree) October 8th-9th. Mike Lebanik.	Leaf-drop pruning and fall wiring on field trees.
November	Winter storage and care review.	Meeting Thursday 17th. Merit-Based Group Critique #2.	
December		Meeting Thursday 15th. Holiday Celebration and Winter Silhouettes.	