



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

**2022
NEWSLETTER**

JULY

THE JULY MEETING

The July meeting topic will be merit-based critiques on styled trees and styling ideas on raw material. Everyone is encouraged to bring a tree or 2 as the entire evening will be dedicated to these endeavors. To get the most out of styling ideas on raw materials, members should have their trees cleaned so it is easy to see the trunk line and features. Members should bring in trees for which they wish to get suggestions or critique.



Thursday • July 21 • Parish Hall of the Church of the Redeemer

THE JULY GARDEN TOUR



Dave Metzgar will be having his garden tour Sunday, July 3rd (from 10am to 2pm).

If you are planning on coming, please call Dave on his cell: 724 519-2482. Dave lives in Murrysville and he will be happy to give you his address and directions.

JULY AUCTION

Come to the auction with your auction form filled out. (See Pittsburgh Bonsai Society web page under Resources to print a form or print it out from this newsletter on page 21) Have your items tagged. Tags will be available at the July meeting.

Finding quality bonsai material is always a challenge. Only members can sell trees, but the public can bid and purchase. Members should bring trees around 9:00am. All items must be checked in before the start of the auction. If an item is checked in it cannot be removed from the auction. People cannot trade their items after they are checked in. The auction should start at approximately 10am. There will be no lunch break, so bring a snack and something to drink. The auction serves as a fundraiser for the Pittsburgh Bonsai Society.

A reserve price on the sheet is the minimum price you will accept for the tree. If the bid does not reach your reserve, the tree will not be sold. You cannot back out of the bid.

Items must have a minimum of \$10 in value. Consider grouping small items into a package.

Material for the auction should be bonsai-related such as trees and pots and magazines. Plant material that is either diseased, dying, dead or otherwise unhealthy will not be auctioned. Clean your nursery pots and remove weeds, etc. The auction officers/volunteers will decide if the material is bonsai-related or in healthy condition and appropriate to auction.

Procedures:

Payments are required before items are removed.
Payments by credit card 4% or PayPal at 5% up charge.
Only members can pay by check.
Anyone can pay cash.



Saturday • July 23 • Parish Hall of the Church of the Redeemer

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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.

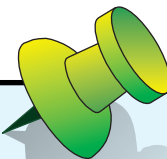
Deadlines:

Generally two months prior to issue date

Submissions:

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

A Note From Mike:



As an officer, it is so encouraging to see so many members volunteer their time, efforts and talents to allow the Society to accomplish so many wonderful activities. The officers look forward to working with all of you who go the extra mile. Thanks so much.



~Photo by Mike Stern

Our Bonsai show at the Monroeville Mall was an unqualified success. Numerous members commented that the number of quality of trees and level of refinement was the best ever. The venue's lighting added to the ambiance of the show. Having it in the mall offered walk-by traffic, which added to the attendance.

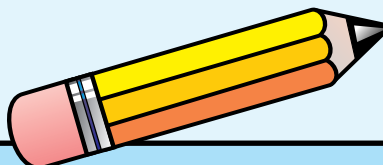
The Zombie Bonsai area was a nice added touch which was coordinated, and created by Cindie Bonomi. This was added to the Show because the Dawn of the Dead weekend was being hosted at the mall. Next year we should have a new theme.

Vendors Bob Dietz, Mark Mohler, and Randy Daughy offered a variety of plant material and pots which experienced as well as novice individuals found very attractive. All of the vendors reported having sales success and would be happy to return next year.

The consignment area added the opportunity for members to sell bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, and other various bonsai related items. Not only did the members benefit from the sale, but the club also benefited by receiving 15% of the sales.

Randy Daughy, one of the ceramic potters reported that this was one of his favorite events because he found that the cooperation and relationships among the members was very cordial and positive, Randy stated that it was an unusually positive experience, having attended other bonsai shows.

I would like to thank Gilda Arroyo and Dave Metzgar for coordinating and organizing the show. Because of their efforts behind the scenes, this was a truly a wonderful show. Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank each and every member who spent time setting up, greeting, selling, tearing down, or helping in any way. The amount of time and effort it takes to put together programs is huge. Every little bit helps. We were out of the mall by 6:30 pm.



Mike Stern
mstern55@outlook.com

June Meeting Photos



~Photos by Cindie Bonomi





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Mark Mohler's Ceramic Pot Workshop



*~Photos by Ian Evans
and Cindie Bonomi*





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THE SPRING SHOW



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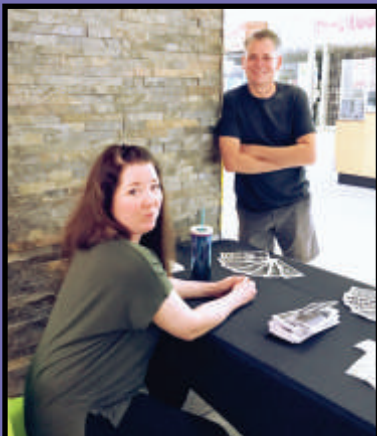


BONSAI IN THE BURG

MARK MOHLER



RANDY DAUGHTY

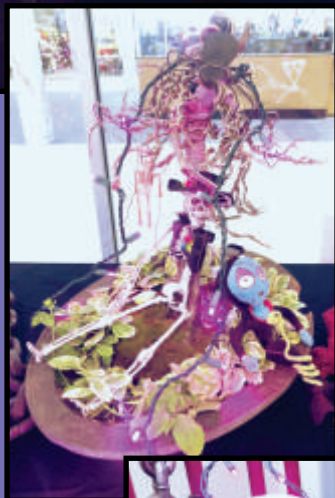


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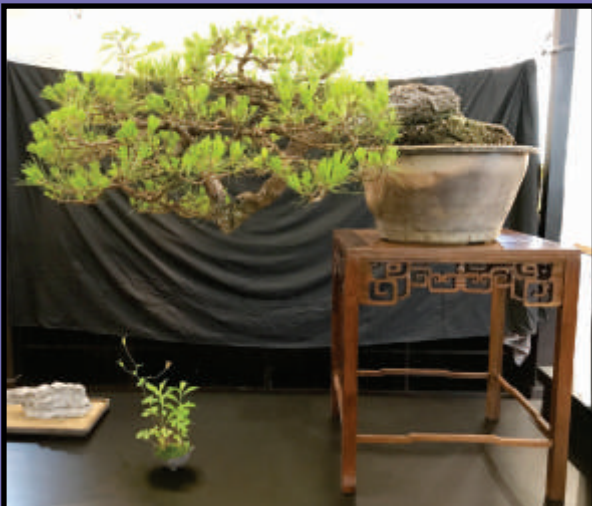
THE CONSIGNMENT TABLE

ZOMBIE BONSAI



STEVE SCIULLI

THE TREES



~Photography by Pranag K. Nag and Cindie Bonomi

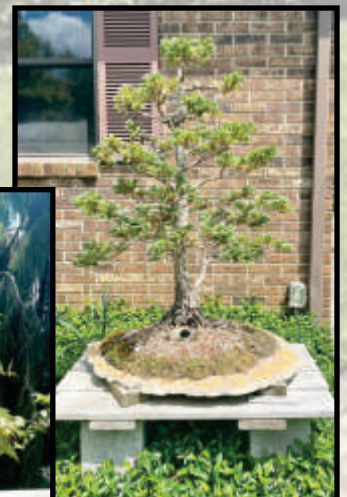
Field Day At Grealish's



~Photos by Linda Diesing

Mike Stern's Garden Tour

*~Photos by Karol Snead
and Louise Means*





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Your Trees In July

July is upon us. The heat is rising. The days are muggy. Most of the foliage has hardened off. Though trees are using water, they tend to use less water during this time of the year because the leaves have hardened off and there is high humidity. Trees may use less water, so be careful that you do not overwater them.

~By Michael Stern

shade or partial shade in the afternoon. Also, deciduous trees can also benefit from shade or partial shade in the afternoon. Japanese maples are trees that benefit from shade in the afternoon. Elms tend to be more tolerant of sun and heat.



~Photo by Mike Stern

If the cambium layer on your junipers has solidified, this may be a time to begin working on your



junipers. Junipers tend to thrive in temperatures in the low 90s. If they are healthy, they like lots of sun and heat. Pines also do well with these elevated temperatures. Elongating species like spruces, larches, hemlocks, etc. may benefit from

Generally, the needs for fertilization are minimal during hot summer months.

This is a time you should be aware of Japanese beetles. Some systemics, such as Sevin and Bayer Advanced 3 IN 1, are products that when absorbed by the foliage can kill the beetles as they eat the leaves.

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

Dave Metzgar will be doing his garden tour Sunday, July 3rd (from 10am to 2pm). Dave's cell: 724 519-2482.

Louise Means will have her garden tour Saturday, August 27 (from 11am to 3pm). Rain date: Sunday August 28 (from 11am to 3pm). Louise's cell: 412 400-5192.

Cindie Bonomi will have her garden tour Saturday, September 24 (from 10am to 3pm). Rain date: Sunday, September 25 (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:

Kathi Knoop
Charles Costello
James Fagg



David Joyce
Michael Tomana
Dennis Michaels



FIELD DAY

Our next Field
Day will be at
Grealish's on
Saturday July
9th at 5pm

Haiku Corner

In the twilight rain
these brilliant-hued hibiscus -
A lovely sunset.

-Basho

Order your PBS items now:

<https://www.teepublic.com/user/pghbonsaisociety>

Mugs
T-Shirts
Hoodies
Pillows
Totes
Posters
Pins
Magnets
Kids Clothes
Phone Cases



Wear Your Pride...

And your enthusiasm for Bonsai! Golf shirts embroidered with the Tricolor PBS logo are available in white, tan and taupe for \$25. You can also supply your own quality shirt and embroidery will only be a modest \$10.00

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



-Photos by
Cindie Bonomi

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 20 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.



PBS AUCTION

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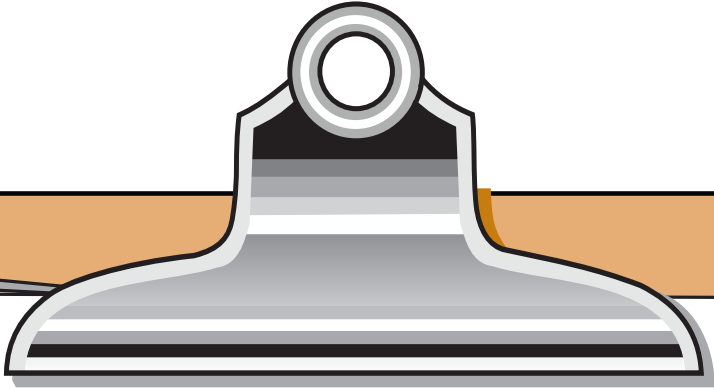
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15% PBS: _____ **OWNER:** _____

TOTAL: _____



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 will be doing a Zoom presentation on design in July, date to be announced.

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 August Newsletter are due no later than July 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.
July		Meeting Thursday 21st. Members bring in a tree for Merit-Based critique or raw-cleaned material for styling suggestions. Auction July 23rd.	Post-flush harden pruning. Big cuts on trees. Field Day Saturday July 9th, 5pm Garden Tour #3 - Dave Metzgar Sunday, July 3rd (from 10am to 2pm)
August	What are trees doing in August? Increasing vascular growth.	No meeting. Picnic August 7th.	Bending branches to create movement. Re-wounding scars to increase healing. Garden Tour #4 - Louise Means Saturday, August 27 (from 11am to 3pm) Rain date: Sunday August 28 (from 11am to 3pm)
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 - Cindie Bonomi Saturday, September 24 (from 10am to 3pm) Rain date: Sunday, September 25 (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 15th-16th. 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.	