



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

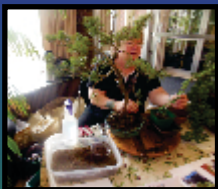
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and create interest in the art of bonsai

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2016 Newsletter

JUNE

The PBS Annual Spring Show



All PBS members should display at least one tree. Members will also get a one hour head start in the vendor area on Saturday! Show up at 9 and our consignment area will be open. The other vendors may be ready in time as well!



~2015 Show Photos By Cindie Bonomi

June 4-5, 2016 • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

ALSO IN JUNE



Our Regular June Meeting

In June we will discuss pines in greater detail. We will talk about candle pruning/cutting, needle pruning, balancing energy, feeding, and more. Bring your own pines in for advice and work. Also, feel free to bring in any trees newly purchased at the Spring Show for discussion and advice.

June 15, 2016 • 7pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

JULY

Lots Of Topics For July's Meeting

At our monthly meeting we will tackle a few topics. First, we will discuss and demonstrate the hard pruning of trees in order to rebuild lost structure or change the design of a tree. We will also have a wiring demonstration and discussion followed by a discussion of Junipers and tips for growing them and keeping them healthy.



July 20, 2016 • Wednesday • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

The PBS Annual Auction

On Saturday, July 23, we will have our annual auction! Bring trees, pots, scrolls, stands, slabs, and other bonsai related items to the Garden Center.

~ photos of 2014 Auction by Cindie Bonomi and Josh Housiaux Steward

ALSO IN JULY



Please check our ever-evolving website for updates: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>
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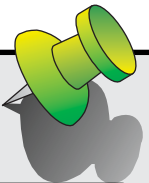
The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society (PBS) was organized July 10, 1957 to disseminate knowledge, encourage others and create interest in the art of bonsai through meetings, workshops, newsletters and guest speakers. It's our sixth decade of advancing the art of bonsai in Pittsburgh and the Tri-State area. The 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 Dan:



At the May meeting, we had a demonstration of a bonsai rock planting. I showed how to attach a juniper, boxwood, and moss to a rock with wire and muck, sticky soil that helps the trees root into the display.



~photo by Dan Yobp

On May 21, many of our members attended two Kusamono workshops at the Grealish farm, taught by Young

Choe, renowned Kusamono artist. Although it was chilly weather for May, our group had fun getting dirty and making some great accent plant displays! Thanks so much to Ms. Choe and everyone who participated. Special thanks also to Bob and Rose Grealish for hosting the event and their gracious hospitality, as always.

Coming June 5 and 6 will be our big public event for the year, the Annual Spring Show! We would like every member to participate and have at least one tree in the show, so prepare your little trees and displays! We are also in need of more volunteers to sign up to help. Contact Gilda and sign up for setup, clean up, concessions, or the greeting table. Let's all pitch in to make our spring show another success!

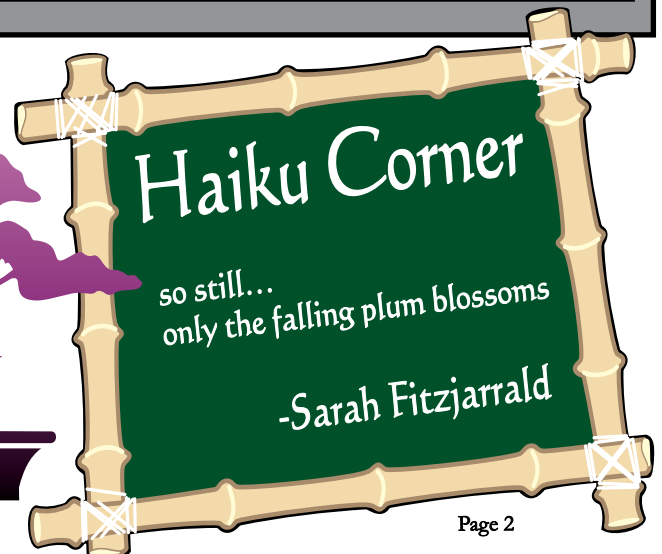
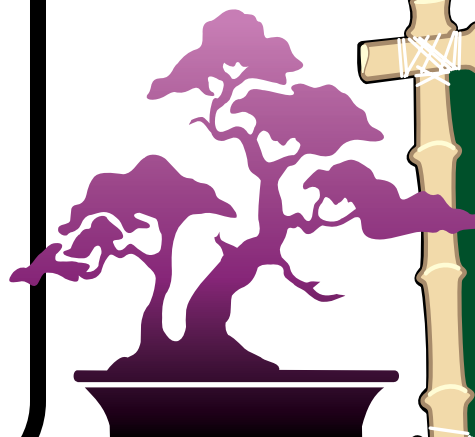
To those members who have items to sell in the consignment area, please make sure you come early with everything labeled, prices included. This will avoid a last minute scramble and help to make everything run smoothly. Thank you in advance.

Lastly, don't miss the June 15 monthly meeting. We'll be learning more about pruning pines for bonsai. Also, feel free to bring in your own trees for encouragement and advice. It's a busy time of the year for our Society, so make the most of it and come to participate and talk trees!

See you at the show!



Dan Yobp
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May Meeting • Rock Plantings

~by Lisa Borman Bednar

May's meeting focused on creating a rock display for bonsai. President Dan Yobp demonstrated how to use wire and muck to attach bonsai for these types of displays. It was an informative meeting, with questions

and discussion with the members about how to have the best chance of success for these dramatic displays.



~photo by Lisa Borman Bednar



President Dan Yobp, with some of his own rock planted bonsai, beginning the demonstration.

Gilda lends Dan a hand.



The soil is removed from a juniper in preparation to affixing it to the rock.



The planting is nearly finished. Dan adds more muck and moss.



The wired tree is moved for best aesthetic effect.



The juniper is in place. Next a boxwood tree and moss will be affixed to the display rock.

~Photography by Kat Bednar

YOUNG CHOE • KUSAMONO WORKSHOP!

~by Lisa Borman Bednar

On Saturday, May 21, Kusamono Artist Young Choe returned to present a Kusamono workshop at the Grealish farm. It was wet and chilly, but the members who participated all

had great fun creating their own accent plantings and getting dirty in the process.



~photo by Lisa Borman Bednar



Josh HousiauxSteward with one of his Kusamono creations.

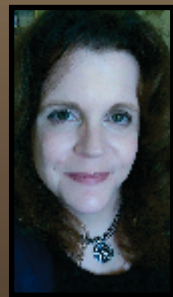


Some of the many Kusamono made at the workshop.



~photography by Lisa Borman Bednar

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The afternoon session got quite busy with creating Kusamono.



The Gang:
Terry Monroe,
Dan Yobp,
Rose Grealish
and
Bob Grealish.

Kusamono
creation
by President
Dan Yobp.



Young Choe,
demonstrating
how to create
Kusamono.



A selection of plants for raw material.



~photography by Lisa Borman Bednar

RESCUED FROM THE HEAP

Or, The Fine Art Of Urban Yamadori

~Article and photos by Dave Metzgar



~photo by Cindie Bonomi

Across the gravel parking lot I finally spotted what I was looking for: great mounds of bright purple and pink blossoms. Beautiful azaleas blooming where I knew no azaleas were growing. As I got closer, I was happy to find giant piles of plants, roots intact, and trunks many inches thick, apparently pulled from the earth by giant forks. I was walking my three dogs in a municipal park next to my house and I knew that several huge old azaleas were recently ripped out of the ground by the municipal workers. They were driven to this parking lot and dumped unceremoniously at the edge of a small hill next to the mulch piles. I had found a colorful pile of yamadori gold!

Later that day, I went back in my truck with chainsaw, hand saw and heavy loppers minus the dogs. Over the next few hours, I was able to wrestle a half dozen forty year old trunks into the back of my truck. I was cutting off large roots, breaking off excessive soil, and cutting off the tops, some of which were well over nine feet tall. Anyone not familiar with bonsai who would have happened to have walked by would have wondered why I was cutting off all of the flowers and taking the large gnarly trunks and roots. The largest and best looking plant was halfway over the hill and way too heavy to pull up by myself, so I drove home with the first haul of treasure and brought back a rope. I was wary of pulling anything by rope with my truck after the incident with a thirty foot tall black cherry tree landing on the roof and hood (my chainsaw got stuck in the tree in a failed attempt to cut it down and I'd rather not bring the story up again). But this azalea was the best of the lot so I had to risk it. I finally got it up the hill and broke off enough soil to make it a manageable size and heaved in into the truck. This was the one for which I had high hopes.

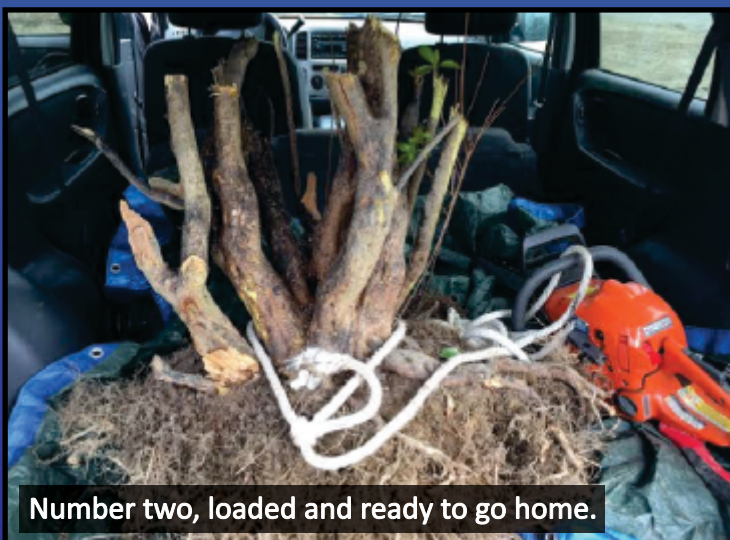
I had gotten all the trunks home, unloaded, cleaned, and potted and realized that the collecting was the easy part. The hard part was making them into bonsai. Was it worth a day's work, a sore back and poison ivy? Yes, I noticed later, after it was too late that one of the trunks had poison ivy wrapped around it. Ask me in five years.



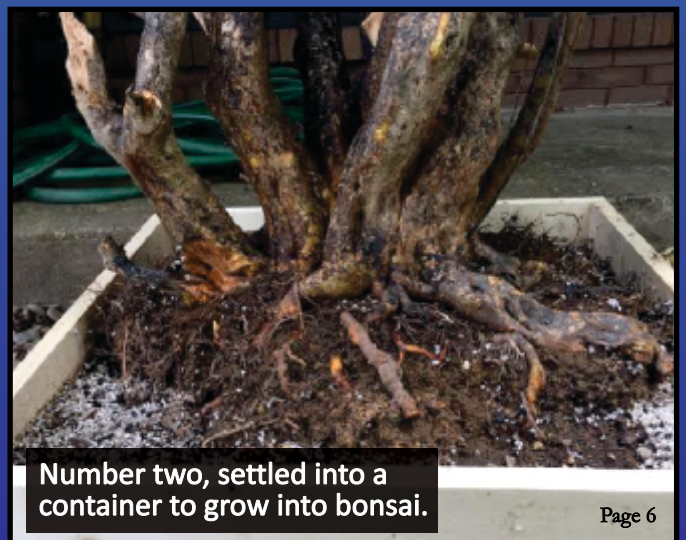
The pile of old azaleas,
just right for urban yamadori.



All cut and loaded.



Number two, loaded and ready to go home.



Number two, settled into a
container to grow into bonsai.

If any member is interested in carpooling to the National Arboretum in Washing DC on a Saturday in June or July, please email Terry Monroe at terrym74@yahoo.com to let him know of your interest and available dates. It would be a one day trek down and back with a few hours at the museum.



~photo by Lisa Borman Bednar



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*-photos by
Cindie Bonomi*

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the store that exists for the society



Bob Dietz



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonsai Barn:

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

Coming Events:

All season long: Bi-weekly workshops at Bob Grealish's home. Dates will be announced via email and at meetings.

August 2016 the 39th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit For information go to:

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org>

September 10-11, 2016 the 5th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, East Rochester NY at Total Sports Experience. For information go to: www.internationalbonsai.com

If you have a topic or subject that you would like to see PBS present in coming months, please contact Dan Yobp or Terry Monroe 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.

Newsletter Information:

It's easy to make an announcement or contribute to the PBS Newsletter. If it is text only, email Lisa Borman Bednar at: lisabednar.pbs@gmail.com If it is a sketch or photo, email Cindie Bonomi at: cindiebonomi@yahoo.com

Submissions for the July 2016 Newsletter are due no later than June 20, 2016.

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Pittsburgh Bonsai Society • 2016 Calendar of Events

- June 4-5.....Sat/Sun.....35th Spring Show - Demonstrations and Workshops
Jun 15.....WedCandle cutting pines, balancing energy, etc.
Jul 20.....WedRebuilding trees, hard pruning and wiring demo - Juniper tips
Jul 23Sat Auction! Bring trees, pots and other bonsai related items
August.....TBAAnnual Member Picnic
Sep 21.....Wed.....Tom Longfellow, Fairy Tale Bonsai and demonstration
Oct 19.....WedNominations, Carving demo and tool maintenance
Nov 16.....Wed.....Elections, winter protection, questions
Dec 14.....Wed.....Annual Holiday Party

Workshops with Bob Grealish: Bring trees for advice and season appropriate work. Workshops occur biweekly on Thursday nights. Future dates will be announced.

All events, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Phipps Garden Center, starting at 7:00pm. Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Avenue, 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.