



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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



March 2009 Newsletter

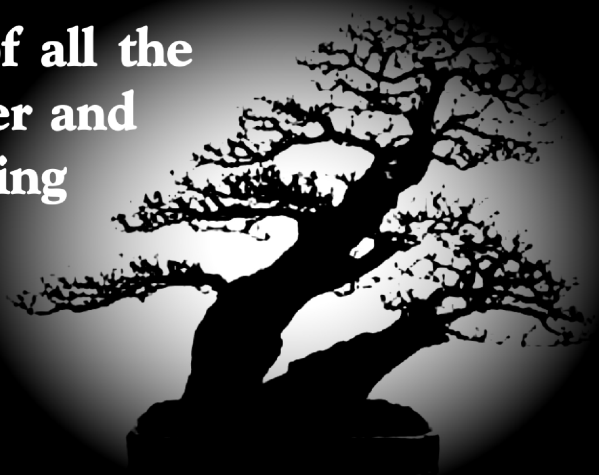
NEXT EVENT

BONSAI BASICS

Demonstration with Bob Grealish

Wednesday, March 25 2009 7:00pm
Phipps Garden Center

Bob will present a summary of all the basic techniques for both newer and experienced members, including soils and potting, pruning and styling (but not wiring). A great tuneup for the beginning of the bonsai season!



Please check our website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>



SPRING AHEAD Sorta...

By Jay Miller

Living in Southwestern Pennsylvania allows for an appreciation of all the seasons, including winter. This year, winter seems to be unrelenting, especially for bonsai enthusiasts. Phone conversations with and email from your snowbird relatives are not helpful in maintaining your steely resolve not to disturb your trees in their winter shelter. The light is different; birds are chirping songs of courtship and you wonder whether to roll back the poly covering.

Remember that averages in March are a high of 49 and a low of 30 degrees. These are up 12 degrees from February and 15 degrees from January. We have seen a March day as warm as 84 and a morning as cold as minus one, however below zero is rare in March and has never occurred after the 15th of the month. We can expect to see the sun 43% of the possible time in March.

March is a busy month for the bonsai enthusiast, and on the warm days, roll back the poly coverings, inspect the trees for critter damage, water judiciously, and secure the covering for the cold nights. Take the time to scrub down the display stands. If you have trudged the woods at Uncle Harry's farm, noted the location of possible bonsai candidates, done some preliminary rootball cutting with a shovel last fall, then consider "lifting" the tree between March 15 and 21st. It will survive with the whole growing season ahead of it.

The 15th is a good time to start your feeding program for the indoor bonsai, especially Ficus. If you didn't get all your bonsai-related gifts at Christmas, now's the time to call Bob Dietz at Bonsai in the Burgh!

Monthly Question And Answer Box

Do you have a bonsai related question?
Mail or E-Mail your question to:

Bob Dietz
1525 Connor Rd.
South Park, Pa. 15219
dietz4771@comcast.net



Your question and the answer will
appear in the next news letter

For your Bonsai supplies support
the store that exists for the society



Bonsai In The Burgh

724-348-4771

Pots, wire, tools, soil, plants



The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

Membership Year: January 1 to December 31
Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

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I am Renewing my Membership

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

Phone: 412 833-8745
tbamford@verizon.net

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.



Member Survey 2009

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 ☐ a flyer ☐ Bonsai Classes at Phipps ☐ from a garden center
☐ newspaper article ☐ the Internet ☐ PBS website

Are your bonsai skills ☐ beginner ☐ intermediate ☐ advanced

How many trees are in your collection?

Do you acquire your bonsai from ☐ PBS Picnic and auctions ☐ Spring Show
☐ other members ☐ bonsai nurseries beyond Pittsburgh ☐ nursery stock



Would you like to receive your newsletters electronically?

If yes, Name E-mail address

PBS occasionally sponsors bus trips to regional/national bonsai events and to nationally acclaimed bonsai collections.

Would you attend if the trip was overnight ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you paid for overnight accommodations at a PBS group rate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you attend if it was a day trip starting about 5:00am, returning at 11:00pm ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

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2008 HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS









Pittsburgh Bonsai Society
c/o Cindie Bonomi (Editor)
335 Newburn Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Calendar of Events

Mar 25.....Wed.....7pm.....Bonsai Basics
Bob Grealish Phipps Garden Center

Apr 13.....Mon.....7pmTBA Phipps Garden Center

May 22-24.....SPRING SHOW WEEKEND

Jun 16.....Tue.....7pm.....TBA Phipps Garden Center



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.