



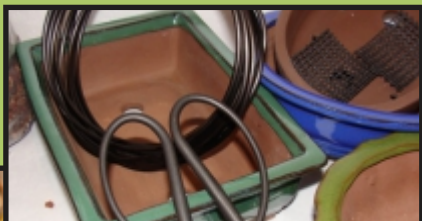
# Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

## March 2014 Newsletter

**MARCH**

### Wiring and Re-Potting Techniques!



With most of the winter colder than normal, we can't predict what March will bring. So we may be a bit early to re-pot, but it's a great way to start the bonsai season. Newer members can learn the right techniques about

re-potting bonsai from looking for signs that the tree is ready, to choosing the right pot and soil. More experienced members can learn from advanced wiring and design techniques. Bring in your trees and tools. As always, the Society has tools and wire available.



March 19, 2014 • Wednesday • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

### Kelley Adkins, Workshop On The Carpinifolia Elm

**APRIL**



Exceptional Bonsai artist and longtime friend of our Society, Kelley Adkins, will present a workshop on the Carpinifolia elm. Details on the number of trees available and materials cost will be in the April newsletter. Please note we start at 6:30pm, not 7:00pm!



April 16, 2014 • Wednesday • 6:30pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

Please check our ever-evolving website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>  
Also visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pittsburghbonsai](http://www.facebook.com/pittsburghbonsai)



# The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society Newsletter

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**Deadlines:**  
Generally one month prior to issue date.

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



**A Reminder**

## About Annual Dues

You'll find a "short form" dues renewal notice in this issue. Our Membership Year is January 1 to December 31. Your Society relies on your support and participation in order to bring the programs that we all enjoy.

**(Dues remain: \$ 30 individual and \$ 40 per family)**

## A Note From Dave:



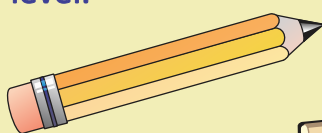
### A Higher Goal...

Welcome back. After a brutal winter, it is nice to be talking about active bonsai again. While your trees were dormant, the PBS board has been very active. After several meetings, we have set a



*Photo By Cindie Bonomi*

very diverse agenda for the year, including bringing in at least two outside speakers to lecture and guide workshops. The goal is to elevate the quality of the club by broadening our exposure to great artists and in turn learning from them and making our own trees better. Kelley Adkins will be doing a Carpinifolia elm workshop in April and a nationally known artist may come in the fall, again for a lecture/workshop. We will try and emphasize better design principles and techniques, with the first meeting in March, as well as throughout the year. The topics will appeal to beginners as well as very experienced members and we hope the more experienced will participate and share their knowledge. The Goal..... to elevate the quality of our bonsai and move the PBS to the next level.

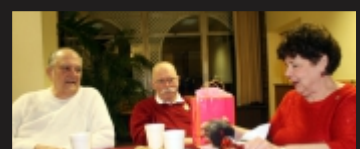


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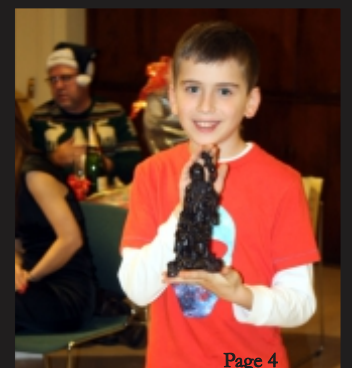
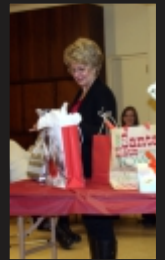
### Haiku Corner

new leaves  
a day at a time  
creeping up the mountain  
- Joe Nutt

# HOLIDAY DINNER PHOTOS



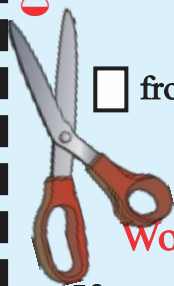
# MORE HOLIDAY DINNER PHOTOS





# Member Survey

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   ☐ newspaper article   ☐ PBS website   ☐ the Internet   ☐ PBS Facebook  
☐ Bonsai Classes at Phipps   ☐ a flyer   ☐ from a Garden Center

Would you like to receive your newsletters electronically? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, Name  E-mail Address

Are your bonsai skills: ☐ beginner ☐ intermediate ☐ advanced

## Please tell us what programs you'd prefer:

- ☐ lectures   ☐ workshops with your trees   ☐ demonstration & workshops   ☐ Bonsai Basics

Other Suggestions: .....

Questions: .....

## PITTSBURGH BONSAI SOCIETY • 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 19 .....Wed...7pm.....Wiring & Repotting Techniques  
Apr 16 .....Wed...6:30pm.....Kelley Adkins Carpinifolia Elm Workshop  
May 21 .....Wed...7pm.....Spring Show Prep Class; Get trees ready!  
June 6, 7, 8.....33rd Annual Spring Show: Phipps Garden Center  
June 18 .....Wed...7pm.....Bring your Show purchases for Care/Styling tips  
July (TBA).....Auction: Phipps Garden Center  
July 16 .....Wed...7pm.....Tropical Tree Workshop  
Aug (TBA).....Sat.....11am.....Annual Member Picnic  
Sept 17 .....Wed...7pm.....Guest Speaker Workshop  
Oct 15 .....Wed...7pm.....Carving: Demonstration & Hands-on training  
Nov 19 .....Wed...7pm.....Phoenix Graft  
Dec 09 .....TUE...6:30pm.....Annual Holiday Party



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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.

# Yea! We Got Shirts! Good Shirts!



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.

You can also supply your own quality shirt; have it embroidered for a modest \$10 charge. For more details contact Cliff or Anna at:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Coming Events:

### The Kennett Collection:

Kennett Square, PA, a dazzling private bonsai collection, will hold a one-time only "Reduction Sale" March 14, 15 & 16 at the Gateway Nursery Center, 7277 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, Delaware 19707. Not for the faint of heart or wallet, these spectacular trees range from several hundred to thousands of dollars. For more information: [www.thekennettcollections.com](http://www.thekennettcollections.com)

### 31st MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival:

April 25, 2014-8:30am to April 27, 2014-4:30pm. The 31st MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' Spring Festival will be held April 25-27, 2014 at the Ramada Hotel in East Hanover, NJ. Featured bonsai artists are, Takashi Iura from Japan, Corin Tomlinson from the UK, and Suthin Sukosol visit from the US. The Festival features Friday workshops, members' bonsai exhibit, raffles of demo material, silent auctions, exhibit critiques (Saturday) banquet and live auction, and a large vendor area. For more information go to: <http://midatlanticbonsai.freesevers.com>

### Potomac Bonsai Association Spring Bonsai Festival:

May 2-4, 2014. Washington DC at the National Arboretum. [www.potomacbonsai.com](http://www.potomacbonsai.com) or [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov)

### 37th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit:

August 15-17, 2014 Our August show is our show with the longest history, going into year 37 in 2014. It is one of the biggest regional shows in the nation. Centered on the Chicago Botanic Garden's Permanent Collection, featuring almost 50 world-class trees, it's a showplace of trees from across the midwest. Enthusiasts from five states bring their trees to be judged in the main hall at the Garden's Regenstein Center-with this year's Guest Master Rodney Clemmons. There are no residency or membership restrictions for entering the show-any tree that can make it to Chicago is welcome to be entered. Along with this fabulous display of regional talent, there are over a dozen national vendors, workshops, free demonstrations, and a banquet with a silent auction.

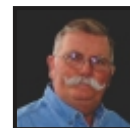
### Mark your 2014 Calendars:

A switch from Spring to Fall for the 4th US National Bonsai Exhibition, 13-14 September 2014 in Rochester, NY. Details later this spring.

### April 2014 Issue Deadline:

Submissions for the April 2014 PBS Newsletter are due no later than March 18, 2014.

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*Dues Are Due!  
Renew Now!*

