



Pittsburgh Bonsai Society

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

Winter 2015 Newsletter

MARCH Repotting Deciduous Trees, Advanced Soil Theory, Pot Selection

What better way to start the bonsai season of Early Spring: A Three-Fer! As a Society we are committed to upgrading our skills, enhancing our trees and perfecting their display. Newer members can learn the right techniques about repotting deciduous bonsai and how better bonsai soil can help. More experienced members will welcome advanced design techniques. Bring in your trees and tools. As always, the Society has tools and wire available.



March 25, 2015 • Wednesday • 7:00pm • Phipps Garden Center • Shadyside

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). *Details on page 4*

REMEMBER: NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2015
Please check our ever-evolving website: <http://pittsburghbonsai.org>
Also visit us on Facebook: 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 Note From Dave:



Something to do over the long, cold winter....

Unless you have some tropical trees to care for, there is not much for the bonsai enthusiast to do over the winter. Thank goodness for the internet. There are plenty of great articles to read and videos to watch. You can find many good ones on our website, pittsburghbonsai.org, under the "Resources" link. Every few weeks or so one of them will be highlighted on the front page of the website. Consider it a kind of "required reading" for PBS members. If anyone has something else that they'd like to share, email me a link and I'll post it. bannerdave@aol.com The first site I'd recommend is Michael's <http://ceataegus.com/> He posts information and photos of styling progressions. He writes an interesting piece on fertilizing, explaining why he doesn't buy the old idea of using a low or no nitrogen fertilizer in the fall. Hagedorn's blog.



~photo by Cindie Bonomi

So check back to the website every once in a while to see what's new, and give us a link to what you might find interesting.

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Haiku Corner

Blow of an ax,
pine scent,
the winter woods.

- Buson

Photos From The Pittsburgh Bonsai Society's HOLIDAY DINNER!

Fun was had by all at the 2014 Bonsai Holiday Dinner this year.



Santa Claus even came this year thanks to Chris Treloar.



Of course no Holiday Dinner would be complete without Inga Jensen's infamous JELLO SHOTS.



...And after dinner, we played our game, "The White Elephant" Every one had some laughs and some people even went home with some great prizes.



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Set up and snap!



...And here we have this year's center piece winners. These are little pines which we are hoping might come back in years to come as show pieces.



Jane Crompton was lucky enough to win our big door prize this year compliments of Bob Dietz and Bonsai In The Burgh. Wire, Pots, Tools...etc



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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 • 2015 Calendar of Events

Wed. March 25 7:00 pm
Wed. April 15 7:00 pm
Wed. May 20 7:00 pm
Sat. & Sun. May 29-30-31 Spring Show
Wed. June 17 7:00 pm
Wed. July 15 7:00 pm
Sat. July 25 Auction @ P.G.C.
Wed. Sept. 16 7:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 21 7:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 18 7:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 16 Holiday Party



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.

Welcome New Members!

PBS is pleased to welcome the new members of the Society for 2014. You have already demonstrated your enthusiasm by attending meetings and workshops, working on your trees and learning tips and techniques. Our society grows with your talents, while we grow with our trees.

Rob Andrews, Edward Baginski, Bonnie Booth, Jim Crawford, Neal Griebing, Susan & Henk Harkema, Harvey Henteleff, Josh Housiauxsteward, Sean Isaacs, Dennis Lee, Cindy & Dave McCune, Matt Michaels, Terry Monroe, Dana Morris & Miki Thomas, Chuck Muia, Grant Olson, Duane Ready, Jeff Reichel, Charles & Theresa Richards, Erica Ryland, Carol Scalese, Dave Sciranka, Laura Waters and Mark Yakubisin. And for 2015: Nan Butler & family, Anne & Dave Stevenson! Welcome New Members!

For your Bonsai supplies support

the store that exists for the society



Bob Dietz



Bonsai In The Burgh

724-348-4771
Pots, wire, tools, soil, plants

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:

annaclaus55@hotmail.com

-photos by Cindie Bonomi and Anna Domasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Events:

32nd Annual Spring Festival - MABS April 24 - 26 2015 The Spring Festival of the MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies will commence Friday evening, April 24, 2015 and run through Sunday afternoon, April 26, at the Fairbridge Inn (formerly Ramada Hotel) in East Hanover, NJ.
www.midatlanticbonsai.org
More Information To Come

38th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit. August 14-16 2015. Their August show has the longest history, going into year 38 in 2015. 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. 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. For more information go to:
<http://www.midwestbonsai.org>

2015 Calendar Note:

Artisans Cup of Portland, "American Bonsai Reforged and Refined", Portland OR September 26th-28th 2015, Portland Art Museum, 8:00am - 5:00pm; 1219 SW Park Avenue, Portland. The Artisans Cup of Portland Bonsai Exhibition is the showcase of America's new movement to raise aesthetic appreciation and craftsmanship in the art of bonsai. The show's venue in the renowned Portland Art Museum catapults bonsai into the world of fine art. Event Website:
<http://www.artisanscupofportland.com/>

March 2015 Issue Deadline:

Submissions for the March 2015 PBS Newsletter are due no later than February 18, 2015.

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DUES ARE DUE! RENEW NOW!

