



The Pennsylvania Bonsai Society Newsletter

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*The crescent moon
Is warped and bent -
Keen is the cold*

Issa

February Meeting

An important fundamental of bonsai culture is that of developing proper wiring skills.

Our February meeting will focus on wiring. Questions often asked refer to when the proper time is for wiring, what type of wire to use - aluminum or copper, what size (gauge) wire to use, and how long wire should be left on the tree.

Proper wiring techniques will be demonstrated, and members given the opportunity to practice with help from experienced wirers.



Please be sure to bring wire cutters!

Wiring Workshop

Dates: Saturday, February 18

Location: Free Library of Springfield Township

Time: 10:45 - 4:45

Flower Show Notes

"The Garden Electric" is this year's theme for the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 4 -12.

PBS as usual, will exhibit bonsai, and supervise the exhibit throughout the show.

Members who wish to exhibit trees should provide photos to Bob Mahler no later than January 31. bonsaipro@gmail.com

Contact Karin Simmat to sign up for exhibit sitting - you'll receive two free tickets for each sitting date (many members choose to sit on multiple days).

Karin's email is ksimmat@verizon.net. Please use **Flower Show Volunteer** in the subject line.



Future Meetings

January - No Meeting
March 4-12 - Philadelphia Flower Show

March 31 - April 2 - MABS

MidAtlantic Notes

The 2023 MidAtlantic will open on March 31 and conclude April 2. This is a change originating by the hotel, moving the Festival back one week. Please be sure you correct your calendar.

This year's artists are Will Baddeley from the United Kingdom, Hugo Zamora Launa, from Mexico, and Todd Schlafer, from Colorado.

Registration forms are on site (midatlanticbonsai.org)

Online registration is quick and easy.



PBS is organizing a trip to MABS on Saturday April 1. You can spend the entire day at MidAtlantic visiting the vendors, viewing the bonsai exhibit, watching demonstrations, viewing the bonsai artists working, up close and personal, and take part in silent auctions. Transportation is FREE, but you'll need to register (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday) as there is no single day registration. Sat/Sun registration is suggested - you may wish to drive back yourself on the 2nd. Lunch is included.

Departure place and time (about 6am-ish) are yet to be determined. More information will be forthcoming as soon as we get a minimum number.

A minimum of 8 people is necessary to make this trip a go.

Contact Jim Troyer - jim.troyer@icloud.com or 610-212-3151 to reserve a spot.

The bonsai exhibit at MABS consists of club members' trees. Each club shows three or four bonsai. PBS needs exhibit trees. If you wish to exhibit, please contact

Karen Harkaway - kharkaway@gmail.com

One final thing - Please try to donate an item to be used for one of the auctions at MABS.



December Meeting

Our annual Holiday Social was a really fun afternoon! There was a table loaded with lots of delicious snacks, followed by a hot Italian meal. Once everyone had their fill, we moved on to the raffles for the day.

Our MABS registration was won by Lori Markham, and the Tony Tickle demo yew from November's meeting was won by Chip Hughes. Congratulations to both our winners!

Our Crazy Pollyanna gift exchange was lots of fun - good-natured theft of gifts brought lots of laughter. This is one event where coming in last is a distinct advantage.

Santa had dropped in at the meeting, too. He left a gift for every member - a bag of soil (not coal!).



Happy New Year!!