



Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

# Bonsai Times

P.O. Box 1684, Bethlehem, PA 18016

February, 2020

## Message From the President

Learn character from trees, values from roots and change from leaves.  
Tasneen Hameed

From my not so messy desk...

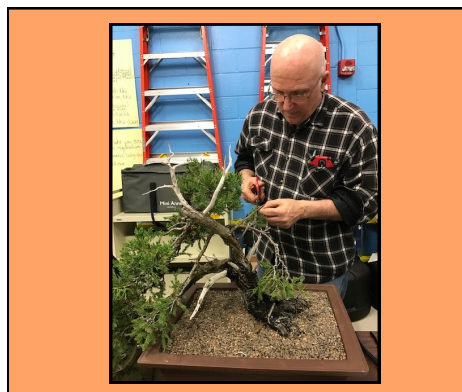
Since I retired, I have had time to clean up my den...somewhat. I've been told a clean desk is a sign of a sick mind so the semi-sick part of my mind (only half the desk is cleaned!) will jot down a few items and send them along.

It has been a mild winter so far. If you all are like me, you have been watering more frequently this year than last winter. Conifers are still photosynthesizing and the deciduous trees are moving water and nutrients around for equilibrium. The warmer weather also means more creepy crawlies will be out next spring.

There is time to wire or trim those species you can do so on this time of year. If you are working on your trees, take a picture and send it to me so I can share it with the club on our club's facebook page.

Our club needs your participation not only at meetings but also in planning our agenda. We have an opening right now! Our VP, Ken Tietjens, has resigned from the board due to previous commitments. If you are interested, please contact any of our board members.

Remember, the MidAtlantic Spring Festival will be held in Grantsville, PA again this year. Dates are April 17-19. You can register online or by mail using the form we have available. We had a



*BSLV President, Bob Ruhe*

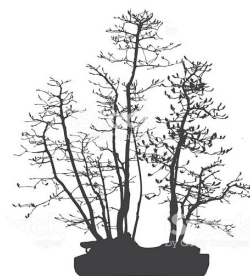
## BSLV Board

**President:** Bob Ruhe  
**Vice President:** vacancy  
**Secretary/ Treasurer:** Jack Kane  
**Program/Education:** Jim Gillespie  
**Newsletter:** Linda Kondikoff  
**Director:** Rodney Conn  
**Director:** Jim Heacock  
**Past President:** Greg Krause

respectable representation last year so let's do it again!

Looking forward to seeing you all in future months.

Bob Ruhe



# BSLV Spring Semester 2020

Unless otherwise specified, BSLV meetings will take place at the **Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Bethlehem.** Visit the church's website for more specific directions and parking info:  
[www.nativitycathedral.org/about/directions/](http://www.nativitycathedral.org/about/directions/)

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.



**January 26, 2020 (Sunday) 5:30 pm** – Annual Member Banquet, Asia Oriental Cuisine Restaurant, 1102 E. Susquehanna St., Allentown, PA 18103 (610) 798-7777

**February 4, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 pm** – Instructional and informational PowerPoint presentation on various aspects of Bonsai will be presented by club president, Bob Ruhe. Bob will present two ABS programs: "Pot it Up" and "Tips of the Trade". This is a great opportunity for learning new techniques, a refresher on old techniques, and discussion about various aspects of working with bonsai.

**March 3, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 pm** –Lecture/Demo by Bonsai Master Bob Mahler of Kifu Bonsai. Website: <https://www.kifubonsai.com/>

**April 7, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 pm** -- BYO (bring your own) bonsai for trimming, styling, repotting or just for having questions answered. Members should bring any trees proposed for exhibit at May member show or MABS Spring meeting. Bring whatever materials you need (tools, wires) . If there is something you might want to purchase from Jim Gillespie please contact Jim prior to the meeting.

**April 17-19, 2020** –MidAtlantic Bonsai Spring Festival. *See next page for details*

**May 14, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)** – Pauline Muth Lecture/Demo – Shohin size, twisted trunk Shimpaku Juniper. Demo plant will be raffled. Website: <http://www.pfmbonsai.com/>

**June 27**– Annual Member Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff Farm. More info to follow.

# Don't Miss It!

## MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival April 17, 18 & 19, 2020

Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey  
Exit 80, I-81  
Grantville, PA 17028



Featured Artists– Bjorn L. Bjorholm, Kathy Shaner & Suthin Sukosolvisit

Lectures  
Demos  
Workshops (Friday)  
Masterpiece Bonsai Exhibit  
Bonsai Critiques (Sat. afternoon)  
Vendor Area  
Raffles of Demo material (Sat.-Sun.)  
Silent Auction (Sat.)  
Banquet (Sat.)

*Please remember to mark club affiliation BSLV on the registration form.*

Visit the MABS website for more info: <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org>



# BSLV 2020 Banquet At Asia Oriental Cuisine Restaurant



Photos courtesy of Ruhe Portrait Studios, LLC.

## Please Keep in Mind

We will continue to hold **silent auctions** during all club meetings as an on-going fund-raiser for club activities. Please consider offering up some of your bonsai trees, materials, tools, books or art for these monthly auctions. You keep 75% of the final price, the club gets 25%.

Please check the BSLV website for links to upcoming Bonsai-Related Events (to be posted shortly) <http://www.bonsaisocietylehighvalley.org>

Also, be sure to check out Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley on Facebook.



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## BSLV DUES

\$40.00/ individual  
\$45.00/ family  
(still a bargain!)



Benefits include:

- Educational Programs & Workshops
- International Speakers
- Newsletters
- BSLV Website
- 10% Discount on Sho Fu En Merchandise
- Auction/Picnic
- Annual Banquet