



Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

Bonsai Times

P.O. Box 1684, Bethlehem, PA 18016

March, 2024

Message From the President

The object is not to make the tree look like a bonsai, but to make the bonsai look like a tree.
—John Naka

Hello from my still-messy desk. Winter has been challenging this year...not as cold as some but colder than others, with may warm spells in between the cold periods. My plants aren't sure what to do! Some of the Spruces are showing buds, the Hornbeam buds are starting to swell. I think I will stop talking to them so they don't progress too fast! With those thoughts in mind, check your trees several times a week to see if the soil is frozen or thawed. If thawed, make sure it is slightly moist and not dried out. Also, there is some trimming and wiring that can be done on certain species this time of year if you can conveniently get to your trees.

Our club's spring session started Feb 22 with our annual Banquet at the Gourmet Buffet and Grill. MABS hopefully is on your bucket list this year—April 19-21, at Grantville, Pa. March 21st is a BYO with emphasis on trees for MABS. We will have an informal question and answer during the program. So if you have questions on care and maintenance our group of knowledgeable persons will try to answer them. April and May meetings are being finalized as to guest speakers. Watch your email for announcements.

Finally, thank you for all your participation this past year. The club relies on membership help with all the programs.

A reminder, dues are due this month.

Stay Warm,
Bob Ruhe



BSLV President, Bob Ruhe

BSLV Board

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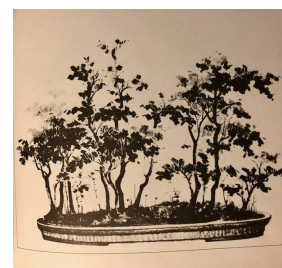
Director: Don Graham

Director: Jim Heacock

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Past President: Greg Krause

We are looking for members to step up and join the board. We have an opening! The club can always use new ideas.



BSLV Spring Semester 2024

Currently our club has been meeting at the Lehigh Valley Active Life Center, 1633 West Elm Street, Allentown, PA. BSLV board members felt this location was centrally located to our membership, offers close parking and has rental fees comparable to our past meeting places.



February 22, BSLV Annual Banquet- Gourmet Buffet and Grill. (See photos on page 4.)

March 21 Meeting (Thursday, 7:00pm) BYO: Bring a tree to work on. This could be a tree that will be displayed at MABS or one you are currently working on for yourself. Bring tools and equipment and any questions you might have on repotting, pruning or styling. Our in-house pros will be happy to answer questions and give advice. A second round of raffle tickets for MABS will be sold and then the winner will be picked! *Reminder: Dues are due!*

April 18 Meeting (Thursday, 7:00pm) Bob Mahler from East Greenville, PA, BSLV member and owner of Kifu Bonsai will do a lecture/demo on Satsuki Azalea. Visit Bob's beautiful website kifubonsai.com for information on the artist and his work.

April 19-21 MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies' Annual Spring Festival: *Details on page 3*

May 23 Meeting (Thursday, 7:00pm) Sergio Cuan from Sparta, NJ will do a slide/Power Point presentation, "Deciduous Trees." Sergio is a featured artist this year at MABS this year. Though not formally on tour, Sergio has agreed to visit OUR CLUB at Jim Gillespie's request! Please visit Sergio's website m5bonsaiworks.com for more information about the artist and his work.

June 22: BSLV's Annual Picnic/Auction at the Kondikoff Farm. Mark your calendars, details to come!

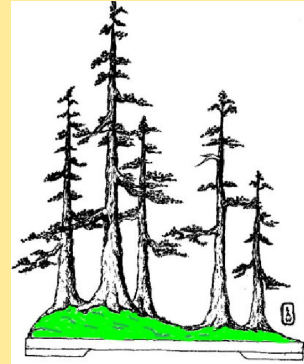
MABS Annual Spring Festival 2024

April 19-21

Holiday Inn, Harrisburg-Hershey

604 Station Rd.

Grantville, PA 17028



Headliners for this show will be:



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RAFAEL TORRES

Bonsai Lecture/Demos, Workshops, Critiques, Exhibits,
Vendors, Silent Auction, Banquet, Raffles & More!

<https://midatlanticbonsai.org>

BSLV Annual Banquet, 2024

On February 22 club members met at the Gourmet Buffet & Grill for an Asian feast. Lots of catching-up took place and fun was had. We enjoyed the food, the company and the raffle prizes! Thanks to all who helped coordinate this event.



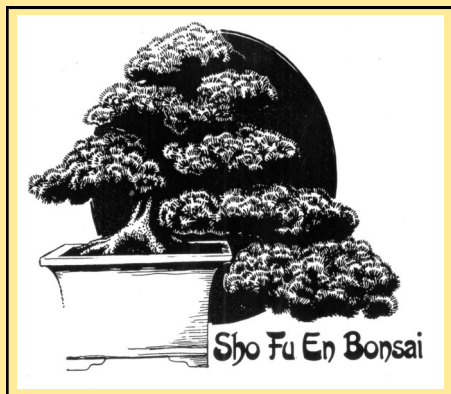
Please Keep in Mind

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.lvbonsai.org>

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

A special thanks to all who help me put together our club's newsletters....the info gatherers, the content providers and especially the proofreaders!



"Experience Art in Nature"

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BSLV DUES



\$40. Individual
\$45. Family

Benefits include:

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

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR FIRST-TIME
MEMBERS ARE ONLY \$25.00!