



## Message From the President

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

From the still messy desk of your club president:

Fall is fast approaching and that 50 degree mark is just around the corner. That has been the suggested temperature to move tropical plants indoors. Do you shuffle them in and out with the daily fluctuations or just leave them in once you moved them the first time? Are you changing your fertilization regimen, watering less frequently? Fall can be as busy as spring with wiring, pruning and preparing a wintering spot for your trees.

This letter will get to you after our September meeting. I hope you had a chance to attend the Kusamono lecture/demo and workshop presented by Young Choe. October 1<sup>st</sup> is a BYO. November 5<sup>th</sup> is election day but we are still meeting. We will be holding a fall auction similar to the summer auction. We will be auctioning about 15 trees from the collection of long-time member Jean Kessler. You may bring our own bonsai items to be auctioned off as well (75% to you, 25% to the club.)

Because of the number of BSLV attendants at the MidAtlantic Bonsai Festival in April, BSLV received a “kickback” of \$996.48 from MABS. We will use that money towards future speakers and other club events.

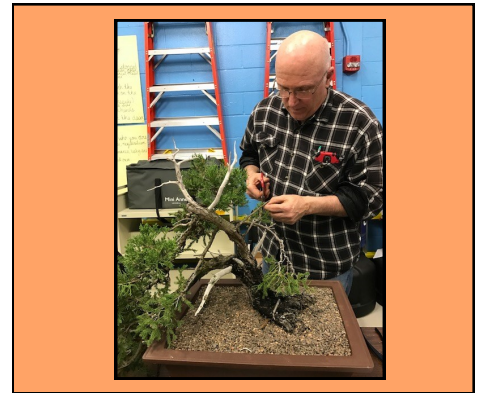
Lastly the two year term is ending for the current slate of officers. For the club to continue as a healthy organization volunteers are needed at all levels. you have interest in serving on the board of directors and or as an officer notify one of the current board members. Elections are in November.

With that said see you Oct 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Regards,

Bob

Our annual auction picnic was held in June at the Kondikoff Farm. As always, the day was both entertaining and relaxing. Sincere thanks to our creative auctioneer, Jim Gillespie, our “runners,” Dave Tetterer, Jim Brant & Jim Heacock, the Kane & Brant Accounting Firm and the Fulmer Catering Co. Thanks to all of you who brought food contributions and things to auction! Thanks also to Jim Kondikoff, official landscaper and car-parker and to our tent putter-uppers and taker-downers!



*BSLV President, Bob Ruhe*

## BSLV Board

**President:** Bob Ruhe

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**Newsletter:** Linda Kondikoff

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**Director:** Jim Heacock

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# BSLV Fall Semester 2019

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.

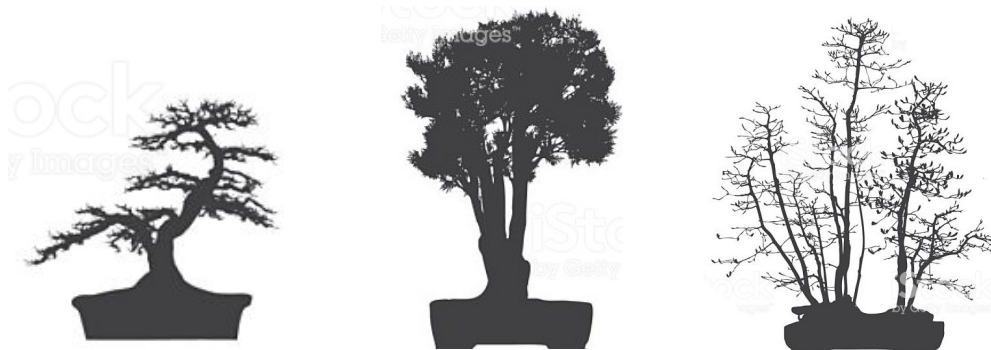


**September 14, 2019 (Saturday)**— Young Choe, internationally known expert on kusamono, will do a lecture/demo on the subject followed by a hands-on workshop. This meeting will be held at the Kondikoff Farm.

**October 1, 2019 (Tuesday)**— **BYO** (bring your own) bonsai for refinement. Bring in an existing, styled bonsai tree in a bonsai pot. Get pointers and commentary from our experts. Bring tools, etc. If there is something you might want to purchase from Jim Gillespie please contact him (610 837-6688) prior to the meeting. Display suggestions for the trees will also be discussed.

**November 5, 2019 (Tuesday)**—**Club Auction**—We will be auctioning off the collection of Jean Kessler. All members are welcome to bring items for auction at the usual split (75% to you, 25% to the club) Bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, tools, books, art, etc. (Because of time restraints, please no garden or landscape plants this time...save them for the June auction!) *Note, the Cathedral of the Nativity is an election site so you may see some voters in the room next to ours tonight.*

**January 21 (snowdate Jan. 28) 2020, BSLV Club Banquet**— Location to be announced.



# Highlights of Recent Meetings



Young Choe got a laugh out of resident cat, Bentley, who decided Young was done adding pictures to her Power Point presentation. He expressed his opinion by lying down on her keyboard and refusing to move. She took this picture as a memory of her enjoyable day here at the farm.

Internationally known artist Young Choe came from Maryland to give a lecture/demo on the ancient art of kusamono (grass planting.) The tall kusamono she is working on was won by Greg Krause. After her presentation, Young showed members plants appropriate for kusamono and helped them create their own during a hands-on workshop.

Thank you to all who helped gather materials and arranged for this unique learning session. The participants all benefitted from your efforts.



Mukdenia is the plant featured in this kusamono won by Jim Gillespie.



Don Graham trims some leaves on his fall kusamono which featured goldenrod.



Diann Sauer made an elongated kusamono that was very attractive.



Robin Heacock with her kusamono which she did with Young's guidance.

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Members who attended this art class learned the history of and philosophy behind sumi-e (black ink) painting from Linda Kondikoff. After experimenting with materials and practicing, they very successfully painted some of the "Four Gentlemen" (bamboo, wild orchid, plum blossom and chrysanthemum) that symbolize revered character traits in Japan.



Speaker Mark Arpag (left) poses with a beautiful and dramatically redesigned tree which he styled at our April meeting. Lucky Steve Olex won this bonsai in a raffle after the informative lecture/demo which focused on larches.

## 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.



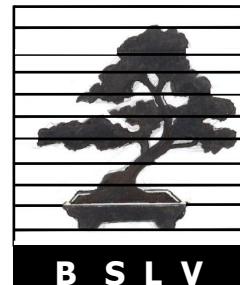
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## BSLV DUES

\$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