



Bonsai Society of the Lehigh Valley

Bonsai Times

P.O. Box 1684, Bethlehem, PA 18016

October, 2018

Message From the President

It's another wet dreary day as I sit down to greet you all. Fall has arrived, or has it? Temps are reaching 80 degrees today. With all the rain we had, the algae, fungus and other molds are proliferating. On a good note, the moss on the trees are loving this weather, and I don't have to water as much. The question will be: Will the moisture continue into the colder weather and change to lots of snow? Its time for trimming and wiring and fertilizing. Remember to prep the trees for winter storage, usually applications of fungicide and insecticides.

Our first fall meeting was attended by 15 members and trees were worked on for next month's members' display and critique session. If you couldn't make it to the September meeting, bring a tree in for October's display and critique. The October meeting date MAY change due to BAVTS schedule so please check your email and facebook for notification if there is a last minute change.

Hope to see a full member complement at the next meeting. I am looking for a volunteer to give a book/video review for October's meeting.

Regards,
Bob Ruhe



BSLV President, Bob Ruhe

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"A bonsai is a microcosm containing within it, unchanged in everything but size, the mystery of the universe."
-Colin Lewis



That's Right..... New T-Shirts!!!!!!!

Our new t-shirts were unveiled at the September meeting! Our logo is featured on the front of a nice stone-washed green (even though it looks gray in the photo) Hanes Beefy T. The club is subsidizing a portion of the printing expense so your cost per shirt is only \$15.00. Sizes range from Men's S-3XL. The first order already went in and those shirts will be available at the October meeting. I would be happy to order others as needed. Please email me, Linda Kondikoff, at kondikoff2@ptd.net or call 610 746-2595.

BSLV 2018 Fall Semester

Our NEW meeting room is C-309. It is the last room in the C-Wing across the parking lot from the greenhouse where we used to meet. Enter through garage door.

All meetings are held at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. In case of inclement weather, please call Jack Kane @ 610 691-2161.

Note: No smoking anywhere on BAVTS campus!

September (Tuesday) – 7:30 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. 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. Bring in any trees which may be candidates for our club display next month.

October 30 (Tuesday)—7:30 This day MAY be changed...notification will be given to members.
Club Show and Critique Our very popular session returns as all members bring in a tree to show. Bring stands and accent plants if you have them or share items brought in by others. Learn about how to present your bonsai in the best manner appropriate to your particular tree.

November 27 (Tuesday) Date is subject to change...members will be notified.
Lecture/Demo by Jim Doyle- “From Something Wild”— Collecting, Aftercare and Development .
Raffle of demo tree (spruce) afterwards.

January 22 - Annual Banquet Details to follow.

April 12-14 MidAtlantic Bonsai Annual Spring Festival—Mark your calendars now, more details to follow. This year the convention will be held in Grantville, a location much closer to the Lehigh Valley! Renowned international professional bonsai artists present lecture/demonstrations, workshops and critiques of bonsai. Also vendors and MABS clubs’ bonsai exhibit. Demo trees will be raffled!
Member attendance benefits our club by increasing the share for the cost of the speakers!

Jim Doyle Bio

In 1973, with a B.S. degree in horticulture from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture now Delaware Valley University, Jim started Nature’s Way Nursery and developed an early interest in Asian culture and plants. By 1980, through the influence of Chase Rosade, bonsai passed from being a hobby to a business/life-style. Jim attends many symposia, teaches year round to both adults and children at his studio and travels extensively. *(continued on page 3)*

After a brief visit to Japan, Jim started a quest for new information. He was involved in founding the Susquehanna Bonsai Club, boasting membership of over 100, and co-chaired the 1992 ABS Convention in Hershey and many more that followed. He has written articles for national publication and consulted regionally in Japanese garden design.

Today, along with his teaching, Jim continues to import bonsai, pots, tools and related garden items. Other interests include conifers, Japanese maples, writing haiku, fishing, bike riding, nature walks, and spending time with his dog, Adia, and children, Nell and Max (not to be confused with his other hobbies). Jim's favorite tree is, of course, the one he is working on.

As time goes by, Jim continues to enjoy the benefits of knowledge through bonsai. He has discovered a caring and understanding friendship with plants and with people.

Jim also teaches/demonstrates nationwide and in Europe and Canada. He has been involved in many symposia in the Bonsai community. Suggestions for basic class/demo outlines are available by email. www.natureswaybonsai.com

Artwork by BSLV Members



Selected among the winners of the recent 12th Annual Morning Call Juried Exhibition at the Baum School of Art was a stained glass piece done by club member Joe Sauer. Way to go, Joe!



Stan Harwick, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, is still creating beautiful woodwork. This is a daiza he just custom-designed and made for Linda Kondikoff's chrysanthemum viewing stone. He used a lovely African red padauk wood.

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



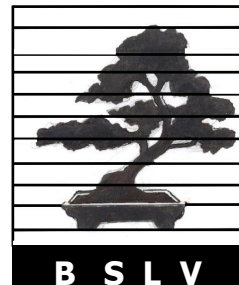
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BSLV DUES

\$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