



Bonsai Times

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Patience is what you need when you don't enjoy what you're doing.

Bob Hempel



Mike Cartrett Carries On....



Occasionally having to shout to be heard over a deafening downpour of rain, Mike Cartrett steadfastly continued his lecture/demo to more than 25 BSLV members at the annual picnic. Always upbeat and positive, Mike doled out valuable information on growing tropicals as he worked on a very flexible calliandra (won by **Dave Tettermer**) and a sea grape (won by **Linda Brant**.) In a third drawing, **Don Graham** was the lucky winner of a custom pot by **Dale Cochoy**.

We were all able to stay reasonably dry during the day-long deluge thanks to the tent previously set up by **Jim and Alice Gillespie** and **Roger Krauss**. What a day to remember! Bravo to all who braved the elements to support the club! Gross sales at the event totaled \$1,866.00. Of this amount, \$141.00 was from donated items. Gross profit to BSLV was \$572.25. *(continued on page 3)*



Message from the President

*In the recent newspaper article which featured BSLV, **Norine Enot** publicly confessed that she was addicted to bonsai. That may be a disease we all share. It made me wonder if there is a common reason why we all stick with bonsai? Or is there a reason specific to each individual? For some, the draw may simply be the joy of partnering with nature. For others the most important aspect of bonsai might be that it affords the opportunity to get lost in one's self. In the interest of gaining a better understanding of our group's feelings concerning the lure of bonsai, may I request that you share*

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Neither mud nor driving rain could dampen spirits at the BSLV Picnic!



Bonsai Picnic, (continued from page 1)

Sincere thanks, once again, to **Jim Gillespie** for staying “in the moment” all afternoon.....he auctioned off 357 items and groupings! The traditional record keeping team of **Ed Bauer** and **Linda Brant** alertly kept tabs on every transaction and the tireless “runners” **Jim Brant** and **Dave Tettemer** allowed the rest of us to stay put and enjoy the show. Grillmeister **Mike Fulmer** made a great lunch for all. We appreciated the efforts of all who made this a success, despite the lousy weather. My husband, **Jim Kondikoff**, reports that, yes, the grass underneath the tent spot is finally filling in.....

President’s Message (continued from page 1)

your feelings by sending a brief statement to newsletter editor, **Linda Kondikoff** (2135 East Scenic Drive, Bath, PA 18014) or e-mail her at kondikoff@fast.net. We’ll publish your thoughts in upcoming newsletters. Here’s wishing you a sense of wabi and sabi.

Roger

We are considering running a bus trip to the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. for club members, and, if room, for spouses/significant others/friends. If you would like to join us, please contact Roger Krauss (610 867-5797) or Jim Gillespie (610 837-6688.)

Membership dues

for April 1, 2003

Membership in the BSLV costs:
\$30.00 per year for an individual
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The Tilley's Show



Roger Krauss's San Jose juniper won second prize

BSLV dazzled the public with an outstanding collection of what had to be some of our members' best trees at Tilley's Nursery, Inc. in Coopersburg, August 23 & 24. 115 visitors voted for *The People's Choice Awards*. The results are as follows:

- First Place (\$50.00 gift certificate) -**Roger Krauss**, ezo spruce forest
- Second Place (\$35.00 gift certificate) -**Roger Krauss**, slant San Jose juniper
- Third Place- **Jim Brant**, informal Japanese maple
- Fourth Place- **Norine Enot**, informal Green Isle fig

Congratulations to these winners...we're proud of you! This was a particularly fine display... 18 members showed 34 bonsai trees and 14 stones. Participants: Roger Krauss, David Tettermer, David Weaver, Thomas Bender, Jim Heacock, Donald Graham, Linda Kondikoff, Jim Brant, Linda Brant, Joseph Sauer, Norine Enot, Ed Bauer, Stan Harwick, Jean Kessler, John Harper, Richard Held, Jim Gillespie and Michael Harris.

We are grateful to **Alice Gillespie** for spending many hours making professional looking labels for our entries. **Dave Weaver** coordinated the show and **Jim Gillespie** was responsible for trucking trees, setting up and securing the show overnight. Many members took the time to "sit trees" and educate the public....thank you so much. Of course we must thank Tom and Rick Tilley for the opportunity to show at their site.



Don Graham's rafted dwarf spruce



Jim Gillespie's picture stone



John Harner's mimosa

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 : **We were pleased to see Dan Hartzell's article on** :
 : **BSLV in the August 25 edition of the Morning Call:** :

Fall and Beyond....

September 20 and 21- A Weekend with David DeGroot at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, David De Groot is the curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection at Weyerhaeuser Co. in Federal Way, WA. He is the author of "Basic Bonsai Design," 1995. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bonsai Society -*registration necessary*

September 23 (Tuesday)- BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) for advice/consultation.

October 21 (Tuesday)- Lecture/demo by Colin Lewis (*see bio below*)

November 18 (Tuesday)-Group presentation on *Kusamono* (accent /grass plantings) and *Suiseki* (viewing stones) Also, elections of officers and board members

December- No meeting

January 27 (tentative date)- BSLV dinner

February-(time and date to be announced) Dennis Donald on tool sharpening and care

March-selecting nursery stock, fertilizing, pests—in-house presenters

April-possible MABS speaker

May-topic to be announced; possible tour of Graver Arboretum during a day this month

June-BSLV Picnic/Auction

All meetings held at the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Colin Lewis

Mr. Colin Lewis , formerly from Surrey, England, lives in the Boston, MA area where he continues to teach and offer bonsai services full time. In addition to speaking at bonsai events and festivals, Lewis has been a board member of the European Bonsai Association. Besides contributing to many publications, he has written four books including the "Bonsai Survival Manual" and the best selling "A Step-by-Step Guide to Growing and Displaying Bonsai."

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Jim Gillespie's dwarf cotoneaster

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Bonsai Related Events



Norine Enot's Ming/Aralia

September 20-21, David DeGroot, PBS at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown. *Registration*

Sept. 19-21- PNBKA Convention XIV Seattle, WA with American Bonsai Society. *Registration*

Oct. 30-Nov. 2- Golden State Bonsai Federation 26th Convention, Fresno, CA. *Registration*

*For additional details, contact **Jim Gillespie**, 610-837-6688*