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Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society - June 2016

*Learn to Grow Bonsai at the Walter Reed Community Center*

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#### **President's Message:**

The "**Azaleas as Bonsai**" program was a resounding success! Thanks to all who helped: Joe Gutierrez, Chuck Croft, Rich Bozek, Xuan Le, etc., and to Stephen Ash for chairing the meeting in my absence.

Next, "**Making your own Tropical Bonsai**". Over the past year the Society has had donated a number of pots and books. These pots are now going to be made available to the members to make a tropical bonsai, e.g. a **ficus** or **serissa**. Martha Meehan of **Meehan's Miniatures** will be presenting the program and the workshop. She will be assisted by our great mentors. The Society has arranged for her to bring enough ficus and serissa for members who wish to participate to make their own tropical. In addition to the pots and trees, the Society is also providing tropical bonsai soil. And, I will be bringing my wire rack for those who need wire. Such a deal! What do you need to bring? Your tools.

For our **Study Groups** this a particularly great time for hands on experience resulting in your very own bonsai. As of this writing we have 20 participants already signed up.

It is important that you let me know ([greese67@outlook.com](mailto:greese67@outlook.com)) at least 5 days in advance of the July 9 meeting if you wish to participate along with your choice of a **ficus** or **serissa**. **Only members can participate** ... so if you are not a member but want to participate, please plan on

After the meeting there will be a **Board meeting**, and I am trying to arrange for space for the Study Groups to also meet. In the South we call this an all day sit down on the lawn.

I want to thank **Pete Jones** for offering hands on experience and help to new members at his home. Pete has quite an eclectic collection including a lot of young material.

Finally, I want to thank all the well wishers who have dropped me a line to wish me a rapid return to good health. Must be working!

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#### Editor's Notes:

As Gary mentioned above, Pete Jones recently invited new members to his home for a hands on workshop on root pruning and repotting. Two members, Cecilia Kennedy and Roberto Coquis took him up on his offer. In addition to root pruning and transplanting a couple of azaleas, they leaf pruned a mature maple. Both said it was a great hands-on learning experience. Below are some pictures of their bonsai work experience.

If other mentors or senior members would like to share some of their work experiences and/or pictures, please send them to me at [vik72ing@gmail.com](mailto:vik72ing@gmail.com) for inclusion in future newsletters.





## 2016 Schedule of Events

Meeting Date	1st Program (9:00 AM)	2nd Program (approx. Noon)
January 9	Jack Sustic <i>Botany</i>	<i>Tools, Fertilizer &amp; Soil</i>
February 13	Julian Adams <i>Pines Lecture</i>	Julian Adams <i>BYOT Workshop</i>
March 11	John Kirby <i>Workshop 9:00AM - 1:30PM</i>	John Kirby <i>Workshop 2:00PM - 6:30PM</i>
March 12	John Kirby <i>Lecture 9:00AM - 10:00AM</i>	John Kirby <i>Workshop 10:00AM - 1:30PM</i>
April 16-17	NVBS Spring Show (Sat. & Sun.) Setup Fri. PM Merrifield Garden Ctr. Fair Oaks, VA Roy Nagatoshi Workshop (Sat. & Sun.)	NVBS Spring Show (Sat. & Sun.) Merrifield Ctr. Fair Oaks Roy Nagatoshi Workshop (Sat. & Sun.)
May 13-15	PBA Symposium & World Bonsai Day	U.S. National Arboretum
June 18	Joe Gutierrez <i>Lecture - Azaleas</i>	Joe Gutierrez & others <i>BYOT Workshop - Azaleas</i>
July 9	Martha Meehan <i>Lecture / Demo Tree Physiology</i>	Martha Meehan <i>Workshop - Tropical Bonsai</i>
August 13	Rich Bozek <i>Junipers</i>	Rich Bozek & others <i>BYOT workshop - Junipers</i>

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September 17-18	NVBS Fall Show	Meadowlark Gardens
September 18	Potomac Bonsai Assn. Auction	
October 8	Larry Jackel <i>Colorado Evergreens Lecture</i>	Larry Jackel <i>Workshop - Collected Colorado trees available for purchase or BYOT</i>
November 12	Winterizing	
December 9	Christmas Party Friday evening	China Garden Restaurant, Arlington



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