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Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society - November 2016

*Learn to Grow Bonsai at the Walter Reed Community Center - 2909 16th St S, Arlington, VA*

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### **President's Message**

As we approach Winter the most important thing we have to consider is not the long and cold nights but the wind. If we lived in upstate New York we would have serious problems with the cold...but in this locale of weather variety, our main problem is the wind. Protect your deciduous and conifer trees with a sheltered environment open to the rain and snow. Put your conifers and deciduous trees on the ground (the last area to freeze) and protect them from the wind, and your trees will weather the storms.

With the exception of tropicals, most trees need a rest. Deciduous trees need little energy during the winter; conifers on the other hand still engage in limited photosynthesis. Deciduous trees will do well in an unheated garage, while conifers need light.

Do not pile leaves over the pots of your trees. They act as shingles causing rain to run off rather than soak in to your soil. If you want to use mulch, etc., mound it to the edge of the pot but not over.

Watering in Winter. A rule of thumb is when the ground freezes stop watering. Actually, you need to keep remembering that while growth stops with deciduous trees, it continues, albeit at a much slower rate in conifers. Do not water late in the day if hard freezing temperatures are

Above all...protect your outdoor trees from the wind. Just a few tips.

**Holiday Banquet.** And, then there is the Annual Holiday Banquet at China Garden in Rosslyn. Friday, December 9th at 6:30p.m. is the date, 1100 Wilson Blvd. is the location. It is a 10 course meal for \$28.00 per person. I spoke to Meadowlark's Keith Tomlinson and his chief assistant, inviting both, and I believe they will be able to make it. An invitation has also been extended to the acting Curator of the National Bonsai Exhibit at the National Arboretum. If you can make it please e-mail either me or Steve Ash ([sea2616@yahoo.com](mailto:sea2616@yahoo.com)) so we can make the necessary reservations.

**Board Actions.** At the Board meeting it was voted to confer lifetime memberships in the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society upon Stephen Ash and Jack Fitzsimons. We now have five lifetime members: Chuck Croft, Joe Gutierrez, Pete Jones, Stephen Ash and Jack Fitzsimons. Congratulations, and well deserved.

**Dues.** It is dues paying time. \$25.00 per person and \$30.00 for a family membership. Send your checks payable to NVBS to Steve Ash, our Treasurer.

**Elections.** At our January meeting elections for officers will take place. The offices under our Bylaws are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The immediate past President also sits on the Board. If interested in serving, please drop me an e-mail at [greese67@outlook.com](mailto:greese67@outlook.com).

Finally, our thanks go to Chuck Croft and Jack Fitzsimons for a great wiring program. Standing room only again.

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### Secretary's Report on Meadowlark Bonsai Collection

In March 2016, 34 trees were assessed for repotting and styling. Tree #4 was found to be dead. Several of the trees were styled but not repotted due to stress or lack of appropriate new pot.

The trees remained inside for several weeks and moved outside in late April. They were watered and fertilized throughout the growing season. Necessary pruning was done. #10 Japanese Black Pine was treated for needle cast in late summer. Tree #1, a small spruce died in July from what I think was heat stress. Tree #8, a Hinoki Cypress, died in early October. This tree was being treated for a fungal disease. Tree #24, a Japanese Elm, died in late June from unknown causes. This tree never recovered from the repotting. Another Hinoki Cypress, tree #33, died in late summer from unknown causes.

So that leaves us with 29 trees in the collection. In late November or early December the trees will be placed on the ground or under benches and mulched with pine needles until spring. This winter a pot inventory will be conducted to determine what will be needed for any spring repotting.

Submitted by,  
Donna Johnson, Secretary

### Editor's Notes

As Gary stated Chuck Croft and Jack Fitzsimons gave a very informative and timely program on wiring. Many bonsai enthusiasts like to wire deciduous trees once the leaves fall, and it's also a good time to wire pines once the old needles have been pulled. Since wiring is one of the primary

great raffle with a lot of trees, pots, humidity trays, etc. Below are pictures of our meeting.



A very well attended meeting



Raffle items went quickly



Jack and Chuck discuss wiring

December 9th is our annual Holiday Party at the China Garden restaurant, 1100 Lynn Boulevard (the WJLA 7 building) in Rosslyn. This is a great event and Mr. Kwok makes sure each of the 10 courses is both authentic Chinese and delicious. There is free parking in the street level garage (enter off of Wilson Blvd.) The restaurant is upstairs on the mezzanine level.

Here is the menu:

- China Garden cold cut platter
- Deluxe huge seafood dimsum
- Giant crystal shrimp
- Steamed Cod fish
- Stir fry beef with scallions
- Baked chicken in salt
- Chinese broccoli with Chinese bacon
- Vegetarian noodles
- White rice
- Dessert

It's a feast well worth \$28.00.

Meeting Date	Event	Location
December 9	Christmas Party 6:00 PM	China Garden Restaurant, Arlington

The 2017 schedule is still a work in progress. Below find the schedule as it currently exists. We will add monthly events as they are finalized.

### 2017 Schedule of Events

Meeting Date	1st Program (9:00 AM)	2nd Program (approx. Noon)
January 14	Julian Adams <i>Bonsai for Beginners</i>	Bring your own tree workshop
March 11	John Kirby <i>Lecture</i>	John Kirby <i>Workshop (2:00 PM)</i>
March 12	John Kirby <i>Workshop</i>	John Kirby <i>Workshop (2:00 PM)</i>
April 15-16	NVBS Spring (Sat. & Sun.) Merrifield Garden Ctr. Fairfax  Roy Nagatoshi <i>Workshop (Sat. &amp; Sun.)</i>	NVBS Spring Show (Sat. & Sun.) Merrifield Garden Ctr. Fairfax  Roy Nagatoshi <i>Workshop (Sat. &amp; Sun.)</i>
May 12-14	PBA Show <i>US Nat'l Arboretum</i>	PBA Show <i>US Nat'l Arboretum</i>
September 9	Picnic <i>Family Members included</i>	Picnic <i>BYOT to work on - optional</i>
September 16-17	NVBS Fall Show <i>Meadowlark Gardens</i>	NVBS Fall Show <i>Meadowlark Gardens</i>
September 17	Potomac Bonsai Assn. Auction <i>Meadowlark Gardens</i>	Potomac Bonsai Assn. Auction <i>Meadowlark Gardens</i>
October 14	Larry Jackel <i>Colorado Conifers Lecture</i>	Larry Jackel - Workshop <i>Collected Colorado Trees</i>

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December 8	Christmas Party <i>China Garden Rest., Rosslyn</i>	Cocktails (cash bar) 6:00PM <i>Dinner 7PM</i>
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