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Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society - May 2016

Learn to Grow Bonsai at the Walter Reed Community Center

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President's Message:

A year and a half ago the leadership team for the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society consisted of five individuals. It now consists of 19. The difference is the **Advisory Committee** to the Board. This group of individuals continues to grow and represent all aspects of the society's membership. Its members are kept fully informed as to what is going on, and the opinions and suggestions of these individuals is constantly being requested and used. In addition, it is to this Committee's members that the Board and I first turn to help solve problems or carry out initiatives.

Members of the Advisory Committee also serve on the Program Committee. This Committee is chaired by Jack Rubenstein and consists of Chuck Croft, Curtis Bueno and Joe Gutierrez. The Mentors to the Study Groups are drawn from the Advisory Committee, to-wit Chuck, Joe, Rich and Xuan Le. The actual concept of the Study Groups came from a group of mainly Advisory Committee members. Our website is managed by Pascal Platteborse and the Face Book page by Laura Miller.

The Advisory Committee's members are Chuck Croft, Joe Gutierrez, Pete Jones, Curtis Bueno,

Finally, a major objective of our Society must be to identify potential new leaders and assist them in attaining the knowledge needed to provide that leadership. In this role the Advisory Committee represents future challenges as well as a great resource.

I want to thank the members of the Advisory Committee to the Board for their service to the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society.

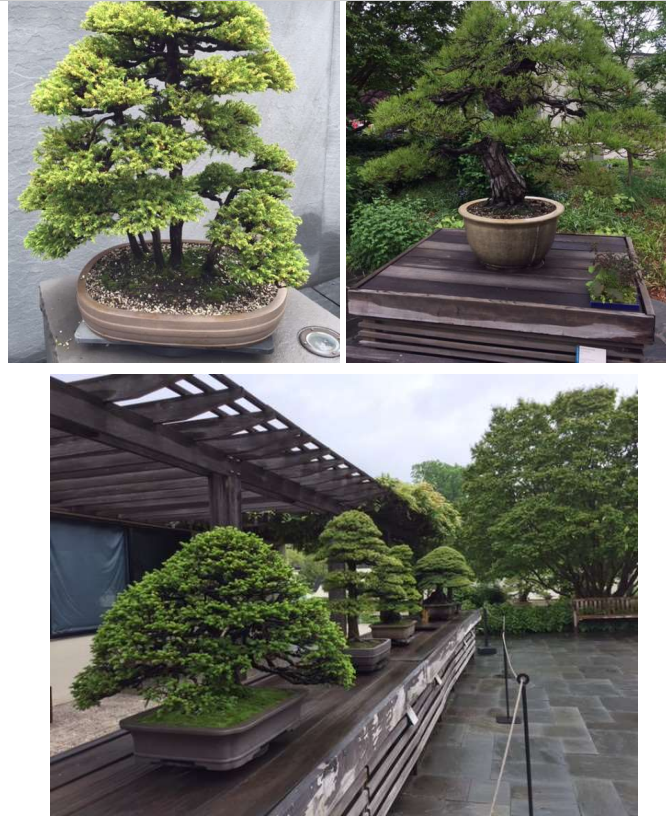
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The **Potomac Bonsai Association Symposium** was May 13-15 at the U.S. National Arboretum. In addition to the vendors, there were demos, lectures and workshops. The beginners workshops were especially well received. If I had to guess, I would say that it was the best PBA Symposium to date.

The tree to the left greets visitors to the National Bonsai and Penjing Exhibit. This amazing Japanese White Pine was started in training in 1625, yes 391 years ago and was donated to the United States by Japan to honor our Bicentennial in 1976. What is even more amazing is this tree was one mile from ground zero when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, **and it survived!** If you have never been to see the National Bonsai Collection, it is well worth the trip.

Below are some of the other great bonsai in the National Collection.



Editor's Notes:

Please note that the date of our June meeting has been changed from the second to the third Saturday in June. That's June 18. Also, in response to Kip Pierson's suggestion, at the end of each meeting some of our senior members will be offering suggestions and guidance regarding any tree our members want to bring in, regardless of species. So if you have questions or concerns regarding one or more of your trees, bring them in. We will plan on scheduling a bring your own tree mini-workshop at the end of each meeting.

PBA Mailing List: PBA is compiling an email list to make communications more streamlined. [Sign up.](#)

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 & Soil</i>
February 13	Julian Adams <i>Pines Lecture</i>	Julian Adams <i>BYOT Workshop</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</i> <i>Tree Physiology</i>	Martha Meehan <i>Workshop - Tropical Bonsai</i> <i>Trees available for purchase</i>
August 13	Rich Bozek <i>Junipers</i>	Rich Bozek & others <i>BYOT workshop - Junipers</i>
September 10	NVBS Picnic-Family Members invited Auction	Picnic BYOT to work on - optional
September 17-18	NVBS Fall Show	Meadowlark Gardens
September 18	Potomac Bonsai Assn. Auction	Meadowlark Gardens
October 8	Larry Jackel <i>Colorado Evergreens Lecture</i>	Larry Jackel <i>Workshop - Collected Colorado trees</i> <i>available for purchase or BYOT</i>
November 12	Winterizing	
December 9	Christmas Party Friday evening	



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