



NORTHERN VIRGINIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society

July 2013

Learn to Grow Bonsai at the Walter Reed Community Center

Around the Corner – Stephen Ash

On July 30th we had our workshop with John Kirby and it turned out to be a very good workshop. John shared a great deal about the care of Black Pines. It was such a success that we are considering bringing John back in March for a repotting workshop. I think everyone who attended the workshop has a greater appreciation for Black Pines.

July Meeting

July is the time when our tropical bonsai really shine. What could be a better time for having Martha Meehan come speak about tropical bonsai. Martha is always a great speaker and provides great knowledge from her experiences of working with tropicals. Make sure you come to the meeting and bring some money because Martha usually brings many items for her talks that are for sale.

After the lecture part of the meeting, we will have a workshop for anyone who wants to work on tropicals with Martha. To offset the price of the workshop, we are charging \$20. This is an excellent opportunity at a great price.

2nd Planning Meeting for 2014

We had a first planning meeting and made quite a bit of progress in planning for the 2014 year. A second meeting will be held on July 17 to finish our work. The second meeting will again be held at the Walter Reed community center at 7:00 pm. Right now we plan to have some workshops on repotting and shohin bonsai.



Joseph "The Magician" Gutierrez
working at the Arboretum

Fertilizer Recipe from John Kirby

Shirley Schwarz forwarded the recipe that John Kirby mentioned during his workshop. John stressed keeping healthy Black Pines by ample watering and feeding of your trees. Keep them healthy and you can do a lot of work on them.

This is a recipe that seems to approximate John Kirby's poo ball fertilizer mix [from the Sunset Bonsai club's website (Beaverton, Or)]:

Combine 9 cups of cottonseed meal, 4 cups of bonemeal, 2 cups of fish meal, 3/4 cup of kelp

meal, 4 cups of fish emulsion and 1 cup of liquid fertilizer [miracle grow]. Adjust the liquid amount to allow mixture to be formed by hand into balls.

John also added a bit of blood meal - this ingredient of course makes it very smelly and causes all your neighbors to think that you've spread manure over the neighborhood

And this is the recipe John suggested for killing moss on trees . Be care with it, too much of it is harmful to your trees. Half water half vinegar with a little liquid dish soap. Pre water tree, not the trunk, brush on solution and let dry. Repeat At 3 to 7 day intervals as needed. When moss is dead carefully pick off,

This message is about Japanese Calligraphy

I am having a birthday next month and have discounted all handmade custom scrolls on my online store by 25%. I would love to make a scroll as a gift for that special someone in your life to commemorate my Birthday. Browse at the links below.

<http://www.shop.customjapanesecalligraphy.com/>
www.wallscroll.blogspot.com

Cheerfully, Jonathan Maples, Custom Japanese Calligraphy, 1847 West Garden Drive, Pleasant Grove UT 84062, Phone: 801-785-0919

This lost tree message is from the Baltimore Club

Look out for the theft of a 40 year old juniper 3 ft. high with 5 branches and sharie on one side from the trunk to the top. It is in a 12 inch tan Tokonomo drum pot. It was taken within the last 3 weeks from my backyard and the person who confiscated it must have been familiar with Bonsai because it was one of the best plants that I had and the other ones were much easier to take. Appreciate any help available. The police have been informed.

Grow Boxes

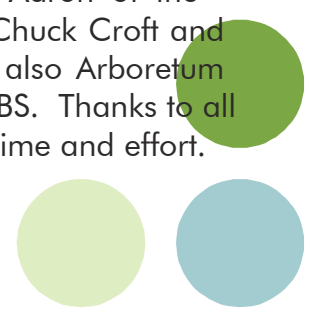
There are still plenty of grow boxes for sale. Let Stephen Ash know if you would like to purchase any.

10% Off from Meco Bonsai

Roger Lehman of Meco Bonsai is giving us 10% all purchases. When you make your order use the coupon code of "POTOMAC" to get the discount. He's a great vendor and has many excellent items for sale. If the discount does not work, let me know.



Joe is one of the many volunteers that work on the great trees at the Arboretum. Here he is working on a White Pine with Aaron of the Arboretum staff. Chuck Croft and LeAnn Duling are also Arboretum volunteers from NVBS. Thanks to all of them for their time and effort.



The Magician with a Masterpiece

Here is the azalea I worked on today. I collected it from a friend's yard about 7 years ago, and planted it in my yard. Last September I dug it up and cut the roots and planted it in this cut-off nursery pot – which is 14 inches in diameter and 7 inches deep. It has grown profusely since last September, and today I trimmed and gave it its first wiring. The pruning appears drastic – but it will grow out quite a bit – at least it now has a better skeleton on which to develop new foliage. Azaleas bloom on new growth, so it should have a lot of blossoms next Spring. In late Winter I shall place it in a bonsai container – one that is only about 3 1/2 inches deep. So, I do not want to disturb the root system now so the tree can continue its active growth ... will send more photos when it is repotted, and when it blooms.... The tree has a very large base – it is about 40 – 50 yrs old.



The start with an odd creature



It's on its way with a good start.



Directions to the Walter Reed Community

Directions from Route 66 traveling East

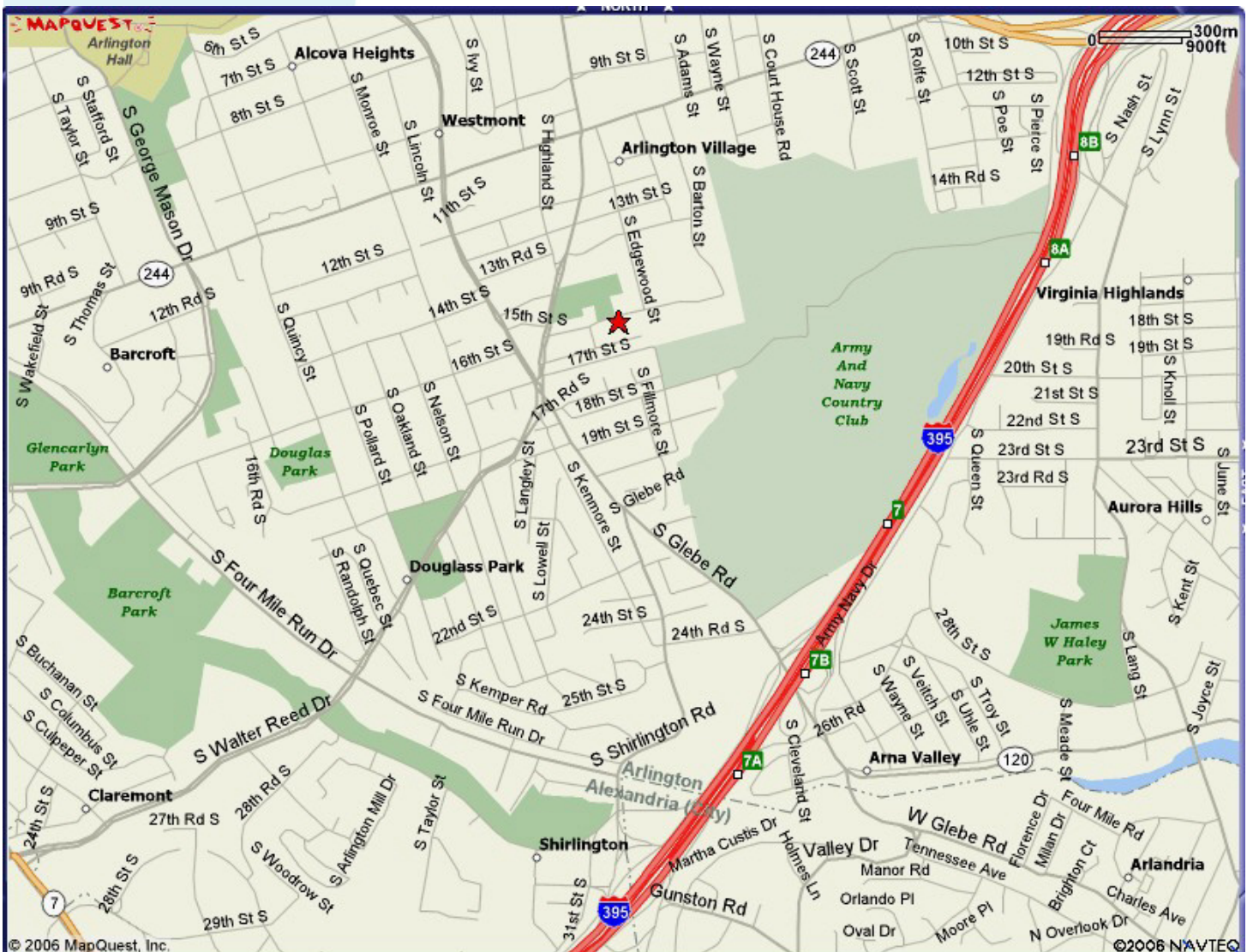
- Take Exit 71 - the Glebe Road Exit
- When you get off Rt 66, the exit puts you on North Fairfax Drive.
- Turn right on Glebe Road at the traffic light - traveling south.
- Turn left on Walter Reed Drive after 2.4 miles.
- Turn right on 16th Street after 0.1 miles.

Directions from 395

- Take Exit 15, Glebe Road going North.
- Turn right on Walter Reed after 0.7 miles
- Turn right on 16th Street after 0.1 miles

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2013 Schedule of Events

Meeting Date	1st Program (9am)	2nd Program
July 13	Tropicals Martha Meehan	Workshop with materials to purchase
August 10	Refinement Wiring Joe Gutierrez	BYOT Workshop
September	Picnic at Drew's home	
October 12	Larry Jackel	Larry Jackel Workshop
November 9	Tree Critique	Tree, book, and pot swap
December 13	Holiday Party	

The 2014 Schedule is coming

