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## Schedule of events

Meetings are held at the TBG ([Toronto Botanical Garden](#)), located at 777 Lawrence Avenue East (at Leslie St.), Toronto, in the studio rooms upstairs. The first meeting is free for non-members.

### Bonsai 101: 7:00 – Floral hall

Bonsai 101 is held in Studio #2 upstairs at the TBG. Beginners should read '[INTRODUCTION TO BONSAI](#)' (click on link), posted on the [TBS web site](#) prior to attending. This class was created for beginners to bonsai; experienced members are welcome but asked not to disrupt the proceedings.

Apr. 11:

### General meeting: 7:45 – Floral hall

Apr. 11: Presentation: creating a larch forest.

May 9: t.b.a.

June 13: Martin Schmalenberg pays us a visit.

### Outside our club:

#### April 15-17: Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival

Crown Plaza Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416. Featuring Kunio Kobayashi, Walter Pall, Bjorn Bjorholm, Jim Doyle, and Frank Mihalic. For details visit: <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org/>

#### May 12: Joshua Roth New Talent competition

Being held at **The Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan**, during the ***Bonsai in the Garden Learning Seminar***, this competition is an annual event to recognize and promote new bonsai talent in North America. First prize is \$1,000 toward an exclusive course of instruction with an approved bonsai teacher. The first stage of the competition is a judging of photographs of previously designed trees by the entrant. The second stage will be the production of a bonsai from raw material. Visit the ABS website to pre-register: [Joshua Roth New Talent Competition](#)

**On the cover:**

## Announcements

### Membership

If you still have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. For those of you who have already renewed, thank you.

### Workshops

Register for our club workshops. We hold workshops during Monday night meetings and in backyards on Saturdays during the summer. Contact any member of our club executive to indicate your interest, or check in at the **members' desk** before the meeting.

### Bonsai tools?

You need bonsai tools; we sell tools. Contact **Gim Retsinas** (see back cover) for special items or a full set. He is currently putting together an order with J-bonsai (<http://www.j-bonsai.com/>).

### Dick Morton Bonsai Award of Excellence

The fall show winner, Joe Manzo, was given his medal for his cascade style white pine. His tree was also featured on our spring show poster, created by Karolina Pochwat.

### TBS website

Angelo has loaded several new slide shows on our club website this month: [www.torontobonsai.org](http://www.torontobonsai.org).

### Forms

The membership form, introduction to bonsai, bonsai record form, and the sales sheet form, are located under '**Documents**' (at the top right of the screen) on the **TBS website**: <http://torontobonsai.org/documents/>

### TBS on Facebook

Did you know that the TBS is on **Facebook**? (Click on this link, and like us today.)

### Library

Did you know that our TBS library has instructional DVDs for club members' use? Borrow them to develop your skill in bonsai. Please return all library materials at the next meeting, before start up, and during the coffee break.

### Bonsai Penjing Canada

Visit [Bonsai Penjing Canada](#) on [facebook](#).

### Publishing deadline

**The publishing deadline for the April Journal is April 1.** Please forward all photos, articles, notifications and materials to [gquinn@hotmail.com](mailto:gquinn@hotmail.com) before then.

## Regular TBS meetings

Meetings take place on the second Monday of every month, except July and August, at the TBG (Toronto Botanical Gardens), located at 777 Lawrence Avenue East, at Leslie Street, in the studio rooms upstairs at 7:45 pm. The general meetings frequently include demonstrations of bonsai techniques, critiques of bonsai trees, and workshops, in which each participant styles a tree with the help of an experienced member. These meetings are preceded at 7:00 p.m. by the the Bonsai 101 beginner sessions.

A small fee is charged for workshops; a tree, wire and an instructor are provided. To participate in workshops it is necessary to register in advance of the meeting so that materials can be provided.

Members are encouraged to bring in bonsai to show and work on during the meetings. Wire is provided at no charge. Non-members may attend a meeting at no charge to see if the club is of interest to them.

## Library hours and policy

The library is open to members at the beginning of our regular meetings. Members may borrow books free of charge for one month. Late returns cost \$2 per month with a minimum charge of \$2. Please return all materials during the next meeting, and **especially** before the summer break.

## Membership desk

The membership desk will be open at all meetings. The opening time may be extended for the first fall meeting to assist with renewals. You may also register for workshops there.

## Tools & supplies

Tools and supplies are sold by the club at most meetings. It is a good idea to contact the 'Tools & Supplies' executive member in advance of the meeting for specific tools and supplies.

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