

## 2009 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Programs

The goal of educational programming this year will be to improve member's collections into more evolved and styled bonsai, hence the numerous BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) events. In the past the focus has been in providing members with opportunities to acquire more trees through workshops, but after considerable feedback from AABS members, many do not know what to do with their trees after they have acquired them. More instruction has been requested for refinement techniques of pruning, wiring and general styling. Members will be encouraged to participate by bringing their trees for show and tell, critique and exposition.

Also in 2009, look forward to the Invited Guest Speakers. In June, AABS welcomes Roy Nagatoshi of California who owns Fuji Bonsai Nursery in Sylmar, outside of Los Angeles. Mr. Nagatoshi holds a Bachelors Degree in ornamental horticulture, and makes frequent appearances, teaching and demonstrating bonsai all over the U.S. Mr. Nagatoshi was credited for creating bonsai for a major motion picture, Karate Kid III, in 1990, and was also involved in a bonsai educational video professionally produced by Puget Sound Bonsai Association, with funding provided by Weyerhaeuser Company of Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Nagatoshi will provide a lecture and workshop using Shimpaku Juniper.

And, to round out the rest of the 2009 AABS Calendar of Events, you do not have to look very far to obtain quality instructors. AABS members possess a wealth of knowledge that they have selflessly shared for many years with other members. AABS members, Jack Wikle, Bill Heston, Connie Crancer, Cyril Grum and others will lead dynamic discussions, critiques and workshops on a variety of topics. Of special interest is a photography workshop with Carlos Diaz, a collecting trip to the Ypsilanti area, and a field trip to Gee Farms. Make note of these dates as you will not want to miss these unique events. Last, but certainly not least, the Annual Show and Auction are to be noted, promoted and definitely attended. All of these events and many others provide AABS members with numerous opportunities to fine tune their bonsai skills. Please join us!

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Monthly Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November and December. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the November meeting is the Society's Banquet and Mini-Exhibit, which is typically held earlier in the month. There are no meetings in December. **All Society Monthly Meetings are at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium beginning at 7:30pm with members usually gathering at 7:00pm to share bonsai stories.**

Also during the year there are classes, workshops, special events, an auction and the AABS Annual Bonsai Show. Locations and times are indicated below. In some instances additional fees may apply to classes, workshops or special events. Registrations and payment should be made ahead of time as space is often limited. Contact AABS Programming Director **Alfonso Tercero at [bonsai\\_cho@att.net](mailto:bonsai_cho@att.net)** or register at a monthly Society Meeting.

Use the following calendar to plan your attendance.  
*(Check this calendar before traveling. Dates and programming subject to change.)*

# 2009 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Calendar of Events

## January AABS Monthly Meeting

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Indoor Bonsai Critique - BYOT with Robert Bishop and Dustin Mann

Members are encouraged to bring their own trees for review and critique to help them improve overall design.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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## February AABS Monthly Meeting

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Julian Adams -- Guest Speaker -- "The Art of Bonsai"

Renown bonsai expert, Julian Adams, will visit the AABS from Lynchburg, VA. He will provide an interactive presentation to the audience about the "Art of Bonsai". To learn more about Julian

Adams visit his website <http://www.adamsbonsai.com/>

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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## February/March Beginner/Intermediate Bonsai Classes

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, & Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Registration Required To Register:

1. Send an email to **Alfonso Tercero** at [bonsai\\_cho@att.net](mailto:bonsai_cho@att.net)
2. Attend an AABS monthly meeting and sign up

**Cost is 3 classes/\$25. Attend 1 or all 3 for the same price!**

All Classes are on Saturdays, 9:00am - noon. Registered participants will be contacted in the event of inclement weather or other changes to the schedule.

### *Note regarding the Beginner/Intermediate Classes:*

These are extremely informative sessions that allow time for questions, hands-on experience, expert advice and excellent teacher to student ratio. If you are new to bonsai these workshops are not to be missed. Even for those who have been growing bonsai for years may find many of these workshops worthwhile.

### **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Beginner and Intermediate Classes, Part I -- with Connie Crancer**

Introduction to Bonsai Theory & Culture . Participants are encouraged to bring small ficus, serissas, kingsville, etc from local bonsai vendors. How to keep a potted tree healthy. Pruning and potting demonstration. Suggestions regarding post-potting recovery for the new bonsai. Seating is limited. Registration required, see above.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Greenhouse #5**

**Park in the rear next to the greenhouses.**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> - Beginner and Intermediate Classes, Part II -- with Bill Heston.**

Ongoing Care and Cultivation. Routine maintenance pruning, repotting, watering, wintering, etc... Bring Your Own Tree to receive advice and help on this hands-on class.

Seating is limited. Registration required, see above.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Greenhouse #5  
Park in the rear next to the greenhouses**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - Beginner and Intermediate Classes, Part III -- with Cyril Grum**

Bonsai Design, Style and Wiring. After a review of basic styling concepts, including some "guidelines", participants will be assisted as needed in creating their own beginning bonsai to take home. Wiring techniques will be presented and practiced on trees.

Seating is limited. Registration required, see above.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Greenhouse #5  
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**March AABS Monthly Meeting**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Video Presentation of the Shinji Suzuki DVD with Bill Heston**

A DVD chronicle of a year in the life of bonsai master Shinji Suzuki; how he faces and overcomes challenges in the creation of masterpiece bonsai and the preparation of a bonsai for Kokufu-Ten. Those who attended the Michael Hagedorn presentation in 2008 may recall that his 2 1/2 year apprenticeship was with Shinji Suzuki.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**April Special Event**

**Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 9am – 2pm**

**Collecting Trip to the Ypsilanti Area -- with Jack Wikle and Alfonso Tercero**

A small group of members (10-12) will be allowed to collect wild trees from a member's property area. Contact Alfonso Tercero at [bonsai\\_cho@att.net](mailto:bonsai_cho@att.net) to sign up.

**LOCATION: To be disclosed during the prior monthly meeting of March 25.**

**No cost, but this event requires registration. (limited group size)**

**Contact Alfonso Tercero at [bonsai\\_cho@att.net](mailto:bonsai_cho@att.net)**

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**April AABS Monthly Meeting**

**Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

**Challenging Trees Review -- with Eric Newton.**

Members are encouraged to bring their most challenging trees for review and critique to help them improve overall design with Eric Newton. BYOT

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**May AABS Monthly Meeting  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Working Critique -- with Cyril Grum, Bill Heston, and Jack Wikle.**

Members are encouraged to bring their most challenging trees for review and critique to help them improve overall design. Pruning and wiring techniques will be demonstrated. BYO wire, tools, stand, etc. BYOT

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**June Special Event  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Annual Pot Luck / Picnic**

Members are invited to this annual Potluck. Bring a dish to share. Contact Lois Vorrath for more details. Members are encouraged to bring a small bonsai to admire. **LOCATION: Lois' Home.** (*Map will be distributed personally during the previous monthly meeting on April 22.*) **No cost, but this event requires registration. Contact Alfonso Tercero at bonsai\_cho@att.net.**

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**June AABS Monthly Meeting  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Roy Nagatoshi – Guest Speaker – Demonstration – Shimpaku Juniper**

Roy Nagatoshi of California owns Fuji Bonsai Nursery in Sylmar, outside of Los Angeles, California. holds a Bachelor Degree in ornamental Horticulture, and makes frequent appearances, teaching and demonstrating bonsai all over the U.S. Roy was credited for creating bonsai for a major motion picture, Karate Kid III, in 1990, and was also involved in a bonsai educational video professionally produced by Puget Sound Bonsai Association, with funding provided by Weyerhaeuser Company of Tacoma, Washington. He is the President of the California Bonsai Society and a favorite of John Naka. **LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**June Workshop  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-8pm**

**Roy Nagatoshi -- Workshop Leader -- Shimpaku Juniper.**

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Room 125**

**Cost - \$35.00 plus tree. This event requires registration.**

**Contact Alfonso Tercero at bonsai\_cho@att.net.**

**July Workshop**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 9am – noon**

**Learn How to Photograph your Bonsai -- Workshop with Carlos Diaz**

Carlos Diaz, professional photographer, will lead a workshop to teach attendees how to best photograph their bonsai. He will explain the basics of light exposure, position of the camera, utilization of photographic material. Matthaei's bonsai trees will be photographed, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own tree as a model. BYOT

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Room 125 -- (NOTE: PARK IN BACKLOT BY GREENHOUSE #5. THERE IS A WEDDING AT MATTHAEI THAT MORNING)**

**No cost, but this event requires registration.**  
**Contact Alfonso Tercero at [bonsai\\_cho@att.net](mailto:bonsai_cho@att.net)**

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**July AABS Monthly Meeting**  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

**Focusing on Pines -- with Bill Heston and Paul Kulesa**

Our in-house conifer experts will step up and graciously answer questions about pines. Members are encouraged to bring their conifer bonsai for show and tell, and to get expert advice in how to improve their tree. BYOT

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**August AABS Monthly Meeting**  
**Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Prospecting Challenges and Opportunities -- with Jack Wikle.**

Jack will talk about how to find and recognize useful bonsai material including where to look, what to look for and seasonal impact on availability.

Insights from the audience will be invited also.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**AABS ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW**

**August 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Saturday and Sunday**

**Location: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Annual showing of Society member's trees. Over 100 beautiful trees from all sizes and species will be on display. Workshops, demonstrations and vendors, will be available. Visitors may vote in the People's Choice for their favorite bonsai selections from different categories

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**September AABS Monthly Meeting and Auction**  
**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**  
**2009 AABS Club Auction**

Annual auction event with club member's bonsai material: pre-bonsai material, tools, pots, magazines, etc at great prices. Members are encouraged to bring their surplus bonsai material to this meeting. Small items should be grouped to increase chances of selling. Provide as much information as possible. All sales are finals and payment is expected at the end of the auction.

10% donation to the AABS.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**October Special Event**  
**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 9am – 1pm**

**Visit to Gee Farms Nursery -- "Field Trip / Bargain Hunting" -- with Jack Wikle**

AABS trip to Gee Farm searching material for bonsai at great prices. Jack Wikle will lead this little expedition to provide his expert advice in how to get the best tree at Gee Farm. Car pooling and travel details will be discussed at the September AABS Meeting.

LOCATION: Gee Farms, Stockbridge, MI

**Map, directions, and much more at the Gee Farms Nursery Web site!**

**No cost, but this event requires registration.**

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**October AABS Monthly Meeting**  
**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Growing / Training Indoor Shohin Bonsai -- with Connie Crancer and Jack Wikle.**

Perfect Opportunity to have an indoor bonsai to chase away the winter blues. BYOT for review, critique and help styling your tree with the expert guidance of our most experienced members.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**November Banquet / Special Event**  
**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6pm – 8pm**

**2008 AABS Annual Banquet and Mini-Exhibit**

Banquet provided by the AABS club and members, including a bonsai mini-exhibit per table. Raffles and other great prizes. Members bringing their own trees for the mini-exhibit will receive courtesy raffle tickets.

**LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**

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**No Meetings in December. Happy Holidays.**  
**See you at the January 2010 Meeting!**