

NEXT CLUB MEETING: JANUARY 25, 2012

Paul Kulesa, our vice-president will present the following program:

MEMBERS BONSAI COLLECTIONS - A VIRTUAL TOUR

AABS meeting
January 25, 2012

This photographic survey of member collections is not a catalog of bonsai, but the "nuts and bolts" of how personal collections are displayed and maintained by members.

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ANNUAL ELECTION

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

The election of Executive Board Officers will be conducted at the January Membership Meeting*. The Nomination Committee, Larry Hall, and Carlos Diaz has found nominees for the following positions.

President	Jay Sinclair
VP/Program Chairperson	Paul Kulesa
Recording Secretary	Almudena Veiga-Lopez
Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Producer)	Almudena Veiga-Lopez**
Treasurer	Joan Wheeler
Librarian	Ray Domzalski
Show Chair	Jay Sinclair
Publicity Chairperson	Lary Howard
Director 2012 & 2013	Michael Field

Positions on the board that do not require a vote

Past President	Alfonso Tercero
Director 2011 & 2012	Raquel Vega

(*the fine print) Prior to the vote, nominations to all position will be taken from the membership in attendance. A simple majority vote of members present at the general membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for election of the Executive Board.

(**the fine print) Will serve in a temporary position until a replacement is elected.

US POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES BONSAI STAMPS

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

On January 23, 2012, the USPS made a series of bonsai

Public Unveiling & First Day of Issue: Bonsai

Public Event · By USPS Stamps

Monday, January 23, 2012

Sacramento, California



postage stamps available to the public. Eunice Corp worked with the Postal System and the national bonsai community to see her long-time goal for the introduction of bonsai postage stamps. These postage stamps can be used on your snail mail, spreading the images of bonsai throughout the country.

Eunice Corp joined the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society in late 1976 or early 1977 and maintained her membership even after moving to northern Michigan with her husband Glen. Eunice began teaching bonsai classes in the North Country and soon founded the Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan, a Traverse City area club. Eunice has donated the bulk of her personal bonsai collection some years ago to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids where it became the seed for the still-growing Meijer Gardens bonsai collection.

INTRODUCTORY BONSAI CLASS IS BACK! **Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson**

AABS will sponsor an introductory bonsai class scheduled from Spring through Early Summer 2012. The classes will be held at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The lesson plan for this class was written by Jack Wikle and serves as an effective tool for opening the world of bonsai to the uninitiated.



AABS club members in MBG conservatory

The class has been divided into five sessions taking place on Saturday mornings, 10 AM – 12 Noon. The sessions are scheduled for March 24, April 28, May 12, June 16 and July 7. The class is limited to 10 participants.

MINUTES – AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Almudena Veiga-Lopez – Recording Secretary

Time: Saturday, December 3, 2011, 10:00AM

Attendees: Bill Heston, Paul Kulesa, Victoria Norfleet, Jay Sinclair, Alfonso Tercero, Raquel Vega, and Almudena Veiga-Lopez

- **Budget**

Annual Programs: Next year program will be dedicated to education. It includes two outside speakers workshops and two internal workshops, one on pruning and repotting and another one for wiring in March and April. For outside guest speakers it has been decided that attendees will have to pay at the time of registration to avoid no-show at the workshops. Paul Kulesa proposes that in the future we may bring an invited speaker to perform a workshop on a Saturday to have the possibility of a longer program. Paul Kulesa also shares with the board that he has done some tree acquisitions for future programs. This includes amur maple clumps and English oak seedlings that will be ready in a couple years as a workshop material.

The AABS Annual Program will be posted in the website by mid December along with the names of the presenters for each of the monthly meetings. The budget for next year Annual Program is discussed and approved by the board.

Show: Jay Sinclair proposes a budget for the AABS annual Show. Board approves the budget.

Library: Victoria Norfleet proposes a budget to renew the subscription to three bonsai magazines and purchase of books. The budget is approved by the board.

Treasurer: A budget for the next year treasurer's expenses is presented by Paul Kulesa in the absence of Joan Wheeler and it is approved by the board.

- **Show Policy and Procedure:** Lary Howard suggested a meeting to get a fixed timeline to prepare the AABS Annual Show. Jay Sinclair, Lary Howard, and Paul Kulesa will lead this future meeting.

- **Library Policy:** The board agrees to ask members to replace a borrowed book from the AABS library in the

case that the book is not returned within 6 months of borrowing the book.

- **Future Program Planning:** Paul Kulesa will approach few of the AABS members to explore the possibility of bringing back the beginners classes back into the Annual Program. Raquel Vega suggests advertising this program at local community centers, nurseries, etc... to increase participation.
- **Parking Policy MBG:** Several options are discussed by the board including the possibility of having a shared membership fee between AABS and MBG or holding meetings in a facility other than MBG that will allow free parking. These options will be discussed with MBG and further information will be provided to the AABS membership as it becomes available. No final decisions will be made by the board before AABS members are consulted. More info here: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/happening/parking.asp>
- **Off the agenda:** Paul Kulesa mentions that the replacement of Ryan Liu as Newsletter Editor has been unsuccessful thus far. Almudena Veiga-Lopez agrees to serve as a temporary Newsletter Editor until a replacement is found among AABS members. The board agrees to suspend mailing out the paper copy of the newsletter and only use the email system from now on. Members will always be able to access the paper copy during the AABS Monthly Meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25 - Monthly Meeting

-A Tour Of Member Bonsai Collections

February 22 - Monthly Meeting

-“How To Develop A Bonsai Eye” - an artistic perspective by Martin Schmalenberg.

March 24 - Beginners Bonsai Class #1

- Introduction To Bonsai

March 28 - Monthly Meeting

- Repotting & Root Pruning - A Presentation And Demonstration

March 31 - Saturday Morning Workshop

- Repotting & Root Pruning - Members can repot their bonsai with the help of an experienced hand.

April 21 - Saturday Morning Workshop

- Wiring Your Bonsai - Members can wire their bonsai with the help of an experienced hand.

April 25 - Monthly Meeting

- Tropical Bonsai Lecture - Erik Wigert from Florida will discuss the care, cultivation and maintenance of tropical bonsai.

April 26 - Thursday Evening Workshop

- Erik Wigert will lead this workshop using willow leaf fig grown in Florida.

April 28 - Beginners Bonsai Class #2

- Introduction to Bonsai

May 12 -Beginner’s Bonsai Class #3

- Introduction to Bonsai

May 23 - Monthly Meeting

- A Dawn Redwood Forest With Kurt Smith.

May 26 -Saturday Morning Workshop

- Design your own forest or clump using dawn redwood, lead by Kurt Smith.

June 16 -Beginner’s Bonsai Class #4

- Introduction to Bonsai

June 27 - Monthly Meeting

- Bring Your Own Bonsai Workshop – Members can work on their bonsai with the assistance of more experienced members.

July 7 -Beginner’s Bonsai Class #5

- Introduction to Bonsai

July 25 - Monthly Meeting

- A Three Member Panel will offer advice and discuss design options for members who bring their bonsai to the meeting

August 22 - Monthly Meeting

- Fertilizing Your Bonsai – This presentation will discuss feeding your bonsai, feeding options and current concern of our fertilizing practices. Producing fertilizer balls will be demonstrated.

August 24 - Annual Show Setup

August 25-26 - Annual Show

September 26 - Monthly Meeting

- Annual Auction

October 24 - Monthly Meeting

- A Study of Bonsai In Winter Silhouette

November 5 - Monthly Meeting

- Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai

2011 AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Alfonso Tercero (734) 216-2708
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Corresponding Secretary: Ryan Liu
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Director 2010 & 2011: Dustin Mann
Director 2011 & 2012: Raquel Vega
Show Chairperson: Jay Sinclair

AABS AD-HOC COMMITTEES

The AABS President is exofficio member of all committees with the exception of the Nomination Committee.

Auction Chair: TBD
Membership Chair: TBD
Show Staging: Paul Kulesa
Demonstrations: TBD
Ways and Means Chair: Hugh Danville
Web Administration: Raquel Vega

FOR SALE OR WANTED

All members can offer for sale any bonsai and bonsai related materials in the newsletter or at the monthly meeting with no sales fee. AABS Society Members' ads are free to publish in the Newsletter. Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 5th of the month. Please send your comments or documents to newsletter@annarborbonsaisociety.org.

Wanted. If you have a tree, bonsai pot, tool or anything else bonsai related that you don't need anymore and that is still in good condition, consider donating it to the Society. Donations to the Society are always accepted. In most cases many donated trees or other materials have been raffled among the attending members during our monthly meetings.

Help Spruce Up Our Web Page Appearance

Raquel Vega, AABS web master, is soliciting photographs of members' trees to appear on one of the many pages of our web site. You can hand deliver a photograph of your favorite bonsai to Raquel at the meeting or send a photo via email to her.
members-owner@annarborbonsaisociety.org

MEMBERSHIP

Society Membership is for the calendar year. Use the membership form on the Web and bring it to the next AABS meeting or mail it to:

Joan Wheeler
2295 North Harris
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Email: treasurer@annarborbonsaisociety.org. Please make your check payable to AABS for \$25.00.

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is affiliated with the American Bonsai Society (www.absbonsai.org) and the Mid American Bonsai Alliance (www.mababonsai.org).

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