



The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens: 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Ann Arbor. Please join us at 7:00 pm for socializing. The program starts at 7:30 pm. Dues are \$25.00 for the year 2011. <http://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org>

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AND WORKSHOP:

June 22, 2011, 7 PM "Formal Display of Bonsai"

Lindsay Shiba will discuss the display of bonsai. To make this program a success members are asked to bring a bonsai with accent plants and stand or mat, as you would for a show. Lindsay will put each display before the group and critique the setup and suggest improvements. This format will encourage group participation and feed back. Lindsay will choose from the material available to improve a particular display.

June 23, 2011, Thursday, 6-9 PM at MBG

Lindsay Shiba will conduct a workshop using boxwood provided for the participants of this event. Participants should bring their tools and supplies. Wire will be available at the workshop. Participants, \$40; non-member participants add \$25; observers - \$10. The workshop fee is \$30 for those who bring their own boxwood. You can participate in this workshop by registering at the meeting or contacting Paul Kulesa at programs@annarborbonsaisociety.org

NEW MEETING TIME STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

Alfonso Tercero - President

Dear Members,

It was announced at our May's meeting that due to some of Matthaei's new policies and rules, we need to leave the auditorium at 9 pm since the automated system will lock doors and the janitorial personal will turn off the lights.

In order to allow proper time to our presenters and invited guests to provide their demonstrations and/or lectures, starting on September 28th, our meetings will start at 7pm rather than 7:30 pm. We understand that this is a delicate topic as many members expressed that given their work schedules they may miss part of the meeting if it starts earlier. Other members expressed their satisfaction as they would like the meeting to be extended and have more time to cover more bonsai information. Social time will now start at 6:30 pm and we invite you to come at this time to have an opportunity to catch up with other members on the latest bonsai news and events.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and appreciate your support on this new change.

Thank you,
Alfonso Tercero

MINUTES – AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Almudena Veiga-Lopez – Recording Secretary

Time: Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6:00 PM

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

- **2011 Show Preparation.** Several issues are presented by Jay Sinclair.
 - ✓ Who will lead the tree critique this year? Dustin Mann mentioned that he can contact members from other clubs.
 - ✓ Policy about alcohol consumption at MBG is discussed. No alcohol will be consumed during the annual pot luck.
 - ✓ Tear down/cleanup. We should have designated people for gathering trees at the end of the event to prevent tree accidents. We should enforce two people handle big trees. Also, volunteers may need to stay longer to provide with extra tasks at the end due to new MBG rules.
- **Supplemental budget request for 2010 workshop material** -Paul Kulesa asks whether AABS should purchase workshop material for two workshops plus one beginner class in 2012. The budget is approved by the board.

- **Running out of storage space in the AABS supply/library closet** -Victoria Norfleet suggests to sell more books/magazines at our annual auction as an option to free up space. The board agrees that any magazine over 2 years old should be included as part of the annual auction.
- **October meeting "Our Bonsai, Then and Now — A Photographic Review"** -Almudena Veiga-Lopez comments that Jack Wikle has agreed to provide with some material as part of the presentation. Alfonso Tercero, Bill Heston and other board members also agree to contribute with their material.
- **Website pictures** -Almudena Veiga-Lopez comments that few AABS members have provided with pictures from past Annual AABS Shows but there are yet to be posted in the website. Raquel Vega is updating the website with those pictures and we should be able to see them online very soon.
- **Roger Gaede has volunteered to act as Auction Chairperson** -Paul Kulesa proposes to name Roger as Auction Chairperson and the board agrees.
- **Should our meeting start at 7:00 PM?** -Bill Heston and Paul Kulesa. After much thought, the board agrees that is in the common benefit of the AABS to advance the start of the monthly meetings to 7:00pm starting in our September meeting, first monthly meeting after the Annual Show.
- **Tools for workshops/beginners' class** -Paul Kulesa mentions that with the presence of many new members who have yet to purchase tools and want to participate in workshops, AABS may purchase tool sets that AABS members can borrow during workshops. Jay Sinclair suggests that another option is to include a new tool kit in the beginner's class price. This item is left open for further discussion.
- **Matthaei's new rules regulating room use** -Alfonso Tercero talked with Karen Sikkenga from MBG about this issue on Monday, May 23, 2011. Discussions are still underway and Alfonso will update the board as needed.
- **T-shirt's** – Off the agenda, Alfonso Tercero presents the board with some prices for T-shirts, coffee mugs, bags, as supplies for AABS advertisement.
- **Items not discussed due to absence of Lary Howard**
 - ✓ Meeting & Annual Show Advertising
 - ✓ Bonsai Study Group
 - ✓ Nursery Affiliation

NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES

Almudena Veiga-Lopez – Recording Secretary

May 25, 2011 Meeting- Bring your own tree –with Bill Heston, Clive Taylor, and Lois Vorath

Members started gathering at MBG auditorium before 7:00pm. The meeting started at 7:30pm with Alfonso Tercero, our president, welcoming a new member. He introduced Connie Crancer that had a special announcement. Connie has been involved with the MBG bonsai collection for the past 20 years. She is now stepping down from this position to pursue new venues in her horticultural career. She realizes the MBG collection needs a person devoted to it and efforts are being made to meet the collection requirements.

Paul Kulesa reminded AABS members that next meeting Lindsay Shiba will be talking about the formal display of bonsai. A handout was given to the attendees to start thinking about the best way to display our trees.

Alfonso announced that beginning in September the start time for the monthly meetings will be advanced to 7pm to be able to provide with enough time for a 2 hour program and still meet the new MBG requirements regarding closing hours.

In our “show and tell” section, Clive Taylor had brought several maple trees that he has been very successful grafting. He has performed branch and root grafting quite successfully. Do not miss the photos!

And then, everyone got immersed in its own “Bring Your Own Tree Session”. Tables were set up to facilitate interaction among participants. I have to say that I got immersed in my own tree and had no time to go around. Check out the few photos of the event!

Thank you Clive and Bill for helping us with tree design, wiring, trimming, etc... but also other senior members that helped around! Thank you all!



Branch graft by Clive Taylor



Root graft by Clive Taylor



Some BYOT participants



Clive Taylor helping Joan Overmire



Paul Kulesa helping Carlos Diaz



Jack Wikle helping Jay Sinclair

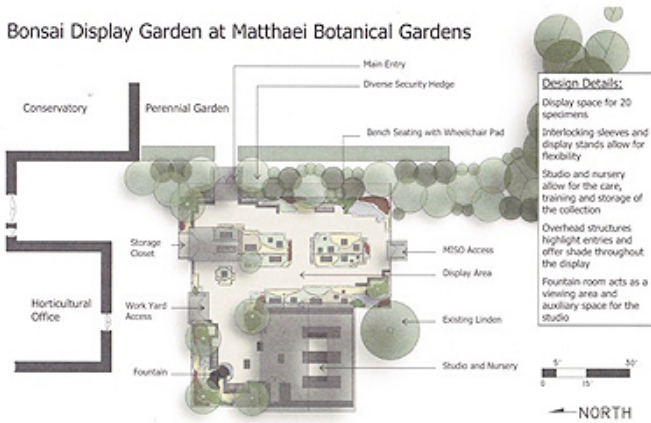
What Bonsai Are You Bringing To The Annual Show?

MATTHAEI BONTANICAL GARDEN BONSAI DISPLAY

Paul Kulesa – Program Chairperson

The Bonsai Display Garden will be a place where the public can enjoy the serenity of the bonsai and penjing collection at Matthaei Botanical Garden. Visitors will delight in the seemingly natural beauty of these American art forms. This beautiful place will provide space for larger displays and will act as a center of demonstration and education in the practice of bonsai and penjing.

The U of M and MBG will build a bonsai garden to share the exquisite bonsai trees in the collection with your help. Space currently allows for the display of only three trees. The planned garden, west of the perennial garden and southwest of the Conservatory, will offer demonstrations and hands-on bonsai teaching for all levels. To help make it happen, contact Gayle Steiner, the director of development: gayles@umich.edu; 734.647.7847.



UPCOMING AABS MEETINGS

Paul Kulesa – Program Chairperson

July 27, 2011, 7 PM

During this monthly meeting program, three members, selected for their fine eye for detail in bonsai design, will offer design suggestions to members who present a pre-bonsai or bonsai for review. This is an opportunity to hear the collective wisdom of the design panel and the membership. Please bring your bonsai or pre-bonsai to this meeting to hear “3 to 23 suggestions” for future development of your tree. The panel is comprised of Gerald Peters, Deborah Eddy and Trudy Bulkley.

August 24, 2011, 7 PM

Bonsai Soils, what we need to know to grow healthy and thriving bonsai. A group of members will provide a look at the variety of soil mixes available, their effect on the health and vitality of the bonsai material. They will also examine the relationship of the container to the health and development of the bonsai. This program features Jack Wikle as moderator, Al Fassezke and Paul Kulesa. More than a recipe, an understanding on how things work. *September 28, 2011, 7PM*

The Annual Auction starts at 7 PM. Roger Gaede will direct this annual event. Registration of bonsai and bonsai related items for the silent and live auction starts at 6 PM.

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

June 25-26, 2011

39th Annual Four Seasons Bonsai Show. A bonsai exhibit and beginner-friendly presentations is scheduled. Bonsai, pots, tools and accessories will be sold. A demonstration by nationally recognized bonsai master, Lindsay Shiba is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2PM. The show and demonstration are open to the public and free of charge. Saturday, June 25, 9AM - 7PM. Sunday, June 26, 9AM - 4PM. Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R (between Big Beaver and Wattles), Troy, Michigan. 248-689-8735. Website: www.tellys.com.

August 19 - 21, 2011

Midwest Bonsai Exhibit, near Chicago. With guest master Ryan Neil, of California/Colorado.

August 27& 28, 2011

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society's Annual Show. One hundred or more bonsai will be on display in the auditorium at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22 - Monthly Meeting

Lindsay Sheba will discuss show presentation and display of bonsai.

June 23 - Workshop

Lindsay Shiba will conduct a workshop using select boxwood or you may bring your own material.

July 27 - Monthly Meeting

A Select Panel will critique your bonsai, offering design advice and cultural suggestions.

August 24 - Monthly Meeting

Jack Wikle will moderate a presentation on bonsai soil. "More than a recipe, an understanding of the way soils work for you."

August 26 - Annual Show Setup

Plan to help setup the show.

August 27 & 28 - AABS Annual Show

"The premier event of the year"

September 28 - Monthly Meeting

2011 AABS Annual Auction.

October 26 - Monthly Meeting

"Our Bonsai, Then and Now". A member supported photographic review depicting your bonsai, "then and now".

November 7 - Annual Banquet

2011 AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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).

Contact AABS at: newsletter@annarborbonsaisociety.org



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