



NEXT CLUB MEETING: Wednesday, October 24 at 7PM

“A Study of Bonsai in Silhouette”

Prior to placing your deciduous bonsai into winter storage, you have an opportunity to study the branch structure and ramification of your trees and share your thoughts with the membership. Bring your bonsai that has had the leaves removed and we will closely examine the structure.

This will be a learning experience. There will be an introductory presentation by Jack Wikle followed by a discussion of bonsai brought in by members.

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Drawing by Lindsay Shiba at AABS Meeting (June 2011)

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
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
(734) 485-6306

Email: treasurer@annarborbonsaisociety.org. Please make your check payable to AABS for \$25.00.

Notes From The Sidelines

Almudena Veiga-Lopez – Recording Secretary

Members started gathering at the Auditorium at MBG around 6:30pm to participate in the annual action of our club. Members can sell their pre-bonsais, bonsais, and bonsai-related material, including books, tools, pots, etc. Members and non-members are invited to participate as buyers. Don't miss out some photos of the Auction (next page) and the Annual Auction details by Paul Kulesa!



Our President Jay Sinclair explaining the Auction mechanism.



Our volunteers helping sellers and buyers at the Auction (L to R: Hannelore Hughes, Victoria Norfleet, and Joan Wheeler).



Some of the visitors bidding in the silent auction.



Visitors and bonsais in display for the live auction.

The Annual Auction

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

By most accounts, this year’s auction was a success. This event attracted 67 members and visitors, 17 members auctioned bonsai and bonsai related items, fifty persons registered as a buyer for the auction and there were \$2,600 in sales.

The combined silent and live auction proved to be a welcomed continuation of the auction process. Modifications to the silent auction and the payment procedure were implemented to streamline the event, were accepted by the participants and welcomed by those working to make this event a success. Michael Field was instrumental in suggesting and implementing many of these modifications.

Many worked diligently to see this auction process serve the membership effectively. There were those who setup and took down the tables and chair, those who registered buyers and sellers, those who assisted sellers with their paperwork, those who recorded the evening transactions, those who moved items during the live auction, those who collected payment and those who distributed the purchases.

I want to thank those who played key roles for the success of the event. John Parks, who has served as auctioneer for many years, was well received by

the membership, who took comfort with a “familiar face”. Joan Wheeler, our treasurer, accepted the burden of making sense of all the paperwork in connection with sales and the distribution of funds to sellers.

A significant donation to our auction was made by an unexpected group. Steven Courtney, Manager of Hidden Lake Gardens, and Gerry Donaldson, Facility Foreman, offered plant material they developed for our auction. The plants distributed during the auction and the funds raised are appreciated.

You, the buyer, played an important role in the success of our auction. Your participation completed the circle of success in this auction. Few glitches surfaced when Joan Wheeler processed the paperwork and payments. However, if you have concerns, please contact Joan Wheeler or me.

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Bonsai and Penjing Collection at MBG **The Bonsai Garden**

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

Ground has been broken. Plans have been approved and finalized. Stakes have been placed in the ground laying out the garden perimeter and fencing is being installed. Recently, there has been a flurry of work on the development of the fencing and structures on the garden. It will not be long before the garden will be open to the public, displaying the bonsai collection and exposing the visitors to the garden to the mystery behind bonsai.

If you wish to contribute to this permanent collection, contact:

Gayle Steiner
Development Director
Matthaei Botanical Gardens.
Phone: 734.647.7847
Email: gayles@umich.edu
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The Bonsai and Penjing Garden takes shape. Construction continues with the framing of the structure within the garden. 10-2-12



Workers assemble the frame of the studio in the bonsai garden. 10-2-12

UPCOMING AABS EVENTS

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

November 5 - Monthly Meeting

- Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai

December (no Monthly Meeting)

2012 AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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*Will serve in a temporary position until a replacement is elected.

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

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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.

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