

NEXT CLUB MEETING: February 27, 2013

“The Care and Development of Juniper” - Michael Scheid (pronounced Schīde) of Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati will discuss the care and development of juniper. Michael will bring several junipers for members to examine and purchase.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
Your annual membership expires at the end of March. Annual membership dues are \$25. You can talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting or renew by mail.

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THE 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ELECTED

Paul Kulesa

The election of Executive Board Officers was conducted during the January meeting. Hugh Danville conducted the election with the slate of nominees assembled by the nomination committee. Eugene Weise was nominated from the floor to serve as Director, 2013-2014. The majority of assembled members elected the nominees by voice vote. Jay Sinclair extended his gratitude to the Nomination Committee, Connie Crancer, Hugh Danville and Ed Hughes for their service to the club.

2013 Executive Board

President	Jay Sinclair
VP/Program Chairperson	Paul Kulesa
Recording Secretary	*
Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Producer)	*
Treasurer	Joan Wheeler
Librarian	Ray Domzalski
Show Chairperson	*
Publicity Chairperson	Carlos Diaz
Director 2013 & 2014	Eugene Weise

*** OPEN POSITIONS ON THE BOARD**

There are three positions on the Executive Board considered critical to the full expression of our club. Top of the list are the two positions important for the publishing of the monthly newsletter. Then there is our annual bonsai show. We need a member to manage and direct the activities of our show. This is a management position more than a hands-on activity. A members taking on any position will be assisted until they are able to work independently.

AABS AD HOC COMMITTEES

The AABS President is an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nomination Committee.

Fund Raising: William Struhar

Web Administration: Raquel Vega

Annual Show Staging: Paul Kulesa

Auction Chairperson

MONTHLY RAFFLES

The Executive Board has approved a monthly raffle of bonsai related material at our meetings. Bill Struhar will manage this raffle hoping to add interest to our monthly gathering. Bill says, “Something interesting will be offered each meeting”. Raffle tickets will be offer for sale, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The monthly raffle item will be available for examination prior to the meeting.



“CAT” Nelson joined members in the first meeting of the year. She discussed tree anatomy and physiology, and how they relate to growing bonsai, talking about roots, trunks, branches and leaves of trees and how they work together. Cat recommended a book that she found valuable, *The Growing Tree*, by Brayton F. Wilson.

Paul Melton Remembered

By Margaret Parker

Paul Melton, a long time bonsai lover, AABS member and the person who introduced me to the AABS, died on Friday, February 2 at the age of 87 years. Paul practiced many arts besides bonsai, among them Zen garden design, horse training and dressage, cooking, adventurous traveling, visual arts, theater and music. With all his passions, he dragged his friends along with him. His family and his faith informed all he did. Paul practiced a living spirit that he expressed in all these ways, bonsai was one path I was lucky to follow him on.

We became friends as he helped me show my artwork and shared a love of gardening. At one point, he brought me an exquisite narrow tall-standing Chinese pot and a tiny creeping fig, saying, "Plant this, choose a style and see what happens." Though I wasn't asking for this extra job, he knew that I would enjoy the journey. We shared bonsai for years. He brought me to my first AABS meeting, where I found a wonderful group of tree lovers and designers. In the last 8 years as Paul's eyesight declined and his activities were restricted, we shared spring visits to my growing collection of trees when they were in their glowing spring green. Paul's friendship brought irreverent humor and reverent passions, his dedicated practice of difficult disciplines and his joy in sharing them.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens has continued the construction of a permanent, dedicated bonsai garden at Matthaei. When completed the garden will be open to the public and will showcase more of the collection than has been previously possible. A bonsai studio will be integrated into the garden. Staff and volunteers will maintain these bonsai in view of the public.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens will celebrate the opening of the Bonsai and Penjing Garden on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Additional related events though out the summer will showcase the Bonsai and Penjing Garden.



Since Fall 2012, progress has been made on the Bonsai and Penjing Garden. A cedar fence now surrounds the garden and the studio roof is seen above the fence.



Within the fenced Bonsai Garden we can see the individual display stands on the sunrise-side of the studio.



Overhead view of the Bonsai and Penjing Garden



Joan Wheeler and Jay Sinclair present a donation from the AABS to Gayle Steiner of MBG for the Bonsai and Penjing Garden endowment

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

AABS Membership is for the calendar year. Use the *Membership Renewal Form* on our Web page and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to the Treasurer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 27 - Monthly Meeting

Care and Development of Juniper – Michael Scheid

March 27 - Monthly Meeting

Moss – Cultivation and Care - Rick Smith Biologist-Bradley University

April 6 - Saturday Morning Workshop

Repotting & Root Pruning - Members can repot their bonsai with the help of an experienced hand.
At MBG 10 AM – 1 PM

April 24 - Monthly Meeting

Members Wiring Workshop – Bring your tree and supplies. Guidance provided.

May 19 - Dedication of the MBG Bonsai and Penjing Garden

May 22 - Monthly Meeting

June 26 - Monthly Meeting

Literati - Jim Doyle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

June 27 - Thursday Evening Workshop with Jim Doyle

The workshop will be held at MBG – 6PM

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 23 - Annual Show Setup

August 24-25 - Annual Show

August 28 - Monthly Meeting

Jack Douthitt, respected bonsai artist on the National Stage, will provide his view on Bonsai in America.

August 29 - Thursday Evening Workshop with Jack Douthitt

The workshop will be held at MBG – 6PM

September 25 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Auction

October 23 - Monthly Meeting

November 4 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai



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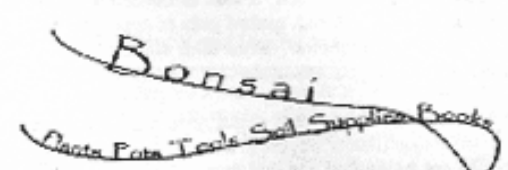
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