

### IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW FEATURING BONSAI NATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA

Setup begins on Friday morning, August 23, and the show is Saturday & Sunday, August 24 & 25. Additional information is found later in the newsletter.

You ready? Let's go.

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### AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING AND WORKSHOP

#### Wednesday, August 28 - Monthly Meeting

Jack Douthitt, respected bonsai artist on the National stage, will provide his view on Bonsai as an art in America. In this program Jack will discuss what is art, why bonsai is an art and how it compares to more traditional art forms. He will explore the differences between a traditional artist and a bonsai artist, and how to make the leap from bonsai "hobbyist" to bonsai "artist."

#### Thursday, August 29 - Workshop with Jack Douthitt

This workshop is open to members who can bring previously styled bonsai. Jack Douthitt feels working with material brought directly from a garden nursery is not beneficial to you or the workshop. Jack's workshop theme is, "How do I make a *good* bonsai into an *excellent* one, or an *excellent* bonsai into a *prize winner*." Techniques for refinement are different from those required for styling, and the workshop would focus on refinement techniques.

The workshop enrollment is limited to eight people so that each participant gets a reasonable amount of time with the instructor. The intent of the workshop is to make previously styled trees better, not to give the trees their first "basic" styling. Workshop fee is \$40. Contact Paul Kulesa to reserve a spot in the workshop.

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD IDEAS

I am looking for programs ideas to develop and add to the 2014 calendar and I am seeking your advice. Is there a bonsai related topic you want to explore in depth, a speaker you have heard and you want to hear more, a workshop leader you want to work with, a tree you want to study in depth . . .? Let me know. Paul Kulesa

### JULY MONTHLY MEETING

By Paul Kulesa

A three-member panel, Tom McCue, Kurt Smith and Jay Sinclair, offered advice and suggestions to nudge trees in another direction.



Kurt, Tom And Joan Overmire Ponder A Juniper

I want to thank Leslie Olsen who brought in a hinoki cypress, Martin Reinman and his hornbeam, Joan Overmire and her juniper and, what was later identified as an Atlantic white cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*), David Peterson who brought a ficus with aerial roots and a cotoneaster, Gene Weise and his Japanese maple, Ed Hughes and his little leaf linden, Fouzaan Zafar who brought in a juniper, and Don Wenzel who brought in a juniper and yew.



Cyril Grum Admires A *Chamaecyparis* From Leslie Olsen



Kurt Smith Looks On As Don Wenzel Presents His Yew

I want to thank Tom, Jay and Kurt for agreeing to act as consultants in this program. The program participants appreciate your opinions and I suspect you gained from this experience.

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## OUR SHOW – THE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 23

- 10 AM to 3 PM - The auditorium setup begins 10 AM. The work is light – come join us.
- 5 - 7 PM – You can drop off and register your bonsai. **IF YOU ARE SHOWING A BONSAI NATIVE**

**TO NORTH AMERICA, BE CERTAIN TO REGISTER YOUR ENTRY AS NATIVE MATERIAL.**

- 6 PM - Bonsai will be moved into the auditorium for display setup.

Saturday, August 24

- 9 – 10 AM - The auditorium will be open for last minute adjustments.
- 10 AM – 4:30 PM - The Show is open to the public with continuous demonstrations in the Bonsai Garden.
- 1 PM – Formal Demonstration in Bonsai Garden.
- 4:30 – 8 PM - Lite meal & critique of show.

Sunday, August 25

- 9 AM – The auditorium will be open for watering.
- 10 AM – 4:30 PM - The Show is open to the public with continuous demonstrations in the Bonsai Garden.
- 1 PM Formal Demonstration in Bonsai Garden
- 4:30 PM Members bonsai are moved from auditorium.
- 4:45 – 6 PM - The show display elements are taken down.

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## OUR SHOW SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU

The success of our annual show depends on your participation. Help is needed with

- Friday at 10 AM – show setup in the auditorium
  - Friday at 6 PM – the display/setup of bonsai in the auditorium
  - greeting visitors to the show while working at the welcome table
  - performing demonstrations in the bonsai garden (while working on your tree and sharing your experiences with visitors to the Bonsai Garden)
  - the dismantling of the show on Sunday afternoon, 4:45 PM, after the bonsai have been removed.
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## FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Cyril Grum

We have started the process of identifying a strong AABS Executive Board for next year - 2014. A combination of returning officers and some new blood would be ideal to invigorate our club and keep it strong. The experience of being a member of the Executive Board is quite educational and allows you to get to know the club and its members better.

The time commitment is quite modest, and you get to influence the direction of the club. Although the board values and prefers face-to-face meetings and discussion, it also realizes the time constraints of many and uses email discussion and web voting whenever necessary.

We very much encourage all members to consider this opportunity. Please call us or chat with us if you need any additional information.

### *The Nominating Committee*

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Jack Wikle: [jwikle@comcast.net](mailto:jwikle@comcast.net) (consultant to the Committee)

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## DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS - in brief

1. The President presides over all meeting and coordinated all other activities of The Society.
2. The Vice President/Program Chairperson is responsible for organizing and coordinating programs.
3. The Recording Secretary records the decisions made at regular meetings and Executive Board meeting. Puts them into Newsletter.  
(Position often combined with)
4. The Corresponding Secretary puts together and sends out Newsletter.
5. The Treasurer maintains the official membership roster and financial records, collects dues/fees and pays bills.
6. The Show Committee Chairperson coordinates the annual show.
7. The Librarian maintains the circulating library
8. The Publicity Chairperson publicizes events, programs

and activities.

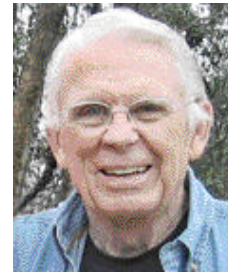
9. The Directors operate in an advisory capacity.

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## REMEMBERING BILL HESTON

By Cyril Grum

Bill was a friend and fellow bonsai enthusiast. His friendly manner, his openness and his persistent sense of humor were characteristics that endeared him to us. Bill's contributions to the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society are voluminous. Bill served a term as Recording Secretary, 3 terms as Vice-President and Program Chair, and he was our President for an amazing 5 years: 2005 – 2009.



He volunteered extensively with the Matthaei Botanical Garden bonsai collection. He was part of the committee that promoted and achieved the Bonsai and Penjing Garden. He is one of only 3 people in the 43 year history of AABS to be honored with the awarding of a Lifetime Membership. Bill had a wonderful bonsai collection; we are fortunate to be able to see a group of his trees both here at Matthaei Botanical Garden and at Hidden Lake Gardens. We shall miss his smile, his wise counsel and his friendship.

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## JIM DOYLE IS COMING TO THE FLOWER MARKET

Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6 PM

Kurt wants to invite members to a discussion and demonstration with Jim Doyle about caring for pines. Specifically, timing for the pruning, candling, needle reduction, fertilizing, watering, repotting, soil, light and display will be covered. Attendees are encouraged to bring in a pine.

Contact Kurt at [734-269-2660](tel:734-269-2660) for additional information

The Flower Market, 8930 S. Custer Road, 6 miles east of Dundee.

## CALENDAR OF AABS EVENTS

### September 25 – Monthly Meeting - Our Annual Auction

### October 23 - Monthly Meeting

Bill Cadman will discuss the process of developing his bonsai with the help of Ryan Neil.

### November 4 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai

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## REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS - 2013

### Friday - Sunday, August 16-18

Midwest Bonsai Society presents the Mid-America Bonsai Show, featuring Bjorn Bjorholm. The 36th Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org/show>

### Saturday – Sunday, August 24 & 25

Annual Show of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society, Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

### Thursday – Sunday, September 12-15

The 2013 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar, Saratoga Springs, NY.

<http://www.loveofbonsai.com>

### Saturday – Sunday, October 12-13

Carolina Bonsai Expo - One of the last big regional bonsai shows of the season held every year down in Asheville, NC at the North Carolina Arboretum. A great show worth the drive.

<http://www.ncarboretum.org/exhibits/outdoors-2/bonsai/>

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## 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## 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:** Dog Bark Stage Left - Web Service

**Nomination Committee:** Cyril Grum, Trudy Bulkley and Tom McCue, Jack Wikle (Advisor to Committee)

**Annual Auction Director:** Interested? Contact a Board Member.

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