

Next meeting - February 23rd, 2022

Back at Matthaei!!

The first meeting of AABS in 2022 will take place at Matthaei Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, February 23. This in-person event will feature Ghazi Zouaoui, of The Flower Market, who will style a large Hinoki False Cypress. He will also discuss care and maintenance of this species.



The club will need to comply with the University of Michigan's policy in regard to entering their facilities. Masks are required, and attendees will need to do a brief check-in and screening at the lobby desk. If you wish, you can check in ahead of time online at https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PminsH4aZnBWER

If you do this check in on your phone you will be able to display the screen below and speed entry into the building and the auditorium.



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President's Perspective

Mark Hanner

Greetings-

After a two-year hiatus, we eagerly look forward to our first live meeting at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, February 23, and I'm hoping I will remember just how the program works! We start out the year with a favorite of mine in the bonsai world, the knowledgeable and personable fellow we know as Rozi, from the Flower Market open studio days. March presents us with an experiment in a hybrid format, but we'll get to those particulars next letter.

Though we are turning a corner regarding the pandemic, there are still some measures we must take, to meet our obligations to the University, whose policies determine how we use the facility. One is to wear a mask for the indoor meeting, since we will have a lot of folks indoors. The other is to do a pre-screening routine, either in advance, or at the building before entering the auditorium. It only took a couple minutes, and doesn't involve personal details; if you have the final page saved as a screenshot, you can show at entry; https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PminsH4aZnBWER.

This year is special in another way, besides the return to our regular format- in July, there will be a special 90th birthday celebration for one of our senior members, Jack Wikle, at Hidden Lake Gardens. More than just a birthday party (and that would plenty of fun by itself), it will

highlight the fundraising for the Jack Wikle Bonsai Legacy, creating a self-sustaining endowment for care of the bonsai collection at HLG's. Our club will be helping out, more details to follow, when we solicit volunteers for the auction that day.

And speaking of volunteering, we are in need of a couple new people to help with the regular functioning of our bonsai society. Specifically, we are looking for someone to take over Bob Bauer's job as Communications Secretary, which involves emailing the membership about meetings and events, and sharing the info to our Facebook page. Bob estimates it takes maybe 2-3 hours a month. He will be delighted to help you through the process, and talk with you at the February meeting about the job. We also are looking for a replacement for Katie Norder, as treasurer; she would like to change to a job that fits better. There is some light bookkeeping involved, keeping track of our expenses for programs, and income from dues and workshops, but a CPA license is not required. In several months, we will be looking for a replacement for Laura Andre, in her roles as Webmaster, and Zoom coordinator. I think we have the Membership spot filled.

So our need is real, and we are at the point where new volunteers are necessary. For a club to prosper and grow, members need to step up and ask- how can I help? Please consider if this is your time to be the person who steps up!

Sure looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

Mark

2022 Program Schedule Jay Sinclair

March 23	Carmen Leskoviansky
April 27	Bring Your Own Tree Workshop Meeting
May 25	Young Choe
May 26	Young Choe - workshop
June 22	TBD
July 27	Jennifer Price
August 24	Jim Doyle
August 25	Jim Doyle workshop
August 26 – 28	AABS Annual Show
September 28	Club Auction
October 26	Mark Arpag

More On Our February Meeting...

Ghazi will share insights from his 26 years of experience with bonsai. "I have been a student of bonsai since 1993, when I was gifted my first tree", said Ghazi. "I fell in love with the art right away. I was, initially, self-taught. I read all the books and magazines and watched all the videos I could get my hands on. Today, after the scores of trees that passed through my hands, I still consider myself a student of bonsai. I am now employed at the Flower Market where I practice bonsai as a profession and further my learning through the many workshops and demonstrations given by visiting artists. My favorite trees to work with are juniper, pine, yew, boxwood, mulberry, linden, elm, and cotoneaster. I always enjoy teaching bonsai and sharing what I know with others who might be interested."

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. The program will start at 7:00 pm.

It's a PARTY!!!



SAVE THE DATE: July 9, 2022.

Jack Wikle 90th Birthday Celebration and Auction at Michigan State University's Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton, Michigan

Jack will be donating the balance of his personal bonsai collection and related items for this auction, with all proceeds to benefit the Jack Wikle Bonsai Legacy Fund.

Jack's donation will be supplemented by bonsai and related items donated by supporters of this sale seeking to promote this art form. All donors will be publicly recognized for their contributions. Sale items will include bonsai, bonsai stock, bonsai pots, tools, display stands, turntables and other equipment. Dozens of bonsai books, bonsai magazines dating back to the mid-sixties, photos of bonsai, paintings and other bonsai themed artworks will also be sold. Unique to this sale are the gold-plated "remains" of two small bonsai, still in their original pots. Jack's collection of dozens of frog-representation art pieces will also be sold.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP: DONATIONS OF AUCTIONABLE ITEMS ARE INVITED IN SUPPORT OF THE JACK WIKLE BONSAI LEGACY FUND.

For the most up to date information on the Celebration visit: https://jackwiklebonsailegacy.com/?page_id=1087

Ads in the Newsletter: 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.

Prizes for the Raffle: We are soliciting donations suitable for prizes to be raffled during each general meeting, and, for the Annual Bonsai Show Raffle. If you have a tree, bonsai pot, tool or anything else bonsai related, that you do not use anymore and is still in good condition, consider donating it to the Society. Please see Bill Struhar at any meeting, email Bill at wm.struhar@mail.com or call (586) 468-7169.

Club Logo Now Available: we will embroider the club logo on your garment for \$12 (plus modest additional charge for lined garments).

The logo comes in two forms; light green tree on dark green background, or dark green tree on light green background, with a border on both combinations and AABS lettering and Chinese characters with appropriate contrasting color depending upon the garment color.

Bring your garment in a clear plastic bag to a meeting, select your colors, pre-pay Bill Struhar, and your garment will be ready one or two meetings later. (The vendor may require a minimum of five garments per order)

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

Fund Raising: William Struhar

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Show Committee: Ron Milostan and Paul Kulesa

Annual Auction: Paul Kulesa

Membership dues are \$25. Please pay by check, written to Ann Arbor Bonsai Society or bring your credit card to the meeting and pay. AABS now accepts credit cards and paypal for membership fees and other AABS activities. Please talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

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The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is affiliated with the American Bonsai Society: <http://absbonsai.org> and the Mid-American Bonsai Alliance: <http://mababonsai.org>



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