

Kusamono & Moss with Young Choe at our May meeting.

At our May 25th meeting, Young Choe will be here to do a program on Kusamono and Moss. She will be presenting two workshops on May 26th. Check Mark Hanner's "President's Perspective" for more information about signing up for the workshops.

Young studied traditional art-ink painting and calligraphy in her native Korea before she moved to the United States. She obtained her BS in Horticulture from the University of Maryland. While volunteering at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, she was able to bring her artistic talent together with her knowledge of horticulture to create Kusamono. She traveled to Japan to study this unique art form with the master Kusamono artist, Keiko Yamane, a former student of Saburo Kato. In the world outside the Museum, she worked with native plants at the USDA, NRCS, National Plant Materials Center in Beltsville, Maryland. Also, she was a propagation horticulturist at the US National Arboretum.

Young currently works at the US National Arboretum.



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President's Perspective *Mark Hanner*

Greetings -

What a great turnout for our April BYOT meeting; thank you to all the more experienced members who helped us with our trees, for ideas on care and design. Work on our trees at home is kicking into higher gear now, as it appears freezes are done for the season.

Looking ahead to the May meeting with Young Choe demonstrating kusamono, and the workshops the following day. There are still a few openings at the time of writing. Workshop includes everything needed, plus the guidance from Young Choe, in small group settings. \$100 holds your spot. This can be done through our PayPal link on the AABS website, if you follow the Membership/renewal page. Make a comment on which workshop you want. Email me in advance if you have any questions; I check the club email pretty regularly.

Note- there is no counter on the website link, and it's possible a session will overbook. I'll let you know if that happens, and refund your payment. I'm hoping a future tweak will enable setting a limit on the page.

Hope I see you at the All-State Bonsai Show, at Meijer Gardens, and see you at our next meeting.

Mark

April meeting notes

Chris Kehrig

4/27/22 Working on trees with Jack Sustic

Matthei collection currently has ~85 trees and will be expanding to 225.

Jack Sustic will be helping with the collection over the next few years

There will be a need for volunteers – contact Jay Sinclair

June 4th and 5th is the Azalea weekend – workshops on Sunday

June 2023 will be the 10 year anniversary of the bonsai collection at Matthei

The evening took place in a packed room full of trees for advice.

I worked on a climbing Hydrangea that the top had mostly died off on.



Mugo Pine:

Lots of foliage removed to help receive light



Most trimmed – Raintree:



Some other trees that were worked on

Yew that was a dumpster dive – trying to make more compact as it's very large and stiff branching

Japanese maple – too many branches at apex, wiring too tight, and removed center buds

Membership News

Becky Hanner

Be sure to keep your newsletters coming, by renewing your dues for 2022. You can visit our website, and use PayPal, or see me at a meeting, where we can take a credit card, or send your check to: Membership, 10414 Oak Rd., Otisville, MI 48463.

Thanks so much!

Michigan All-State Bonsai Show

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
Presents the

2022 Michigan All-State Bonsai Show
(the 24th Annual Show!)

May 14 & 15, 2022

Featuring Guest Artist Mauro Stemberger

From 2022 Show Chair Anita Buckowing, March 8, 2022

Plans are well underway for our 2022 Michigan All-State Bonsai Show. We have scheduled 10 workshops over the two days of the Show, featuring Beginner & Intermediate Level options as well as a Family Workshop & two BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) workshops with our Guest Artist, Mauro Stemberger from Italy.

Visit www.meijergardens.org then Calendar, then scroll down to EVENTS & adjust the calendar to MAY to view the full list of workshops (registration can be completed thru this path as well). We have a limited amount of “slots” available in some workshops (specifically the Shimpaku Juniper workshop on Saturday & the BYOT workshop with Mauro on Sunday).

We have also made arrangements for a Bonsai Friendship Dinner at The Gardens on Saturday, May 14. Pre-registration & pre-payment for this dinner will be required. Additional details on this portion of our event will be available & shared in April.

As always, our Show is successful due to the endless energy & donation of time by our Volunteers. Please contact me if you are able to help out in any manner. We need volunteers for set-up on Friday, volunteers to assist during workshops, volunteers to be Bonsai Ambassadors, volunteers to assist our Vendors, volunteers to help with tear-down, & more. I would really appreciate an early

commitment if you plan to volunteer during the weekend so I know we have sufficient “coverage”.

Please contact me or Eve Choi, Curator of Horticultural and Environmental Education @ Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, if you have any questions.

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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.

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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.

Katie Norder – Treasurer AABS
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