

July Meeting: Jennifer Price

Our July Meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, July 27th, beginning at 6:30. The formal meeting will begin at 7:00 with Jennifer Price giving a presentation on Penjing. She will also be doing a workshop July 28th. See the President's Perspective for more details on that.

Jennifer Price is a bonsai artist residing in Chicago. She has been apprenticed with Walter Pall since 2015, and has also trained with Jim Doyle, Chase Rosade, Mauro Stemberger, Young Choe, and others. She was the first female artist invited to Generation Bonsai in Germany, and represented the U.S. at Zhongguo Feng Penjing Exhibit in China.



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President's Perspective *Mark Hanner*

Greetings

Wasn't that a wonderful day? The Jack Wikle Bonsai Legacy Fund auction, followed by a party to celebrate Jack's 90th birthday, was the most fun I've had in some while! It was great to see so many friends from the bonsai community in Michigan, and a big turnout from our club; as the event required a lot of work, in advance as well as on that day, it was good so many people stepped up to help. I couldn't begin to name everyone involved, but want to thank all who did, for contributing to a marvelous event. You all deserve a big round of applause!

Jerry Meislik sent video greetings from his home in Montana; Cyril Grum and Bruce Baker shared stories and reflections spanning the years they've known Jack. Cyril prepares to award Jack the Doctorate of Bonsai Arts.

Segueing from there, now that we can turn our attention to other events, we still have some openings for this month's workshop with Jennifer Price, on Thursday, July 28. The fee varies, depending on the tree selected; Seiju Elm is \$225, and Jaquiline Hiller Elm is \$175. You can use our website's membership renewal page to pay with PayPal, or email me to make credit card or check arrangements (mhanner@aol.com).



Mark

June meeting notes

Chris Kehrig

Dues are still due for 2022

Had presentation on the Chicago Botanical Gardens.

Chris Baker has overseen the collection for 8 years.

The display was created back in 2006.

Each court is an 80 x 80 square with ~289 trees.

The trees are on display from mid-April to early November.

There are 2 shows – World Bonsai Day and the mid-American 2nd weekend of August.

In Spring the focus is on flowering and deciduous trees such as Larch, Gingko, and Azaleas.

The trees are trying to tell a story.

Big Red is a “Blue Boulevard” forest with pathways and extra plants.

The forest is not true to bonsai but general interest.

Each display has a lightbar that shines up into the tree.

18 of the trees were donated by Mr. Nakamura.

Summer brings out the tropical trees with higher heat and exposure.

Trees such as the European Olive and Cedar Elm are shown.

Native prairie plant such as Spider Wart are on display.

A Limber Pine collected in 1980 in Colorado that is 600-1000 years old along with Juniper and Hinori Cypress.

In the Fall, the surrounding in ground Azaleas provide nice color.

They are bringing in more American potters for the trees.

A Hornbeam Forest shows rich orange and the Trident Maple with brilliant foliage.

A Bald Cypress collected from the swamp in the 1980's looms over.

courtyards do come with challenges such as birds like Sparrows, Ducks, and Robins.

There is full sun exposure which heats up the granite tops the trees are on.

The trees are frequently rotated.

The opaque backdrops provide nice shadowing from the trees.

The Tropical Trees are shown inside during the winter.

World Bonsai Day was started in 2015.

There are 3 overwintering areas IE warmer than 40 degrees, outdoor winter temp, and indoor for Tropicals. There are fans, cameras, and alarms in all of the areas. More can be seen on @windy_city_bonsai

AABS Annual Show Setup

Paul Kulesa

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Friday, August 26, 2022 10 AM – 3 PM

Looks as though the AABS Annual Show will be held in the auditorium at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, August 27 and 28. I am asking for your help with show setup on Friday, August 26. Please join me in transforming the auditorium into a *Bonsai Show*. This is light work involving some lifting, toting and sprinkling a bit of magic dust around the auditorium. The transformation process should take 4-5 hours with a lunch break. We should wrap-up by 3 PM. If you are willing and available, meet me in the auditorium on Friday morning, 10 AM.

Paul Kulesa

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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!

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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