



Next Membership Meeting! – September 23rd

7:30pm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium.

~2009 AABS Club Auction~

Annual auction event with club members' bonsai material: pre-bonsai material, tools, pots, magazines, etc at great prices. Members are encouraged to bring their surplus bonsai material to this meeting. Small items should be grouped to increase chances of selling. Provide as much information as possible. All sales are final and payment is expected at the end of the auction. 10% donation to the AABS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

- October 10th, 2009, 9:00am – 1:00pm
(Saturday) Visit to Gee Farm Nursery – “Field Trip/Bargain Hunting” with Jack Wikle.
- October 28th, 2009, 7:30pm (Wednesday)
AABS Monthly Meeting – Growing and Training Indoor Shohin Bonsai – With Connie Crancer and Jack Wikle.
- November 9th, 2009, 6:00-8:00pm (Monday)
AABS Annual Banquet and Mini-Exhibit.

Please register for workshops by contacting the AABS Programming Chair at bonsai_cho@comcast.net.

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NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES:

Paul Kulesa – Recording Secretary

August 26, 2009 Meeting – Prospecting Challenges and Opportunities with Jack Wikle.

President Bill Heston brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM welcoming 37 members. Bill quickly asked visitors to introduce themselves and welcomed four visitors, three from Ohio and one from California. Lois Vorrath offered seedling for sale at \$3/pot.

In anticipation for the upcoming annual show, August 29-30, Jay Sinclair covered last minute reminders to ensure smooth operations before and during the show.

Jack Wikle was immediately introduced to maximize the time he would have for his presentation, “*Prospecting for Trees.*” This was an appropriate opportunity for Jack to remind members of an upcoming field trip to Gee Farms, meeting at 9 AM on October 10, 2009. Gee Farms is located at 14928 Bunkerhill Rd., Stockbridge, MI, 49285-9405, and can be reached at (517) 769-6772. You can visit their web site, www.geefarms.com, for additional business site information.

The initial collection of materials for a person new to bonsai should focus on materials having low emotional and financial interest to the collector. Until a person has mastered the horticultural aspects of raising bonsai, you should anticipate loss and remain unattached to collected material or pre-bonsai.

Often material can be found in your yard and the yards of friends and neighbors. Collected material should be planted in the open ground, watered, fertilized and kept free of weeds. On

an annual basis, these plants should be cut back hard to a stump, keeping only what you want to grow.

Another source of wild material is undeveloped property. Courtesy and the law require you contact the owner prior to trespass and removal of material. Developed property can also be a valuable source of appropriate material with small twigs and leaves. Negotiating with the property owner to have access to these materials is a must. If you can adequately explain your interest in a particular item, offer replacement with similar material and assure cleanup following removal, you may convince the property owner to allow you access to your future bonsai.

Great material is also available at the AABS auction each Fall, bonsai businesses and vendors. During “end of season operations”, many businesses may be willing to “discuss prices”. This is an opportunity to hone your negotiating skills. Keep in mind that a business is interested to moving stock out of their control and into your care. Raise the prospect of taking multiple items for a greater discount.

When you are looking for material to nurture as bonsai, you have a large pallet to choose from. You can select most any tree, shrub or vine to grow into a bonsai. This material should have small twig and small leaves or needles. Small flowers and fruit are also valued on bonsai. When pondering over what material to grow in pots, select those items that have a proven record of thriving in pot culture. Potted plants offered at local landscape centers are tolerant of the local environmental and generally well suited as bonsai material. You should select material that grows vigorously and tolerates being cut back. When available, select material with thick trunks, a good

base and surface roots, taper along the length of the trunk, movement in the trunk or material that can be cut back to a lower branch, which can be raised as the new apex. If you choose small material, plant in the ground, water, feed, weed and fatten that trunk.

Jack presented a number of suitable plant materials for bonsai.

- Juniper procumbens 'Nana', rug juniper
- Yews (taxus) landscape material
- Elm with small leaves
- Apples and crab apple
- Japanese and trident maples
- Pine, Scotch and Mugho
- Hornbeam, Korean and Japanese
- Beech, American and European
- Azalea, in particular, Hino Crimson
- Chamacyparis obtusa 'Nana', Dwarf Hinoki Cypress
- Native white cedar
- Dwarf Norway spruce
- Cotoneaster
- Pyrachantha
- Flowering quince
- Barberry
- Boxwood
- Privet

On behalf of the membership in attendance, I want to extend our gratitude for an informative and entertaining presentation. Thanks Jack!

You have no excuse! This is one of the best seasons we have. It is always the right time to search for and collect that next *bonsai-to-be*.

2009 AABS BONSAI SHOW RESULTS

Ryan Liu – Corresponding Secretary

This year our record shows that there were over 350 guests who attended the AABS show. There were more than 100 bonsai displayed at the Show this year.

Congratulations! The People's Choice this year went to Bill Heston (American Larch), and followed by Jack Wikle and Dustin Mann.



Special Thanks to everyone who participated during the Show. We could not have completed the show without the participation of so many people who brought in trees, choreographed and planned, participated in the show, recommended the show to friends and family, brought in food to share, helped setting up the show, the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, etc. THANK YOU!!!

CS BONSAI NURSERY CLEARANCE

Sue Smalley, Tim Cox, and Anita Buckowing

Due to the death of Chuck Hiddema in July, the inventory of trees and other supplies will be sold at liquidation prices. The sale will occur at their home in Muskegon on Saturday October 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday October 4th from noon till 5:00 pm.

The sale will feature over 1,700 trees, some bonsai, mostly pre-bonsai. In addition there are also available indoor growing benches, a propagation bench, fluorescent lights, high intensity grow lights with ballasts, a large selection of pots both plastic and ceramic, some aluminum bonsai wire, bonsai planting soil, a 96' X 96" portable greenhouse and much more. There are some new bonsai books, some nursery shade cloth, Bonsai Today magazines and several outdoor growing benches with shade cloth.

A partial inventory of bonsai and pre-bonsai trees is attached, as well as pictures. A map on how to find us is also attached.

Most of you knew Chuck and Sue Hiddema as decent friendly people. Chucks passing has been hard on Susan both emotionally and financially. This is your opportunity to help out by visiting with her, getting bargain prices on bonsai plants and supplies and knowing you are helping make a difference.

All sales will be final and we will accept cash and checks, but no credit/debit cards.

Sale is being conducted by Sue Smalley, Anita Buckowing and Tim Cox of Yasuragi Bonsai Society. Please contact any of us with questions.

Please email Anita @ mrbucksowing@yahoo.com if you would like to receive a copy of the flier of the event.

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The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is affiliated with the American Bonsai Society (www.absbonsai.org) and the Mid American Bonsai Alliance.

Contact AABS at: aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Society Membership is for the calendar year. Use the membership form on the Web and bring it to the next AABS meeting or mail it to:

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Email: owheeler5@hotmail.com

Please make your check payable to AABS for \$25.00.

FOR SALE OR WANTED

10% of all sales go to the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. AABS Society Members' ads are free to publish in the Newsletter.

Send the information of your items for sale or wanted to aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com include a small digital file if available.

Wanted. If you have a tree, bonsai pot, tool or anything else bonsai related that you don't need anymore and it is still in good condition, consider donating it to the Society.

Donations to the Society are always accepted. In most cases many donated trees or other materials have been raffled among the attending members during our monthly meetings.

Please note: All Society members are required to give 10% of the total sales for any items that are sold at AABS monthly meetings to the Society.

The 10% fee will apply to all sales at AABS Meetings or through the AABS Newsletter.

Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 5th of the month.

Please send your comments or documents to aabsnewsletter@yahoo.com.



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Wednesday September 23rd, 2009
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at 7:30 pm ~ Matthaei Botanic Gardens Auditorium
(Socializing begins at 7:00pm)**

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