



October Club Meeting: Wednesday 28th.

~ Growing and Training Indoor Shohin Bonsai – With Connie Crancer and Jack Wikle. ~

A perfect opportunity to have an indoor bonsai to chase away the winter blues. Bring your own trees for review, critique and help styling your trees with the expert guidance of our most experienced members.

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NOTES FROM THE SIDELINES:

Paul Kulesa – Recording Secretary

September 23, 2009 Meeting – AABS Club Auction.

This was the evening of the annual auction, the first in years without Roger and Donna Gaede. Those who planned to sell bonsai and related items were slow to arrive, not until well after 7 PM. President Bill Heston brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 PM. There were only a few matters to discuss and they were dispensed with quickly. There was a reminder of the field trip to Gee Farms with Jack Wikle scheduled for

October 10 and a brief discussion of the Annual Show.

Members of the executive board carried out preparation for and the administration of the auction. John Parks provided the auctioneering service that began at 7:40 PM and continued until 9:15 PM. He was able to handle the bonsai and related items of 10 sellers. Nearly \$900 in sales was transacted among 21 purchasers. Two members donated all their auction earnings to the Society; one was Ken Huth, a vendor at our annual show, and the second, an unidentified person.

I would like to thank the following for their assistance during the auction, Lary Howard, Vicki Norfleet, John Parks, Jay Sinclair, Alfonso Tercero and Treasurer Joan Wheeler. The treasurer's work continued for the next two days, verifying sales and purchase figures and mailing reimbursement checks to the sellers.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF BONSAI

Robert Bisop

I have had the opportunity to do a variety of bonsai workshops with the community this year. In March, George Randall and I held a tropical ficus workshop for the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township. We had a great time and will be back again next year. I also conducted a juniper nana workshop with the advanced ceramic high school students at Riverview Community High school. The kids made their own bonsai pots from clay and I helped them with planting the junipers. It was a great class!!! In addition to that, I helped the Ottawa Hills elementary Girl Scouts achieve an environmental badge by holding a juniper bonsai workshop. Finally, last week, I held a penjing/bonsai workshop at my house for the Bedford Garden Club. Over 50 members attended!!! I love spreading the word of bonsai. You don't get paid much, but that is not why you are in it!



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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.

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.

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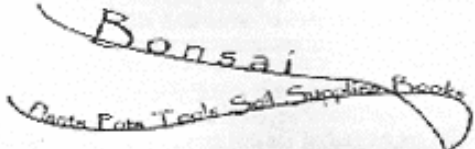
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