

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Wednesday, October 22, 2014

How to Prepare For Winter



Winter is coming!

Arrive by 6:30 PM to talk with others and discuss the tree of the month. Meeting begins at 7 PM and the program follows. A number of members will discuss when, why and what they do to prepare their bonsai for winter. If you have something to share, talk with me at the meeting. You will be able to direct specific questions to any presenter or ask the members present. The original scheduled October program was cancelled due to a conflict in the speaker's personal schedule.

No AABS meeting in November 2014!

**However, please remember to pledge up until November 1st to the Meislik Dollar for Dollar Match.
Please see details on how to pledge in this newsletter.**

The following Club Monthly Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

The Board discussed and accepted a proposal to eliminate two monthly programs that have lightly attended in the past several years. Board members agreed to suspend the November Holiday Banquet and the January monthly meeting at a mid-February 2014 Board meeting. The Board can revisit this matter, if interest in these programs change.

Tree of the Month: Best Fall Color on any tree species

Any member who brings this month's Show & Tell focus to the meeting on October 22nd will receive one **free** Raffle ticket! Show & Tell will begin between 6:30 and 7:00 and each owner will give a short history, or tips on how grow, or tell other tales about their special tree. Every general meeting will feature one special tree that members can bring for Show & Tell. Each month's special tree will be specified here, in that month's newsletter.

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OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

A Summary by P. Kulesa

The auction, often viewed as a members' favorite program, has lost some of its luster in recent years. This year there were 43 members and visitor at the auction. Thirteen members sold bonsai and/or bonsai related items in the silent and/or live auctions. Thirty-two members and visitors registered as buyers at the auction. Striving to improve on past success, several glitches detected during the auction will cause modifications to the auction process for 2015. For the second year, Jimmy Whiteley served as the auctioneer and a fine job he did.



Jimmy Whiteley – Auctioneer
Photo by Michael Field

On behalf of the members of the club, I want to thank those who assisted with the administration of the auction. These members contributed to the success of the auction and the positive experience by members and visitors. Thanks for your time and dedication; Dan Angelucci, Deborah Eddy, Michael Field, Hanne Hughes, Tom McCue, Vicki Norfleet, Jay Sinclair and Jeannine Wikle.

AABS Members Participate In the 4th US National Bonsai Exhibition

Two members of the AABS participated in the Exhibition in Rochester, New York in mid-September. Both **Dustin Mann** and **Cyril Grum** displayed two bonsai. Photographs of the bonsai, taken by the exhibitors, are seen below. This was a great exhibition attended by nine members from Ann Arbor. There were many great bonsai and suiseki Japanese viewing stones to soak in.



Crabapple by Cyril Grum

This crabapple, *malus* sp., was collected in 1994 from the in-ground growing plot of Jack Wikle, who had no memory of its source. This crab flowers consistently every spring, with red buds and white flowers. Height of the bonsai, including pot, is 22 inches. The crabapple is displayed in an old Japanese container, on a stand by Bill Sloan.



White Birch Clump by Cyril Grum

A single white birch, *Betula* sp., with a white trunk was collected in March 1994 in a wetlands area in southern Michigan. One year later two root suckers sprung up and turned white after about a decade, giving the composition three white trunks. This unusual specimen for bonsai responds well to removing all initial buds in the spring. This birch is displayed in a Joel Sampson container of Copper Crane Pottery, Lanesboro, Minnesota on a wooden stand with black stain by Bill Sloan.

Lacebark Elm and Ficus Exotica submitted by Dustin Mann:



Lacebark Elm by Dustin Mann



Ficus Exotica by Dustin Mann

U-M MBG – Bonsai Garden

Bonsai Challenge Matches Dollar for Dollar

(Please note, pledge must be in before November 1th)

Jerry Meislik not only shared his own progress in bonsai over the years in his June 2014 program for AABS, he also launched a new initiative. He challenged the bonsai community with a dollar-for-dollar matching gift to endow the ongoing care of the bonsai and penjing collection at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Jerry and Rhona, who already seeded the bonsai garden endowment fund last year prior to the garden's opening, will donate up to \$10,000 to match gifts that are given or pledged before November 25th. To qualify for the match, gifts or multi-year pledges must be a minimum of \$500.

The endowment specifically funds the care and maintenance of the collection. The endowment goal is \$800,000, which will fund a half-time horticulture specialist, materials and visits with leading bonsai practitioners for direction on artistry and health. Currently Matthaei has raised nearly 25% of that goal, about \$167,000.

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<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/env/mbgna/bonsai>. Make a pledge or for more information, contact Matthaei Development Director Gayle Steiner, gayles@umich.edu or [734-647-7847](tel:734-647-7847).

LAST MONTH'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

**** No raffle in Sept. meeting****

FOR SALE OR WANTED:

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 BillStruhar@michiganderpots.com or call (586) 468-7169.

Club Logo Now Available: we will embroider the club logo on your garment for \$10 (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 silver border on both combinations and AABS lettering an 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 requires a minimum of 5 garments per order)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014

None

REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS 2014

October 4-5, 2014 Fall Bonsai Show – Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club

Held at Van Atta Greenhouse, Lansing, Michigan

2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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AABS AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

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

Fund Raising: William Struhar

Web Administration: Ray Domzalski & Don Wenzel

Nomination Committee: Cyril Grum

Show Committee: Ron Milostan, Michael Field and Paul Kulesa.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES – CONTACT THE TREASURER

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The annual dues are \$25. You may pay your dues, mailing a check to the treasurer or talking with Joan at the next meeting. Please pay by check.

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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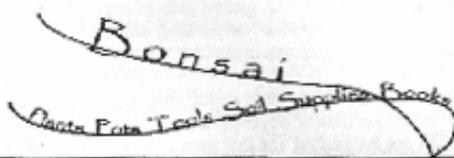
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