

**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**  
**August 26, 2015**

**Keeping our tools sharp!**  
**Vance Hanna**

We are meeting in the auditorium this month. Join us at 6:30 PM to meet up with members and talk bonsai.

Vance Hanna, a local bonsai artist, joins us to discuss techniques to maintain and sharpen the cutting edge of our tools.

We will welcome Vance by sharing a meal with him at Roger Monk's restaurant, 5pm.

The meeting starts at 7 PM with the evening program to follow.



Vance Hanna

**JULY'S TREE OF THE MONTH:**  
**Tropical Trees**

Bring any of your tropical bonsai to the meeting and share the history, tips on how the bonsai has grown between 6:30 and 7 PM. If you have a series of photos showing the progress of your tree over time, bring them along.

Any member, who brings to the meeting this month's Show & Tell bonsai, will receive one Raffle Ticket for the evening raffle!

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015**

**August 14-16** -38<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit

This show takes place in Chicago. Details on show:

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org>

Hotel discount:

<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/accommodations>

### August 26 – Monthly Meeting

Vance Hanna, local bonsai artist, will discuss tool care, maintenance and edge sharpening.

August 28 – Show Setup 10 AM - Auditorium

## Saturday & Sunday, August 29-30 Our Annual Show

### September 23 - Monthly Meeting

Our Annual Auction - Bring a bonsai, buy a bonsai.

### October 28 - Monthly Meeting

Todd Renshaw of Four Seasons Bonsai will discuss bonsai design, bonsai container and display stand options.

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## JULY PROGRAM RE-CAP:

### Members examine the MBG Bonsai collection and hear from the volunteers.

The weather was comfortable, the bonsai were well groomed and on display and those AABS members who volunteer to maintain the Matthaei Collection were present to discuss some of their current projects.

Prior to the start of the meeting, members had an opportunity to examine the bonsai in the display garden and were given an opportunity to view the bonsai in the development area. Jay brought the meeting to order at 7 PM. He welcomed members and a few visitors to this special meeting. He announced that he had selected Carmen Leskoviansky and Paul Kulesa to put together a slate of nominees to fill positions in the Annual Election, held during the October meeting.

### Kurt Smith updated the crowd on the annual show:

- Our show will be held in the auditorium
- Show setup will take place on Friday (8/28) morning, 10 AM until the task is completed (roughly 3 PM)
- The bonsai will be displayed starting at 6 PM on Friday evening
- You can bring your bonsai in on Friday starting at 5 PM until 7 PM. No trees excepted after 7pm
- Our show will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from 10 AM – 4:30 PM

- There will be four vendors in two rooms at the west end of the building
- There will be continuous demonstrations in the Bonsai Garden both Saturday and Sunday
- There will be special demonstrations each day at 11 AM and 2 PM
- Plan to join us for a potluck meal at 5 PM on Saturday evening prior to the critique. Please bring a dish to share.
- Mark Field will critique our show on Saturday evening, starting at 6pm
- Allison Correll, Visitor Services & Events Supervisor at MBG, is working with Kurt Smith to make this a pleasurable event.
- This is free to all members. Please come!

This meeting was intended to be a relaxed event and an opportunity to examine the MBG bonsai collection. Those members of our club who help maintain the MBG collection shared information about their recent projects in the collection or bonsai they find interesting. I want to thank Jay Sinclair, Ed Hughes, Carmen Leskoviansky, Bill Sloan and Cyril Grum for their participation in this program.

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## JULY'S RAFFLE WINNERS:

**Paul Kulesa** won seven sizes of aluminum bonsai wire and donated back to AABS!

**Ed Hughes** won a Japanese Maple starter tree from Kurt Smith at The Flower Market.

**Jay Sinclair** won a 6" branch scissors

**Nathan Thomason** won an 18" diameter pine turntable

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## REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS:

Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit  
August 14-16, 2015  
Chicago Botanic Garden  
Glencoe, Illinois

**Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Annual Show**  
**August 29 & 30, 2015**  
**UM-MBG Auditorium**

Hidden Lake Gardens – “Art of Bonsai”  
Sunday, September 20, 2015

Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club Annual Show  
October 2015 (date to be announced)  
Held at Van Atta Greenhouse, Haslett, Michigan

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## 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 [wm.struhar@mail.com](mailto:wm.struhar@mail.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 five garments per order)

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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:** Don Wenzel

**Nomination Committee:** Carmen Leskoviansky &  
Paul Kulesa

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

**Nomination Committee Established:** Jay Sinclair has asked Carmen Leskoviansky and Paul Kulesa to serve on the Nomination Committee to establish a slate of nominees for the 2016 Board of Directors. There are several open positions on the Board the committee will be looking to fill. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors and to be instrumental in guiding the future of our club, contact Carmen or Paul.

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Annual membership dues are \$25. Please pay by check, written to Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. You can talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

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