

**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**  
**October 23rd, 2019**

Jennifer Price – *The Chinese Art of Penjing – taking bonsai to a world stage.*

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.



When asked to describe her bonsai philosophy Ms. Price replied “Bonsai is first and foremost a way for me to express the grace and power of nature with its beauty, its quiet elegance and harshness. Creating a bonsai forms a connection to a living entity, which you cannot truly control, but can listen to and learn from. Through one’s own creativity, the possibilities are almost endless.”

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**PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE:**  
**Ron Milostan**

October 2019

The Board of Directors for the AABS met this past Sunday. Many items were discussed and there was an annual review of our finances. There will be a printed summary of the AABS finances at the next meeting along with a summary of the board meeting. We will be pursuing a designation as a nonprofit organization during 2020. The board members felt that this designation was long overdue.

This month’s meeting on Wednesday Oct 23rd is very important to this club. You, as AABS members, will be voting on the revised bylaws, and also voting on your representatives for the 2020 board positions.

All positions are open for you to nominate yourself at the meeting, or someone else, but only with their consent. We encourage members to participate. This is a good way to help grow the club and get to know other members. We are also looking for a club member to Chair our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. This would be your chance to interact with the board and two other club members of your

choosing, to organize this event. This would be a one time Chair position for 2020.

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## **September Meeting Review**

### **Chris Kehrig**

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, the board will meet at Ron's house.

Our annual show was a success, but more member trees are needed.

The National Bonsai Museum is a must see for your bucket list. There will be an American Bonsai Convention there in Oct 2020.

It was a great night for the auction with 52 registered buyers.

Below is a list of the items and what they sold for:

Juniper \$55	Huge ceramic water pot \$30
Burning Bush \$70	Narrow Leaf Ficus \$45
Juniper \$25	Ficus root over rock \$125
Hinoki Cypress \$100	Chinese Juniper \$35
Cork Bark Red Pine \$105	Mugo Pine \$40
Drum Pot \$50	Crab Apple over rock \$125
Large Tokoname pot \$80	Taller Mica Pot \$25
Red Cedar small \$45	Magnolia \$50
Large Japanese Maple \$490	Large round pot \$45
Ficus \$50	Taiwan Elm \$75
Ponderosa Pine 450 yr old No Sale	American Linden \$50
Ceramic pot cream \$35	Juniper Procumbens \$155
Ceramic pot \$45	Ponderosa Pine 150 yr old \$320
Hornbeam \$220	Shimpaku Juniper \$55
Juniper \$50	Ficus \$25
	Crepe Myrtle \$50

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## **Musings On My Bonsai World**

### **Peggy Kubitz**

I can't believe that my bonsai, usually displaying their bright fall colors, are still green when it's almost time to shelter them for the winter. I'm hoping to see their brightness just before it's inevitable to say goodnight. I'm enjoying our new star magnolia tree acquired at the auction, thanks to Tom McCue, and looking forward to seeing it flourish in the spring. Meanwhile, I am battling a

feisty black squirrel who seems to like my bonsai as much as I do. Yesterday, I was placing drops of peppermint oil and mothballs between the trees. It appears it's not his preference, so I hope it works. I'm doubling down on protecting our trees this winter with a sturdy barrier.

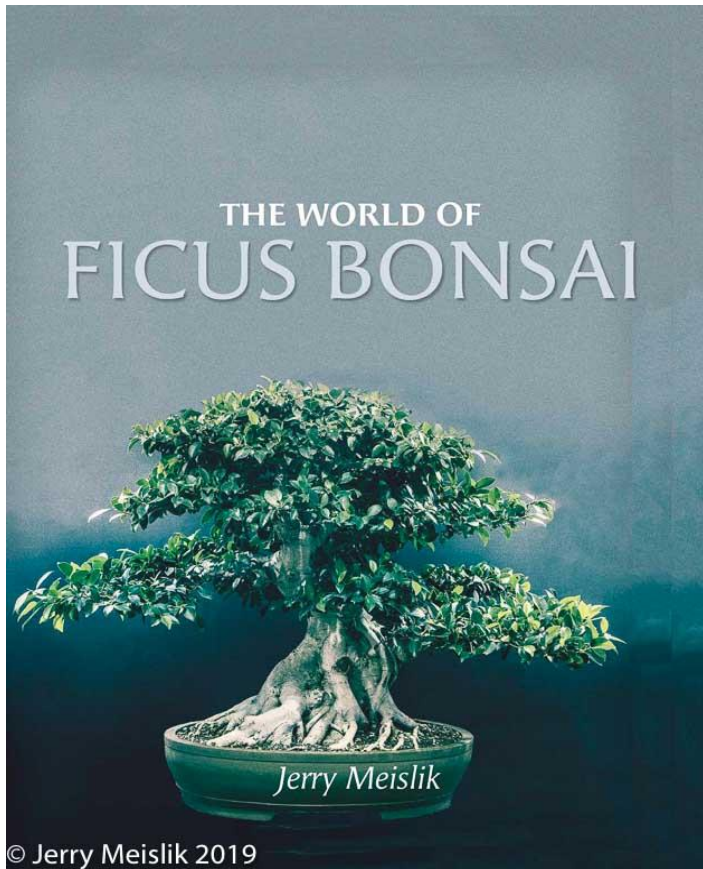
I love the peace and connection to nature that working on the trees brings to my life. My car has been creating extra stress for me. I've been calling it the haunted car because the hatchback was popping open on its own, the alarm was going off randomly, and all of it was happening mysteriously at night! It went on for several days, even after taking it in to our mechanic, who agreed it must be haunted. Quite the seasonal solution I think. However, it seems our extra set of keys was stuck in Barry's recliner. Every time he sat down to relax at night, it triggered the alarm. Thankfully, there was peace in the neighborhood last night!

Another thanks to everyone who displayed trees at Hidden Lake Gardens Art of Bonsai. A special thanks to those who wrote a word or two to bonsai advocate and master Jack Wikle, the curator. It's not too late to jot a note to him if you did not have a chance. He has mentored many in the bonsai world and continues the good work. I'm also thankful for Howard Wright who recently made a generous donation to the collection at Hidden Lake Gardens.

At our next meeting, we will be treated to a program by Jennifer Price. Don't you agree that Jay Sinclair does an awesome job on the programs? Did you know Jennifer retired from the stage as a ballerina? In my own experience, with a daughter who has been a professional dancer for many years, ballerinas are often underestimated. They are elite athletes, plain and simple! I know it has surprised bonsai enthusiasts when Jennifer Price wields her big power saw or chain saw cutter to style a bonsai. I'm sure her dance background gives her an intrinsic sense of grace and movement in her artistry. She says about bonsai, "Through one's creativity the possibilities are almost endless." The last several years, she has been involved in deep study with Walter Pall from Germany and Jim Doyle from Pennsylvania. She presented workshops and demonstrations worldwide last year and participated in Generation Bonsai in Germany. She has also represented America at an international bonsai convention in Shanghai, China, Her work is featured in several YouTube presentations that you would enjoy viewing. I can't wait to see her program and I know all of us will love it!

Club members may be interested in this new book now available by Jerry Meislik. Here is Jerry's intro.

At long last it is here. **The World of Ficus Bonsai by Jerry Meislik.** I have been learning more and more about Ficus and how incredible they are for bonsai and for growing in your home. I have expanded and added new material to create an enlarged and updated book on using Ficus for bonsai. The book is 324 pages full of great information and full of pictures. It is available as a e-book or as a soft or hard cover book.



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**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 \$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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**Fund Raising:** William Struhar

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**Nomination Committee:**

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Membership dues are \$25. Please pay by check, written to Ann Arbor Bonsai Society or bring your credit card to the meeting and pay! AABS now accepts credit cards for membership fees and other AABS activities. Please talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

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