



Ann Arbor Bonsai Society

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the U-M-Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Please join us at 6:30 PM to meet friends and members. Program starts at 7:00 PM.

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Next Club Meeting - July 22nd, 2020

Basic Juniper care



Junipers are one of the most commonly used plants for bonsai. Join Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum's Collection Specialist, Carmen Leskoviansky for a lesson on basic juniper care. Carmen will cover juniper care through the calendar year and demonstrate commonly used techniques.

Carmen earned her Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from Michigan State University. She began working at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum in 2009. She is a Collections and Natural Areas Specialist, and oversees the care of the bonsai collection.

The meeting will be presented via Zoom, and will begin at 6:30 pm. The program will begin at 7:00 pm. Members and Non-members will be required to register in advance at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqfu6gqTsjGdSYpzkjgKTs-FoW7oVRNVq>

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE:

Ron Milostan

Well our second Zoom meeting went well. We had 35 participants with good discussions and informal talks prior to meeting start. Carmen Leskoviansky gave an excellent Program on Azaleas. Carmen is the Collections Specialist at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. She has a Horticultural Degree from Michigan State University. She has been with MBG for 10 yrs. and also an AABS member.

We will be notifying all members by email, Facebook and on our Web Page of future events and meetings. If you wish to be notified of Zoom meetings by e-mail you need to be a paid member. Your payment for this year will also be your payment for next year 2021.

We are still deeply involved with the Covid 19 virus. All thoughts of restarting our 'normal routines' are out the window. As a consequence, all AABS meetings will be Zoom until further notice. All 50th Anniversary events are canceled for this year and the AABS Board is looking at options for having our celebration next year. The annual Bonsai show is canceled. Our annual auction is canceled. We are currently planning a virtual show with AABS member trees photographed and shown on our web site. There will be more information in this newsletter about that from Jay Sinclair.

I realize there are many members who are helping the AABS now and have in the past helped with club activities. I'd like to send out a big thank-you to every one of you. I also want to acknowledge our current Board Members and thank them for the work they do for the AABS and for advising me on decisions for the AABS. These board members are also asked to vote on some issues and every one of them takes this responsibility seriously and considers the membership when voting.

Bob Bauer: Bob takes care of Communications with all club members and also local bonsai clubs. He helps with all web sites. He is also responsible for organizing the wonderful series of articles, Roots and Branches, that have been coming to you every week.

Jay Sinclair: Our main man for getting speakers and workshops and all events for the current year's programs. Jay is already working on programs for 2021. He has also taken on the job of photographing trees for our virtual show.

Tam Milostan: As Treasurer, Tam takes care of all banking, PayPal, and Square charge card activities. She also prepares an annual financial report for the members in October.

Don Wenzel: News Letter Editor and Publisher. Don keeps everyone on track for turning in their articles and keeping the newsletter organized.

Chris Kerig: Recording Secretary. Chris takes notes during club meetings and board meetings and posts his summaries to the news letters

Aaron Binns: Aaron has been a monthly contributor to our newsletter with his articles titled Up For Debate. These articles are always thought provoking. Aaron is also someone the AABS can count on to volunteer to do demos for our annual show.

Peggy Kubitz: Peggy is a frequent contributor to the Newsletter, and is always counted on for dinner setup at our annual show. And I have to mention the home baked pies she brings to our annual board meeting.

Mark Hanner: Mark keeps a record of the AABS Membership and creates name tags and has also presented pottery demos. Mark is also in charge of the 50th anniversary celebration which looks like it will probably be the 51st year anniversary.

Laura Andre: Computer Guru, along with Bob Bauer, is the keeper of our Web Site. Her addition to the AABS board has lightened the load for many board members. She will be doing the setup of our virtual show and t-shirt sales.

Kurt Smith: One of Kurt's annual responsibilities is Show Chair, a huge job that he does so well. He also takes on the role of Speaker, workshop presenter and tree supplier.

Carmen Leskovianski: Carmen is our Liaison with MBG and keeps all of us informed about the workings of this great place. She has also taken on the role of Speaker for some of our Zoom meetings.

Ron Milostan: President. I coordinate the workings of AABS but my main job is finding great people to make my job easier.

All the above folks have been working very hard hoping to deliver to you an interesting, motivational learning experience. I personally thank our Board Members for all the work they are doing for the AABS.

Tree Photography Arrangements

Jay Sinclair

AABS members may sign up to have their trees photographed for the virtual show on Friday 8/14 and Saturday 8/15 at The Flower Market, 8930 S Custer Rd, Monroe, MI 48161.

Masks should be worn, and social distancing observed. Members should sign up for a 30 minute time slot. If you can make it on Friday, please try to do so, in order to leave Saturday open for those who are working during the week.

It would be helpful to have volunteers to assist with unloading and moving trees. Contact Jay at sinclair.jay@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

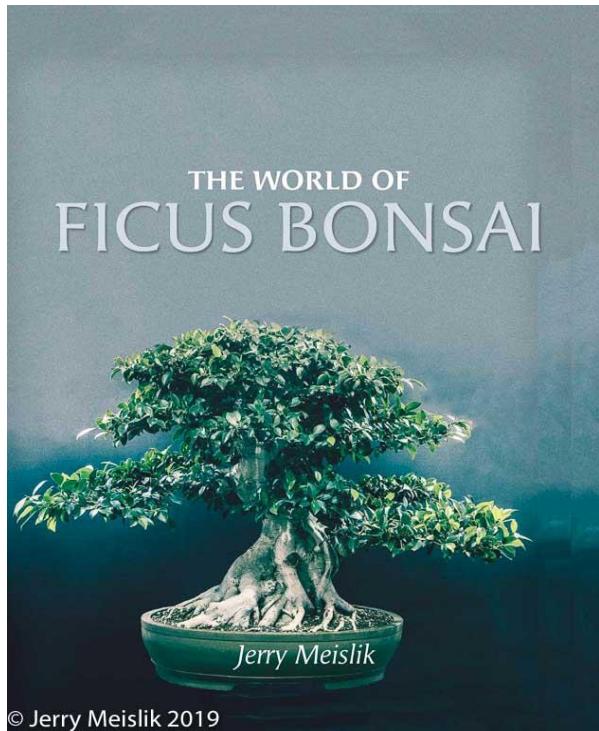
Plan to arrive early, in order to unload and move trees to the staging area, and to fill out paperwork.

Please bring no more than 3 trees with stands and accessory plants, in order to have time for setup and photography. A multi-tree shohin box setup counts as 2 trees for this.

You can sign-up for an appointment on the AABS website. There is a link on the home page or you can go directly to the appointment calendar at:
<https://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org/membership/photographyappointment/>

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.



You can purchase it on:

Amazon - https://www.amazon.com/World-Ficus-Bonsai-Jerry-Meislik/dp/152553288X/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=The+World+of+Ficus+bonsai&qid=1555519664&s=gateway&sr=8-1

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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 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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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: Bob Bauer

Nomination Committee:

Show Committee: Ron Milostan and Paul Kulesa

Annual Auction: Paul Kulesa

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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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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