

October. 28th meeting – How we winter our Trees

Fall is in the air, and our October 28th Zoom meeting will be a roundtable discussion on how we winter our trees. Members are invited to submit photos of their wintering setup, which will be put together into a Powerpoint slide show. As your photos come up during the meeting, you can discuss your wintering preparations, and answer questions. Photos can be sent to AABonsaiSociety@gmail.com . Please submit your photos by Sunday, October 25.

From our Facebook page - ABS shoutout



You can check it out – and the rest of the newsletter here –

[October 2020 ABS Newsletter](#)

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: Ron Milostan

It does not seem like it has been 6 years since I took on this position. It has been a wonderful experience for me. Our club has advanced in so many ways. I want to thank the wonderful team of board members that worked with me. Without them this club could not function.

I am stepping down as president at this time. Our club leadership will be in good hands with Mark Hanner who has already put in many years on the board. I strongly advise all AABS members to consider serving on our Board. Being involved in a voluntary capacity has so many rewards. Nothing monetary, I can assure you, but in ways you can only know by being a volunteer. The positions are only for 2 years, but, as you can see, most stay longer, much longer. Let your Board know that you are ready to help. Hopefully by this spring we will have our club meetings at Matthaei again. In the interim we will be continuing with our Zoom meetings and activities on our FaceBook page

2020 Executive Board Election

Mark Hanner

The nominating committee (Bob Bauer, Laura Andre, and me) has the following slate of members for serving in the open positions, with the exception of Treasurer. Still working on this. The election will take place during the October Zoom meeting.

President- Mark Hanner
Vice President- Jay Sinclair
Recording Secretary- Chris Kehrig
Communications & Marketing- Bob Bauer
Newsletter Editor- Don Wenzel
Membership Coordinator- Will Faison
Show Chair- Kurt Smith
Director- Webmaster/Zoom Coordinator- Laura Andre
Director- Publicity- Dana Hermann
Treasurer- TBD

Aaron Binns is continuing in a two-year term.

Nominations 'from the floor' are open. Please contact me at mhanner@aol.com to place your name up for election for a position.

Our thanks to all for helping keep things running in our fine club, by their past and present service.

Expectations

Mark Hanner

Expectations. We all have them, including the members of the AABS, both the local society and the Facebook group. Some of our expectations include enjoying a fun, educational, and positive experience in our meetings, and in our FB group.

We recently observed feedback which was presumably well-intended, but looked and read like negative responses to some posts. There is an art to expressing a critical comment in a positive fashion, and not coming off in a disagreeable manner.

Neither in our actual club activities and events, nor in our FB group, will we tolerate negativity; this does not meet with our expectations. If you have a critical remark or

negative reaction to something you feel should be shared, contact me privately for help with how to express it in a manner meeting our expectations. If you find this whole idea disagreeable and need help removing yourself from the society, or the FB group, I'll also help with that. Our purpose isn't to provide a list of offenses which gets a person removed, but rather to make it clear we will not tolerate conduct which violates our expectations; we will remove those who detract from our expectations.

We are joined together as friends in the fascinating and rewarding pursuit of the beauty of bonsai; let's all do what we can to make this a joy for all our members.

Mark Hanner
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Treasurer's Report Tamara Milostan

Banking summary for 2020

\$ 12,164.55 total Bank Balance

Date	Check Number	Total	Name on check (or cash)	Description	Category
01/01/20		\$ 15,064.40	\$ 15,064.40	beginning balance	
		\$ 38.44			50th Total
		\$ (160.25)			All State Total
		\$ (8.00)			banking fee Total
		\$ 25.00			donation Total
		\$ 746.47			dues Total
		\$ (39.00)			internet Total
		\$ (248.67)			office supplies Total
		\$ 160.25			refund Total
		\$ (496.09)			show Total
		\$ (800.00)			speaker Total
		\$ (100.00)			trees Total
		\$ (2,018.00)			wksh Total
		\$ 12,164.55			Grand Total

Total income for 2020 - \$2,065.82

Total outlay for 2020 - \$4,965.67

I categorized the t-shirt sales under 50th anniversary since I figured there would be more in that category than t-shirts. Total cost of the shirts including shipping was \$1,014.26. We brought in \$1,052.70, so a gain of \$38.44 - we didn't really expect to make a profit in this area.

Dues this year brought in \$746.47. Some folks paid dues even after we told them they didn't need to. As I said before, the income from dues next year will probably be less than in previous years because of the carry over.

The All State payments were refunded and show up under Refunds so there was no cost involved with that item.

Our speaker expenses this year were \$800. Carmine donated her fees to Matthaei.

The purchase of workshop and raffle trees totaled \$2,118. There was no off set for this expense since there were no classes or raffles - but we still have the workshop trees for next year. The raffle trees have been given to newish members who have been so appreciative.

The show cost was \$496.09 for photography supplies which I'm sure will be used for years to come.

Office supplies came to \$248.67 which included Zoom.

Bonsai Heresy by Michael Hagedorn

Club members may be interested in this new book now available by Michael Hagedorn. The following introduction to the book is an edited version of the one found at stonelantern.com, one of many places you can purchase the book.

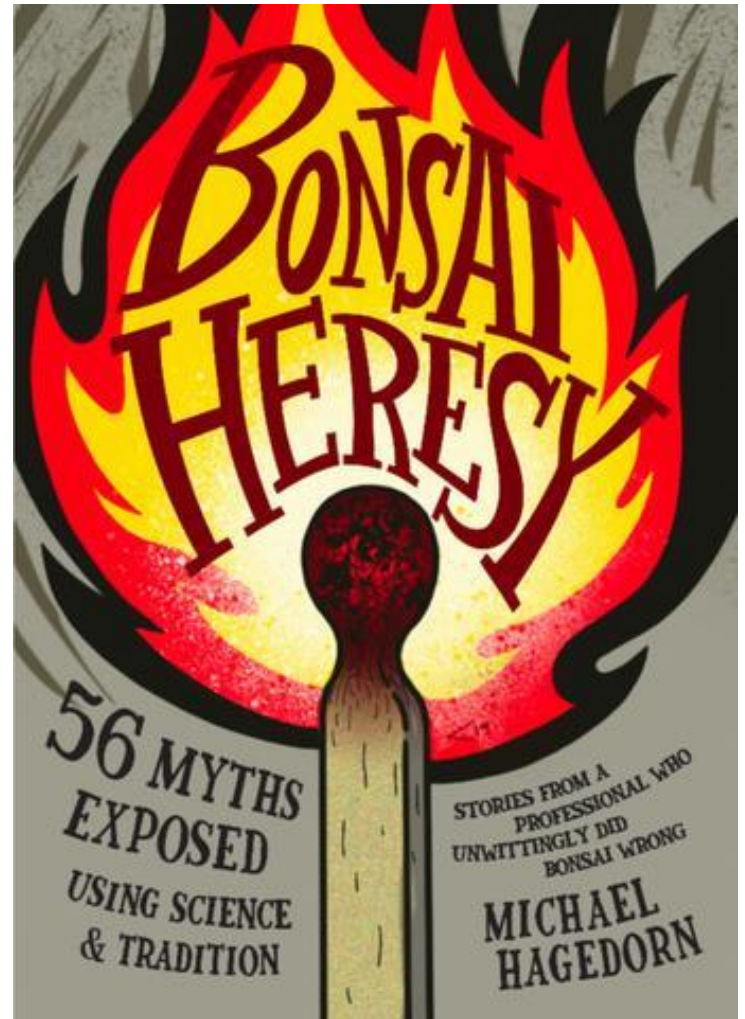
Bjorn Bjorholm bonsai artist and educator, who like Michael Hagedorn apprenticed in Japan wrote...

"Not only does Michael dispel long-held bonsai myths, but he wonderfully weaves personal, often self-deprecating anecdotes into the mix. Well written, deeply researched, and perfectly timed, Bonsai Heresy is a must-read for every bonsai enthusiast."

Michael Hagedorn has long been our go-to source for accurate and clear advice when it comes to bonsai and bonsai related questions. His skill and depth of knowledge, as well as his on-going innovation in the art of bonsai, place him among the very best of our North American bonsai artists, teachers and, needless to say, authors

Michael apprenticed with bonsai master Shinji Suzuki in Obuse, Japan from 2003-2006 and now resides and practices bonsai in Portland Oregon, where he founded his Crataegus Bonsai garden and the Portland Bonsai Village. Michael is also the Bonsai Consultant for the Portland Japanese Garden, teaches classes to students from around the world at his garden, and blogs weekly at www.crataegus.com.

Michael's first book Post-Dated: the Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk has long been a favorite and in our opinion is the best bonsai read in the English language... at least until Bonsai Heresy



Bonsai Heresy: Paperback, 5" x 7" 360 pages, color illustrations by Sergio Cuan

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)

2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President **Ron Milostan**
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Director **Carmen Leskoviansky**

(To be updated)

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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