

May 26th meeting – Andrew Robson to Present *Deciduous Fundamentals Part 2*

Our May Meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, May 26 beginning at 6:30 on Zoom with a half-hour informal chat. The formal meeting will begin at 7:00 with Andrew Robson presenting “Deciduous Fundamentals Part 2”. This will be a Powerpoint presentation followed by a Q&A.

For this program, Andrew will cover all the major topics of deciduous bonsai that arise during the growing season. From defoliation and growth management strategies of single and multflush deciduous plants, to watering and fertilizing, arialayering, and finally wiring and directional pruning, we’ll cover everything you need to know to keep your deciduous bonsai thriving during the growing months.

Andrew Robson is an emerging deciduous artist in the American bonsai community. Andrew recently completed a 3 year apprenticeship with Michael Hagedorn, after graduating from Yale University. Andrew serves as a member of the Portland Bonsai Village, and has previously served as a board member of the American Bonsai Society. He currently exhibits work at the Portland Japanese Garden, and regularly lectures at the garden’s Japanese Arts Learning Center. Andrew and his family are currently building a deciduous-focused bonsai garden, school and nursery, RAKUYO-en, just outside of Portland, Oregon. While some conifers hang around RAKUYO, the overwhelming focus is on deciduous bonsai.

Zoom meeting information will be shared prior to the event.



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PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE: *Mark Hanner*

May is such a glorious, and fickle, time in the garden. Plants are blooming, buds are pushing out, new foliage is so fresh and colorful, we can almost overlook the consternation brought on by overnight frosts and freezes when the temperature dips down too far. As I write this, it looks like we made it through what should be our last freeze, and probably frost, and the deciduous bonsai can make one final trip out of the greenhouse.

It was a delight to visit the Michigan AllState Bonsai Show at Meijer Gardens earlier this month; kudos to the West Michigan Bonsai Club for their work setting this up. It was so nice to see many friends from the bonsai world, the fine trees on display, and stroll through the Japanese Garden. I lost track of the many different varieties of acers in the garden, though we decided a return visit in the fall would provide a beautiful view of the fall colors acers are known for. If you haven’t made your first visit to this superb sculpture garden, this looks like the time to get that planned.

Hope to see you all soon,
Mark

Call for Newsletter Articles

As you have probably noticed, content in the last few newsletters has been somewhat sparse. If you've ever considered contributing an article to the newsletter, now would be a great time to do so. Anything bonsai or bonsai related will likely be accepted. For those of you who went to the Michigan All State show at Meijer Gardens, you could write about your impressions, include a couple pictures for those of us who weren't able to attend. Articles about bonsai stands, kusamono, accent plants and how you care for them year round, pots and how you choose them, where you find good deals on pots, bonsai material and all things bonsai, a write up about a bonsai garden you may have visited, and so many more possibilities. Give it some thought, put some words together and send it to abonsaisociety@gmail.com. Put Attn: Newsletter editor in the subject and I'll look forward to seeing a few articles from our membership.

Membership Will Faison

Greetings from Membership!

One day, we will all meet again in person, admire each other's trees, and be awed by the newfound delight in seeing facial expressions. Despite the uncertain beginnings this year as far as in-person events, we will be enacting dues again for 2021 as we ramp up pursuit of Zoom events, workshops, and guest speakers.

Dues can be paid via paypal on the AABS website ([link here](#)), or checks can be mailed to our new treasurer, Katie Norder. Her address is below. I would encourage members to pay via PayPal however, as that will streamline the process, especially as we continue to navigate everything remotely and electronically.

Katie Norder
Attn: AABS Membership
13143 Hadley Road
Gregory, MI, 48137

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.

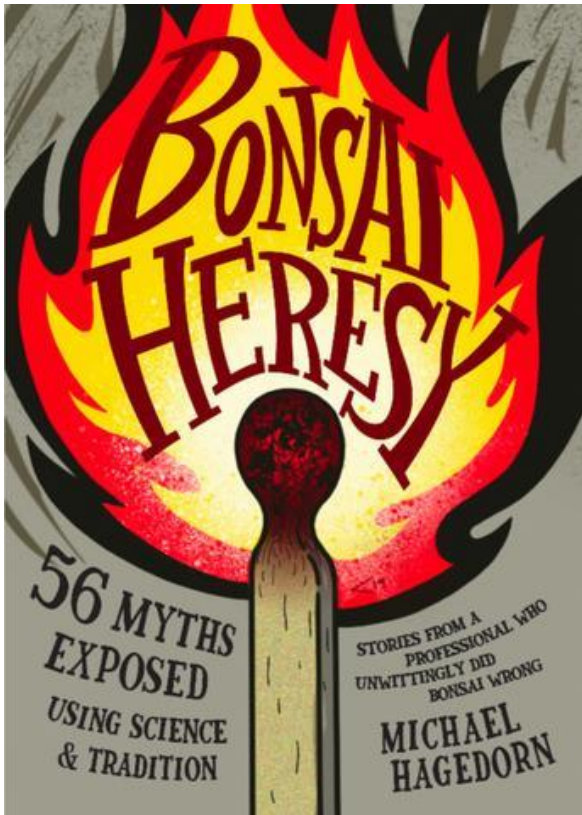
Bjorn Bjorholm bonsai artist and educator, who like Michael Hagedorn apprenticed in Japan wrote...

"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)

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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 and paypal for membership fees and other AABS activities. Please talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

Katie Norder – Treasurer AABS
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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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