



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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## ***Carmen Leskoviansky to Present “Apprenticeship, The First Year”***

Carmen Leskoviansky, Bonsai Collection Specialist for Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum and apprentice to Michael Hagedorn of Crataegus Bonsai will discuss the first year of her apprenticeship. Carmen has a degree in horticulture from Michigan State University and has been doing bonsai for 10 years. She has a particular interest in ‘Satsuki’ azalea. In 2021, Carmen moved to Portland, OR to pursue professional training as an apprentice of professional bonsai artist, Michael Hagedorn. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, Carmen plans to return to Michigan with the knowledge and skills to best care for the Bonsai Collection at MBGNA.

The second meeting of AABS in 2022 will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd in a **hybrid format**. The presentation will be broadcast online. Attend in-person at Matthaei Botanical Gardens to view the video live stream with other members or choose to watch online via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be sent out to members prior to the event. As always, the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the program will start at 7:00 pm.

The club will need to comply with the University of Michigan’s policy in regard to entering their facilities. Masks are required, and attendees will need to do a brief check-in and screening at the lobby desk. If you wish, you can check in ahead of time online at [https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3PminsH4aZnBWER](https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PminsH4aZnBWER)

If you do this check in on your phone you will be able to display the screen below and speed entry into the building and the auditorium.



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## ***President’s Perspective Mark Hanner***

Greetings -

What a pleasure it was to see so many friends, and new members, at our first live meeting at MBGs last month! In addition to the fine demonstration by Ghazi on the Hinoki, we enjoyed chatting with folks, catching up, and starting to feel a bit more like our normal club atmosphere.

Continuing on the theme I started at the meeting, I’d like to give a shout-out to more of our terrific board members, who keep the club moving forward, and our meetings the place to be on the 4th Wednesday. Since you’re reading the newsletter, let’s start with Don Wenzel, Newsletter Editor, who keeps us up to date on meetings, announcements, activities, and articles. Chris Kehrig, Recording Secretary, keeps the notes of our monthly meetings, and board meetings, helping with the continuity. Kurt Smith, and Michael Field are the Show co-chairs, while Michael learns the ropes, so Kurt can step away from the job he’s done for many years. Dana Hermann is our Publicity Chair, and provides meeting info to area media, enabling new people to attend. And Laura Andre is doing double duty, serving also as Membership Chair, in addition to the Webmaster/ Zoom Coordinator. My thanks to all the board for their work to make AABS an entertaining and educational organization, and my life a lot easier as your board president. Next month, we’ll look

at a couple non-board positions and the big role they play in our activities.

See you all soon,  
Mark

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## 2022 Program Schedule

### Jay Sinclair

March 23	Carmen Leskoviansky
April 27	Bring Your Own Tree Workshop Meeting
May 25	Young Choe ( <i>tentative</i> )
May 26	Young Choe – workshop ( <i>tentative</i> )
June 22	TBD
July 27	Jennifer Price
August 24	Jim Doyle
August 25	Jim Doyle workshop
August 26 – 28	AABS Annual Show
September 28	Club Auction
October 26	Mark Arpag

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## February meeting notes

### Chris Kehrig

2/23/22 First Meeting of the Year

Dues are due

July 9<sup>th</sup> is the Jack Wikle Legacy Day – think about donating to fund and or trees/pots to donate for raffle  
Kurt and Lita Smith provided honorary member status

Topic for the evening featured Ghazi Zouaoui from the Flower Market. He worked on a very large Hinoki False Cypress (HFC). It is part of the Juniper family and very healthy. They are native to central Japan. While pot bound, Ghazi does not recommend repotting until next year. The tree is to be raffled off at the April meeting.

Ghazi already had the branches he was going to keep wired up with copper wire. He started by removing the lower branches and then took about a quarter of the apex off. The branches he considered to be lengthy. They produce growth on the branch ends and crotches. HFC trees can be pinched once a year. Scissor pruning can be done twice a year.

HFC trees want full sun in the spring and fall. During the scorching part of the summer, it should be provided some shade for maximum greening. Roots can be trimmed well compared to pines. Potting in pumice and akadama is recommended.

This tree can be worked on most of the year except dead of winter or hot summer. It is a hardwood tree but considered flexible. Ghazi scraped off a lot of the bark for deadwood. This time of year when the tree is still semi dormant, the bark must be scraped off as opposed to plier twisting.

Copper wire comes off just before biting in unlike a pine. This tree has nice curvature compared to most HFC trees that are straight up which makes for prized lumbar in Japan. It does not appear to be grafted. Guy wires were placed on some of the branches and tied to screw in trunk. Ghazi does not recommend wiring to the pot for two reason – repotting and puts strain on roots.

Fertilization should happen in the spring and fall with organic fertilizer such as cotton seed or Green Dream. Organic is beneficial to the roots and has macronutrients.

Under the wire on this tree, he used ace bandage to keep the wire off the bark. The rest of branches that were not guy wired were bent down to provide an aged look to the tree.

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## Bonsai Pots!!

### Paul Kulesa

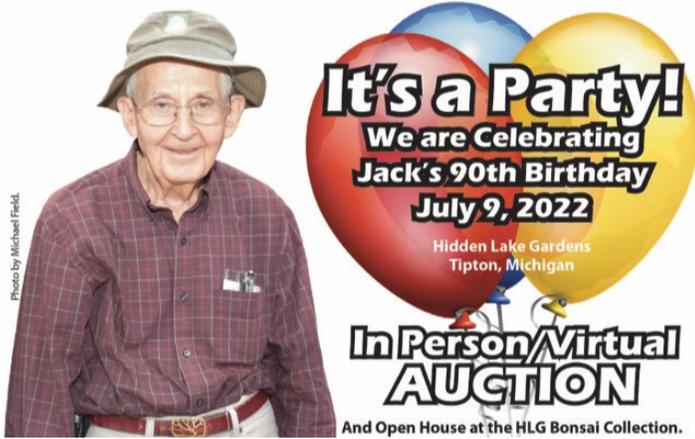
Bonsai Containers For The Coming Growing Season

Ron Milostan has donated his collection of bonsai containers to the AABS. These containers have been used to display and grow bonsai and exhibit various degrees of patina. These containers will be available for viewing and sale prior to the March Membership Meeting, March 23rd, 2022, beginning at 6 pm.

All proceeds will be donated to the AABS. Payment with US currency only.

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## It's a PARTY!!!



SAVE THE DATE: July 9, 2022.

Jack Wikle 90th Birthday Celebration and Auction at Michigan State University's Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton, Michigan

Jack will be donating the balance of his personal bonsai collection and related items for this auction, with all proceeds to benefit the Jack Wikle Bonsai Legacy Fund. Jack's donation will be supplemented by bonsai and related items donated by supporters of this sale seeking to promote this art form. All donors will be publicly recognized for their contributions. Sale items will include bonsai, bonsai stock, bonsai pots, tools, display stands, turntables and other equipment. Dozens of bonsai books, bonsai magazines dating back to the mid-sixties, photos of bonsai, paintings and other bonsai themed artworks will also be sold. Unique to this sale are the gold-plated "remains" of two small bonsai, still in their original pots. Jack's collection of dozens of frog-representation art pieces will also be sold.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP: DONATIONS OF AUCTIONABLE ITEMS ARE INVITED IN SUPPORT OF THE JACK WIKLE BONSAI LEGACY FUND.

For the most up to date information on the Celebration visit: [https://jackwiklebonsailegacy.com/?page\\_id=1087](https://jackwiklebonsailegacy.com/?page_id=1087)

**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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## 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

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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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