

The 2022 AABS Auction

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
 Held in the Auditorium at MBG

This is September and that means the return of our annual auction for bonsai and bonsai related items. This is a great opportunity to lighten your stock of bonsai containers, bonsai, pre-bonsai and all sorts of bonsai related materials. The corollary is that there will be plenty of bonsai and related material for you to purchase and add to your collection at this auction.

All members are invited to sell bonsai and bonsai related items at this auction. Offering items for auction is reserved for members of the Society. Of course, you are welcome to bid on items at this auction. The auction will be conducted in two formats, a silent auction and the live auction.



Tom McCue Will Return This Year Acting As Auctioneers
 (photo caption)

The success of our auction depends on assistance provided by our members. If you can help with the administration of the auction, contact Paul Kulesa at kulesap@gmail.com

In broad terms, the auction schedule is found below.

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President's Perspective

Mark Hanner

Greetings

Greetings- our return to hosting the annual show at Matthaei Botanical Gardens was a big success, and great fun, seeing so many bonsai friends, beautiful trees, kusamono, and plants. Thanks to the many folks who helped in one fashion or another; it's a big undertaking, and we saw large numbers of people helping out from start to finish.

It's also the time of year we start thinking about the season winding down, and what may be in store next year. This is a segue to our September meeting, which is the annual auction, and your opportunity to thin out your trees, or add to the forest on your benches. Our thanks to Paul Kulesa for organizing the auctions (silent auctions start the evening, ahead of the live auction).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Mark

2022 AABS Auction continued

- 5:30 PM Setup of the auction floor - setting up table and chairs.
- 6 - 7 PM Registration of Buyers, Sellers and auction items.
- 6:30 PM The Silent Auction begins.
- 7:00 PM The business meeting begins (10-15 minutes).
- 7:15 PM The Silent Auction resumes.
- 7:30 PM The Silent Auction wraps up and the Live Auction begins.

When the live auction wraps up, payment for auction purchases will begin. The treasurer will accept your credit card for payment, along with a check and US currency. There are no provisions to accept payment for purchases prior to the conclusion of the auction. To eliminate the crush of purchasers wishing to pay *right now*, buyers will be called in succession by their Buyer ID Number, starting with #1.

Additional information and forms will be delivered by email.

AABS 2022 Show Report **Kurt Smith**

AABS members,

What a wonderful AABS bonsai show and sale we had a few weeks ago. It is so great to be back at Matthaei Botanical gardens after a 3 year hiatus.

A big thank you to all who helped in some capacity during the show.

It takes a village!!!!

I need to thank several people specifically.

Thank you again to Paul Kulesa for his years of hard work overseeing the set up and tear down of the show. We had a great turnout of volunteers this year, which makes this big job so much easier. Welcome to Mike Bruneau who will take over for Paul in the upcoming years. Thanks to Cyril Grum who was in charge of setting up all the trees for the display. The overall display and feel to the room was so exciting.

For all those who worked the entry table and greeted people, thank you for being the welcoming committee. Attendance for the show was 455 people.

Several people stayed after the show ended to tear down the tables and hanging cloths which is an equally time consuming job. Thank you to those who jumped in and helped out.

For other who helped in other ways thank you so much.

We hope next year will be an even bigger event, so join us by planning to display a tree in the show and help out during the show in some way.

The People's choice votes were as follows:

- #1. Winner: Satsuki Azalea display from Matthaei botanical gardens.
- #2. Bald cypress shown by Cyril Grum
- #3. White Pine from Hidden Lake Gardens
- #4. Juniper shown by Jack Sustic
- #5. Hinoki cypress shown by Cyril Grum
- #6. Siberian elm forest shown by Justin Whitehouse
- #7. Dawn redwood shown by Cyril Grum
- #8. Chinese juniper shown by Bill Struhar
- #9. Korean hornbeam shown by Jack Sustic
- #10. Trident maple shown by Nathan Thomason

Already looking forward to next year's event.

Thanks again to all the volunteers for making my job look easy

Kurt Smith

Annual Show Set-up and Teardown **Thank you** **Paul Kulesa**

This year's annual show is a success. This success began with club members participating in setting up the show and these club members should be recognized for their effort and time. Many members also participated in taking down the show on Sunday afternoon. This is the natural corollary to the setup; the beginning and end.

My first choice would be to share the names of those who helped with the setup and takedown; but I am not confident I could list all those who helped (I attribute this to my record keeping). I have to make do with my third choice, thanking those (without naming them) in our newsletter. THANKS!

Following years of coordinating the show setup, I feel I have done as much as I can to inspire and improve the setup process; I have run out of ideas. It is time to seek fresh ideas moving the show to its next iteration. Kurt Smith, the Show Chair, heard my request to find another to take over show setup coordination. I expect to help with setup and take down in years to come with a new hand on the tiller. Kurt was successful finding Michael Buneau to take on this responsibility, Thanks to both of you. I hope members will work with Michael in years to come.

2022 AABS People's Choice Winner Tree by Cyril Grum



August Meeting Minutes Mark Hanner

Our August meeting speaker was Jim Doyle, from Nature's Way Nursery, with a review of collecting trips he has made over the years, and advice and suggestions for those wanting to try finding their own yamadori. Suggestions for places to look include woods, swamps, mountains, the neighbors' yard. Dress for the season, including hardsole shoes. Items to pack along include backpack, saw, pruners, twine, pry bar, hand tools for clearing soil away. Water is needed at some point, to water the roots, or pack in (or collect) wet sphagnum moss. The twine is used to wrap branches, to facilitate toting the tree back to your vehicle.

It is important to check with your State's forestry service to see if collecting is permitted, unless you have permission from a landowner for private land collecting. When the trees are home, plant up in pumice, put in the shade for a couple weeks, to help with recovery from transplant shock. Wait to work on the tops of the trees for a year or two, minimum.

A couple observations Jim shared- "I'd rather have a poorly-styled live tree, than a well-styled, dead tree." "Some trees are not to to collect, just there to admire."

Membership News Becky Hanner

Be sure to keep your newsletters coming, by renewing your dues for 2022. You can visit our website, and use PayPal, or see me at a meeting, where we can take a credit card, or send your check to: Membership, 10414 Oak Rd., Otisville, MI 48463.

Thanks so much!

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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