

## **June Meeting:** **Wednesday June 28th**

The June AABS meeting will be a 10 year celebration of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens permanent bonsai display. There will be a tour of the trees on display, remarks from prominent bonsai and Matthaei folks and refreshments. We hope many of you will come and join in the celebration to view and discuss the many amazing bonsai trees on display.



As always, the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the program will start at 7:00 pm.

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## **President's Perspective** **Mark Hanner**

### Greetings-

Hoping you're doing well dealing with the big weather swings we've seen this spring; from the real early spring, tons of water, August heat in April and May, followed by several frosts, and drought, I'm wondering what actual summer will bring. Bonsai is certainly not a pastime for the faint of heart.

Our June meeting will give us a nice chance to enjoy the bonsai collection at Matthaei Botanical Garden, as we help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the collection. We will meet out in the bonsai garden, instead of our usual auditorium venue. A couple people have offered to bring refreshments, but we could use a couple more. If you're not a baker (like I am not), it's perfectly fine to stop into a market where they have marvelous selections of treats suitable for eating while walking around. I will often let the professionals do their job, and enjoy the results! If you can help, please shoot me an email, to help with planning.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the bonsai garden soon!

Mark

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## May Meeting Minutes

### Chris Kehrig

5/24/23 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

Next month will be refreshments and goodies in the bonsai house

July is bring your own bonsai tree or possible speaker

Scott Zomerlie from Growco in Grand Rapids presented pests and fertilizers

Fertilizer is added to soil to increase to soil to increase crops

Fertility of plants:

- Lush green growth
- Strong stems and branches
- Flowers
- Fruit sets and seeds
- Ample bud development

Healthy plants on a cellular level:

- Roots/stems/leaves
- Energy storage
- Cell walls
- Absorption of water/food

NPK:

Nitrogen – Green/creating new cells/stem and leaf growth

Phosphorus – Root and flower growth

Potassium – Water uptake, fruit, and flower development

Synthetic vs Organic

Synthetic feeds plants directly, fast acting, quick vigor, can burn quickly

Organic feeds the soil, must be broken down, slow release, harder to burn, feeds over longer period, and micronutrients

Soil and fertilizer PH

PH runs from 1 – 14 with 1 being acidic and 14 alkaline

Alkaline:

Barberry, Beech, Boxwood, Cotoneaster, Lilacs, and Hawthorne

Acidic:

Azaleas, Birch, Fir, Hemlock, Holly

Peat, pine bark, or kanuma can be added to soil mix for acidity

Time to fertilize:

Spring: Temps above 40 degrees / start with extra nitrogen

Summer: More balanced / avoid chemicals with hottest temps

Fall: Lower nitrogen, increase phosphorus and potassium / foliar spray can green quickly

Mark Fields and azalea care:

April – Dyna grow

May – fish emulsion

June – organic cakes

July – same as May

August – same as July

Sept/Oct – 0/10/10

Watering:

- Kills more trees than anything
- Good time to observe trees
- Shallow vs deep pots
- Exposed surface area
- Root bound or freshly repotted
- Moss
- Pruning or defoliating
- Placement – shade or sun

Pests:

- Altering surrounding
- Adding insects/organisms
- Growing resistant plants
- Neem oil
- Azaguard or Azamax

Pesticides/fungicides as last defense

IPM = Integrated Pest Management

1. Identify and monitor
2. Evaluate
3. Prevent
4. Action
5. Monitor



Sucking insects like aphides, scale, and mealy bugs = honeydew which brings ants

Best pesticides: Systematic can flow through but takes time for complete protection. Spectracide, Bonida, and soap can clog bugs breathing.

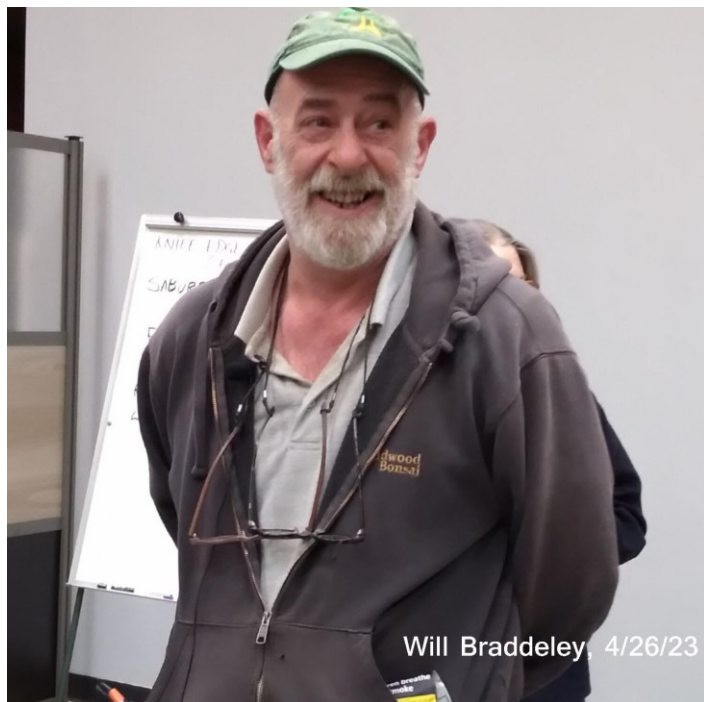
Fungus is harder to notice which is dark brown or black spots – Infuse, mangozeb, clearys

Use caution when using sprays – mask / protective clothing, check the weather. Avoid neem oil on spruces.

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### *More pics from the April meeting with Will Braddeley*





## Scheduled events for 2023

### Jay Sinclair

#### Upcoming AABS 2023 Programs

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| June 28        | Bonsai Garden 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary program – Reception/tour of Bonsai Garden  |
| July 26<br>(?) | Bring Your Own Tree workshop meeting  |
| August 23      | Kristy Majeske – Japanese Scroll Paintings: History, symbolism within paintings, and pairing a painting with a bonsai tree. |

Lecture with slide show, handouts, and group discussion.

August 25 – 27 AABS Annual Show

September 27 Club Auction

October 25 Jay Sinclair (& others?) – Japan Trip

Note – a ‘?’ indicates these are tentative.

## Membership News

### Becky Hanner

Be sure to keep your newsletters coming, by renewing your dues for 2023. 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](mailto:wm.struhar@mail.com) or call (586) 468-7169.

**Club Logo Now Available:** we will embroider the club logo on your garment for \$15 (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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**Fund Raising:** William Struhar

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**Nomination Committee:**

**Show Committee:** Ron Milostan and Paul Kulesa

**Annual Auction:** Paul Kulesa

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