

## July Meeting:

### Dave Cutchin - Wednesday June 26th

Dave Cutchin will be our July speaker. His topic will be –

Perception and Perspective: A discussion of Bonsai and Penjing

What influences traditional versus modern composition in bonsai? Some would say the age or generational interpretation of the artist, others may say that it's the architectural framework of the material, and the rest could instead be inspired by a penjing ...

You can find more information on David here - <https://tbs-bonsai.com/guest-bonsai-artist-david-cutchin/>



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-

What a pleasure it was, seeing so many people turn out for our June meeting, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens bonsai collection. It's a marvelous collection on its own, and seeing the Satsuki azaleas in bloom was a nice bonus. Thanks to all who helped with refreshments for the evening.

If you haven't yet picked a tree or two from your own collection to enter into our annual show (setup on Friday, August 25, show on Saturday and Sunday, August 26-27), it's time to do that. Consider whether any trimming or cleanup is required to get them looking sharp. We like to have entries from as many members as possible, covering the range from beginning trees to the more advanced material, demonstrating to our visitors that weekend the possibilities, and illustrating that this is a past time everyone can enjoy and participate in.

Switching gears, our illustrious raffle organizer, Bill Struhar, is winding down his time in this role, and is looking for a person (or two) to take over this job for the club. Bill will be available to help the new person learn the ropes, but after doing this for many years, he is at the

time to retire from the job. Please give some thought to stepping up and helping the club with this fun activity, a widely enjoyed part of our monthly meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,  
Mark

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## **June Meeting Minutes**

**Chris Kehrig**

6/28/23 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

10 year celebration of the bonsai collection at Matthaei Gardens

Over 70 people in attendance

Jerry Meislik left a message on how interest was shown to start a permanent bonsai collection at Matthaei ~13 years ago. More funds are needed to keep the collection going.

Jack Sustic mentioned there are too many trees to display. Currently, the bonsai are in 4 different locations. About half of the 125 newly donated trees from Melvyn Goldstein are now at Matthaei in the overflow area. Jack complimented the AABS club in how they bring people in and provide many volunteers.

Jack Wikle, the longest active AABS member, spoke on how he had shown a tree in the 1971 show and then became a member in 1974.

Tony Kolenic who is a newcomer to the collection spoke on how special this month was for the entire bonsai department with all of the activities and celebrations. Currently there are ~60 trees on display at any one time. They are looking to expand the viewing area and are in need of an apprentice to study under Jack Sustic.

Overall, it was a terrific evening with food, drink, and one of the greatest collections of bonsai.





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## **Scheduled events for 2023**

### **Jay Sinclair**

#### Upcoming AABS 2023 Programs

- July 26            David Cutchin – Perception and Perspective
- 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.

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## **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!

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**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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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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