

## **August Meeting:**

**Kristy Majeske - Wednesday August 23rd**

Kristy Majeske will talk about Japanese Scroll Paintings

Japanese Scroll Paintings:

History, symbolism within paintings, and pairing a painting with a bonsai tree.

There will be a lecture with slide show, handouts, and group discussion.



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 -

Seems like we just finished with the transition from greenhouse to outdoors for the season, and it's time already to prepare for end-of-summer activities! The most fun of these is attending our annual show, and doing the prep work for displaying some trees in the show. I've finally narrowed it down to three trees, and need to pick out the accent plants to go with them. If this is your first time for entering a tree, this is the time to get it all tidied up, stray bits of debris cleaned out, weeds pulled (it just doesn't seem right that weed seeds thrive in the pots!), and pots cleaned up. If you're displaying it on a stand, get it cleaned as well, and if you haven't gotten a stand, consider alternatives that will help showcase your tree. Thin slabs of stone, nice woven placemats, or those made of bamboo or reed, look nice under a tree.

Accent plants are another part of the display to consider. In addition to the preparation noted above, it's a good practice to select plants that are in the same general nature as the tree; i.e., at a minimum, hardy trees and hardy accent plants, or tropical trees and tropical accents.

In addition to trees, we love seeing the kusamono people have created, and welcome these in the show. If you haven't dabbled in this area yet, be sure to check out those on display for ideas for next year. It's another fun and creative avenue in the garden arts world.

If you haven't yet signed up to help with the show, be sure to email Kurt Smith (flowerdude27@hotmail.com) to check on times that still need to be filled. Also, if you're entering trees, fill out the tree form he sent out to the membership, and email it back to him as soon as possible. There's a lot of prep work involved in setting up the show, and it helps everyone if we get these done in advance.

I'm sure looking forward to seeing everyone soon, at our meeting (this should be a terrific program by Kristy Majeske, on Japanese scroll painting) and our show!

Mark

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## July Meeting Minutes

### Chris Kehrig

7/26/23 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

4 new people in attendance

Hidden Lake Gardens is starting a new program – bring a tree for temporary display

The AABS auction will be in September and can include bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, or books

Show is in August – volunteers needed for set up / tear down and 2 hour increments at the ticket table

Tree registration is being done through Email sent from Kurt Smith – please fill out the tree form and send in before the show

Presentation from David Cutchin – Perception and Perspective: A discussion of Bonsai and Penjing

David was in the forest service for 11 years

He started with Junipers and studied with Ryan Neil in 2014

David's nursery, D & L Bonsai Nursery in Ocklawaha FL propagates all of their bonsai

They are all on site – no shipping

Florida has half of all native trees and 3 hardiness zones

Traditional bonasi is very orderly / Penjing can vary with either an interesting tree, water/rock landscape, or single rock landscape

David had 3 Bald Cypress to display different styles varying from traditional on right to Penjing on left



He trimmed and wired all 3, clipping branches and picking off smaller buds

Soil – Akadama for nutrients, Pumice for water, and Lava for oxygen

Bonsai resistance consists of:

- Pest
- Hot/cold
- Drought
- Disease
- Bonsai

3 recommended books from David:

- Nature of Plants on audio
- Pushing the Zone on audio
- How Plants Work – newest book

Funny quote: Everyone gets into bonsai for patience and they cause a lot of stress

Much of the disease is in the roots

David has done extensive testing of 200 trees in multiple conditions including too much water, not enough water, full sun, etc to see what works and what doesn't

Bald Cypress can be overwatered – still need the oxygen exchange

I mentioned having a problem with ants – David suggest putting pot into water with dishwashing soap

Die back on a tree is a sign that the tree is trying to survive

He will pull tree out of the pot to investigate the roots and soil before spraying

Cypress are very flexible and easy to wire

Vascular growth in fall – overwhelming a tree in the fall can challenge a tree for winter

Good watering is even saturation

Underpotted gets better water saturation than overpotted



## ***Pre-bonsai and Bonsai books available for sale before our meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>***

I need to thin my collection and lighten my workload. You can help me by examining the material I will offer for sale prior to the next meeting, August 23, 2023. I will have several pre-bonsai including Pinus Strobus, birch, English oak and Amur maple. In addition I will have a few bonsai books for sale.

I can accept US currency. I will be in the auditorium by 6 PM.

Paul Kulesa

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## ***Scheduled events for 2023*** ***Jay Sinclair***

### **Upcoming AABS 2023 Programs**

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.

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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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