



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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## **September Meeting:** **The Auction!!! Wednesday September 27th**

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.

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, all are welcome to bid on items at this auction. The auction will be conducted in two formats, a silent auction and the live auction

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](mailto:kulesap@gmail.com)

In broad terms, the auction schedule is found below.

- 5:30 PM Setup of auction floor – setting up tables/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 ends / the Live Auction begins

When the live auction wraps up, payment for auction purchase 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.

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

Greetings-

What a fine show we just enjoyed, despite two severe storms blowing through the area immediately prior to set-up day! Our thanks to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens crew for clearing up the storm damage, so the show could go on, as well as the many ways they help keep things running smoothly during the show! And many thanks to all our members who helped with the show, from the weeks ahead of time with planning and set-up changes (which worked out wonderfully), to helping conduct the show over the weekend, to taking it all down Sunday evening, and of course, to the members who entered such a great variety of trees, plants, accents, and kusamono. It was such fun to see everyone, and see the big turnout of people there to see what we've been doing.

Kurt Smith led a nice critique/discussion after dinner Saturday, which gave us a good time to enjoy the trees with just our members present.



Our next big event is almost here, the annual auction, and Paul Kulesa has been getting this organized for us again this year; if you can help out with the auction, be sure to arrive early (5:30, if my old guy's memory serves) on September 27, to pitch in. And be sure to review his email for details on what happens during the auction meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,  
Mark

## August Meeting Minutes

### Chris Kehrig

8/23/23 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

1 new person in attendance

Next month's meeting is the silent and live auctions

Kristy Majeske presented on Kakejiku Japanese Wall Hangings

Her website is: [www.antiquejapanesescrolls.com](http://www.antiquejapanesescrolls.com)

Kristy has loved asian art since childhood  
She doesn't do bonsai, but she can match up a scroll to bonsai

The scrolls go back to 2000BC

They started out with royalty and gained popularity in the 1800s

Bonsai pairing came along in the 1850's

Traditional size, as Kristy had brought, is too large for bonsai



They are printed on either silk or paper

Water soluble but not water colors

The four paragons are: Plum, Orchid, Bamboo, and Chrysanthemum

Cherry has round leaves and points compared to the Plum with more cartoonish features

When paired with bonsai they should either match the current season or coming season

The rabbit is hard to come by = spring or Easter

Three friends of winter: bamboo, pine, plum

Snow is plain paper painted around

Landscape rules: sky, land, and living object

Chinese scrolls are highly detailed with Japanese less detailed

A soft painting requires the artist to slow down

A stronger tree would have the sun and moon for softer tree

Waterfall works well for a cascade

Flowers in scrolls can help with a flowering tree not in bloom

Turtles are revered = 1000 years and are good for older trees

Goose looks great from a distance which symbolized the north

The jumping carp represents the pond and creatures that go with it

Use of color can represent the seasons such as gold = fall

You don't want the scroll to be the same height as tree

Don't want the painting to overpower the tree

Bird flying towards tree provides movement

Kristy recommend that our trees in the show have a description of what went into the display



## **2023 AABS Show Raffle results**

### **Bill Struthar**

The raffle winners –

Jan, Plymouth;  
Pail, OH;  
Don Wenzel, Ypsilanti  
Julian, Ypsilanti

Mark, Ann Arbor  
Carlos Diaz, Ann Arbor  
Laura, Ann Arbor  
Pat, (Vendor?)  
Jennifer, Canton  
Dennis Rodgers, OH.

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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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## **The 8<sup>th</sup> National Bonsai Exhibition held in Rochester New York September 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

This year's national exhibition had more than 300 trees and over 50 vendors. It was an amazing event and a few of our members had trees accepted in the exhibit. Here they are:

Kurt Smith –





Jack Sustic –



Don Wenzel -



Cyril Grum – (3 photos)





In addition, the following two trees from the Matthaei Bonsai collection were accepted –



**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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## 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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