

February Meeting: Wednesday February 22nd

Ghazi discusses Junipers

Ghazi Zouaoui, of the Flower Market, will give a presentation on junipers. Topics will include basic care (watering, fertilizer regimen, pest control, winter protection, etc.), and pruning techniques. Following the presentation, there will be a styling demonstration.

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-

With winter remaining pretty mild, it's hard to resist getting trees out from the greenhouse and into the shade houses, their summer quarters. It has been nice, on the occasional sunny day, to get some work done out there, though, being helped by some of the outdoor kitties. I do have to study the branches of any tree that was wired, to decide if the placement was my idea, or Kenobe's.

Jay Sinclair has been busy this winter getting a marvelous schedule planned for the club; beginning with a favorite local bonsai friend, Ghazi Zouaoui, on junipers, for our February 22 meeting. There are two workshops planned in April: deadwood carving, led by Will Baddeley, and a BYOT session with Suthin Sukosolvisit. Both are limited to 8 participants, and details will be in an email, as well as on our website. Which brings me to the next item- we are tweaking our website a bit, to make online payments for workshops more accessible. We already have the PayPal link for payment of dues, and the same link can be used to pay for your workshop fees. Simply enter the amount for the session you're signing up for, and identify the session in the description box. One caveat- I'll be keeping track of the number of enrollments manually, since someone may sign up at a meeting, so an announcement will be sent out when a workshop is filled.

And I'll close with a reminder that 2023 dues are due; still a great deal at \$25!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting,
Mark

October Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

10/26/22 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes

Election decided with 2-year terms agreed upon.

Tonight's presenter was Mark Arpag from Rochester NY.

His favorite bonsai trees are Eastern White Cedars due to the many differences in them. The many differences could be seen in the trees that were brought for evaluation.

Don's tree was up first who was looking for design suggestions. Mark noticed a natural taper and could see the wind movement. A mild fungus was found on the tree which can be remedied with copper fungicide.

Ray's tree was up next and was noted that it could use a new container possibly oval. There is a slight slingshot shape to the dual trunk. The lower should flow with the larger trunk. The top could use some narrowing.

The next tree was collected in MI. The front has not been decided upon. Noticed a fungus which was thought to have been sunburn. Jin too close to height of main trunk. Lower branches can be brought in.

Tree from Hidden Lake Gardens collected from Lake Superior. Determined to be 60 years or older. It was naturally dwarfed and has nice density IE not too dense. The round pot was well suited.

Mark's tree had very fine foliage for a collected tree. It has a literati feel and was rare to have a thin trunk with taper. It was noted that it could use some wiring. Needs a different pot as the current one is a bit large and flat sided plus sitting high in the pot.

Ray's tree was considered animalistic. Should hide the clumpy area and get the upper branch aligned with deadwood. Spread the foliage and current pot is a bit heavy. Natural stone or a slab would be appropriate.

Next tree shown weak foliage which Mark determined was from broken down small crystal Akadama. It will bounce back with a repotting.

Small forest of Primo 3 trees. Shallower pot recommended and could use a larger pot with negative space.

Workshop tree 3-4 years ago. Foliage has to be chased down at least 2X a year. Remove the immature lower branch. A Dremel could be used on the tree. Concentrate on upper crotch.

Jay's tree has some foliage that needs to be pinched back IE chase back hanging foliage. Could use coarse drainage area.

Next tree has larger appearance. Mark did some trimming on it working top/down. Removed the heavy stuff to create windows to see the deadwood.

Skinny young tree brought up where the massage technique was shown. Working the branches to help them settle into more of a downward attitude. Tree would be a good literati candidate.

Mark's own tree was a literati style but not purely. 75-80 years old with skeletal trunk. Very minimalistic.



Scheduled events for 2023

Jay Sinclair

AABS 2023 Programs

- February 22 Ghazi Zouaoui – Junipers - styling and maintenance techniques, care and horticulture.
- March 22 Mike Lane – Hybrid Zoom - The intro to Shohin program contains reference material regarding size constraints, aesthetics, and feel, followed by the history, pros and cons, finding acceptable material, development and refinement of shohin material, containers, and finally a brief overview of display.
- April 22 Saturday workshop - Bring Your Own Tree Workshop with Suthin Sukosolvisit. Suthin will work with participants to style or refine their trees. He will also give suggestions for future refinements, and advice regarding maintenance and care. Bring two or three trees so there are some options for him to select to work on with you.
- April 26 Meeting – Will Baddeley – Presentation of techniques and examples of deadwood carving of bonsai.
- April 27 Workshop – Will Baddeley
- May 24 Scott Zomerlei – Pests, diseases, and fertilizer – lecture, questions and answer time.
- June 28 Bonsai Garden 10th Anniversary program – Reception/tour of Bonsai Garden
- July 26 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 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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