

**April Meeting:
 Wednesday April 26th**

Will Baddeley – Deadwood Carving

Will Baddeley will give a presentation of techniques and examples of deadwood carving of bonsai.

The following was culled from bonasiempire.com.

“As long as I remember, I have always had a huge appreciation of nature. My love affair with trees was there long before I came across Bonsai.

My main interest in Bonsai is working with our native European tree species and also in creating natural looking deadwood on deciduous trees with the use of power tools and scalpels.

I am self taught, if there is such a thing. Observant and committed would be another way of putting it as I soak up information like a sponge. My main influences have come from the likes of Colin Lewis and his passion for natives and in particular Ulmus minor. Also, Kevin Willson and his work with wild material and deadwood work with power tools.”



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-

As I’m writing this, I’m thinking someone bumped the ‘full speed ahead’ switch on summer weather, which has really ramped up the plants and trees in the garden and greenhouse. If it means we are done with frost, like we experienced last spring, I’m good with that. I do hope the trees that are out on the benches are through being walked back and forth under cover.

We still have a few openings for the Will Baddeley carving workshop Thursday, April 27; \$100, payable either on our website’s PayPal link, or at this month’s meeting.

Back by popular request, the vendor that made our 50th anniversary t-shirts still has the screens available, and we can put in another order. Colors are black, grey, purple, and green. Sizes S thru XXX; \$20. I’ll take orders through the end of April, then turn them in and hope to have them by the May meeting.

And speaking of May events, be sure to mark your calendar for the Michigan All-State Bonsai Show, coming up on May 13-14, at Meijer Sculpture Gardens. Always a great show, and weather permitting, it’s a nice occasion to

tour their Japanese Garden.

Hope to see you all soon,
Mark

March Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

3/22/23 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

4 new members in attendance

Mike Lane presented via Zoom Tiny Trees Huge Impact

Mike has been doing bonsai for 15 years

Shonin is the Japanese word for tiny things

Shonin trees are 8-10" / Mame trees are ~4" and can be held in one hand

Interest in Shonin didn't begin until the 60's and in the west during the 70's

Count Yorinaga is the father of Shonin bonsai and started the Gafuten Japanese annual show

Pros of small bonsai:

Take less space
Easy to move
Fast development
Less likely to overwater

Cons of small bonsai:

More delicate
Lack prominence of larger trees
Branch placement can be an issue
Dry out fast

Suitable material:

Air layers
Cuttings
Small/young nursery stock
Small leaves such as Elms or Boxwoods
Seasonal color/fruitletting/flowers

Rule of threes:

Bottom, middle, and top
The bottom is devoid of branches
The middle is the framing of the front

Top provides the apex

Development phase – larger pot / coarse based soil including Akadama

No rush for finished container
Tree should be built first
Cut paste should be used
Let 2 branches grow around wound to heal

The Japanese respect longevity of trees and will pay \$\$ for older trees

Silhouette pruning will provide quick shape but doesn't concentrate on strong branches

Don't modify the tree after first purchasing

When wiring, Mike will wire and then bend a little more every week

Design is always evolving

Convincing Shonin:

Fewer branches
Strong taper 6:1
Informal and cascade

Containers:

Drainage is most important
Bright colors
Harmony to tree
Painted pots
Can be experimental

Display:

2 or more trees
Pine on top like a mountain
Deciduous lower
Different species and shapes
Pots should be different

High nitrogen fertilizer during the development stage and 5-5-5 during refinement

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Hello Spring

Kurtis Smith

AABS Show Chair

As you are bringing out your trees from their winter hibernation, begin to think about which trees you might want to put in the AABS show August 26th-27th, 2023.

Picking out the trees now allows time to provide that extra attention needed to get your trees show ready.

Spring is the perfect time to repot that show tree in a nice ceramic pot. Fertilize them now and throughout the growing season to have beautiful healthy foliage growth. Fungicide your outdoor trees in Spring and as needed throughout the season. Think about wiring your trees, or removing old wire to prevent wire scars. If repotting your tree into the same pot, clean the pot very well, which is much easier if the tree is out of the pot.

I would love to see every member of AABS get involved in the show somehow. It is a great way to learn more about bonsai and meet other club members. You could help with set up or tear down of the show. We need people to greet visitors and take money at the entrance. Lastly, put at least one tree in the show. We want to display trees from beginner bonsai artists to expert bonsai artists.

Looking forward to this year's show.

Scheduled events for 2023

Jay Sinclair

AABS 2023 Programs

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.

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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!

T-shirt images

Here are examples of what the t-shirts will look like.



Color above is rich purple

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 \$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.

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