

March Meeting:

Trident Maples and Grafting with Jason Parrish

Wednesday March 27th

This month's meeting is in person. Our guest speaker is Jason Parrish of Kawa No Oka Nursery located in Indiana.

Jason started studying bonsai in 1997. For 12 years, he grew bonsai while raising his kids. In 2012, he met Mark Fields and began intensive studies at his nursery. Since then, Jason has done workshops with Bjorn, Mauro, Juan Andrade, and more. He started working full time at his nursery in 2021. Jason will be speaking and doing a demo on the topic of the development and root grafting techniques of mame and shohin trident maples.

TRIDENT MAPLES & GRAFTING

WITH JASON PARRISH

MARCH 27TH, 2024

MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS



As always, we will gather beginning at 6:30 pm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens auditorium with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm

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President's Perspective

Mark Hanner

Greetings-

What a fine, and timely, program we enjoyed from Jonas Dupuich on repotting your trees. It was helpful to me to see some of the things I have been doing recently were more or less appropriate, and learn some some things about the process. A lot of great feedback on the Zoom presentation, as it enabled everyone to see what Jonas was doing with his beech grove, by virtue of having it on the 'big screen' at Matthaei Botanical Garden, or on our personal devices, at home.

Next up, our March program features Jason Parrish, presenting a talk on trident maples and grafting. Always a fan of trident maples, I am really looking forward to this.

I'm hoping by the time you read this, our spring roller coaster has drawn to an end, and we can seriously think about taking trees out of winter storage. As tempting as it has been with a few days in the 70's, it is snowing in Otisville this morning (March 10). I've spent the morning drying off the kitties coming back inside, as they keep double-checking the weather, sure there was a mistake...

We recently received a request from the Detroit

Zoological Society to consider a collaboration with them, to display bonsai trees at the zoo, and looking further ahead, perhaps collaborate on educational programs. I plan to meet with them this spring to discuss some of the issues that immediately come to mind, like daily care, limiting visitors' physical access to trees, security in general, and insurance. If you have some input or ideas to share, I'd love to hear from you (mhanner@aoo.com).

Looking forward to seeing you all real soon,
Mark

Februrary Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

02/28/24 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

7 new members in attendance for the hybrid meeting

John mentioned that Hidden Lake Gardens will host the Art of Bonsai on Saturday, July 13 th

The AABS website is updated with the yearly schedule

Tonight's host was Jonas Dupuich covering repotting and soils

Jonas displayed a repotting video of a European Beech forest / grove which is 40-45 years old and 32 inches tall

First, cut the tie down wires and wire hole wires
May need to slice around the inner edge of the pot to dislodge the root ball

Remove the tree from the pot

While the tree is out of the pot, it's a good time to wash the pot

Soak the pot in bleach and rinse if any disease is present in the roots

Next, secure the plastic drainage mesh with Z shape wire

Use the inside of the pot diameter to measure the tie down wires – wrap around pot

Use inside corner of mesh to run wire up into the pot

Rake the rootball – drag across and trim the long roots

Deciduous tree so root trimming is not an issue

Raking can't be done too quickly
Don't want to leave too much old soil on the roots, especially if poor quality

Can bare root a young deciduous tree / Don't bare root a conifer

Remove moss and tree tie down wires in soil

Comb out edge of root ball

Brushing trunks can help expose surface roots
Don't want large roots on bottom of rootball – want them on top

Can wash off the bad soil – good time to test percolation

Perforate the rootball to aid drainage

Add drainage layer on bottom of pot with larger media

Trim sides of rootball to fit pot

Don't repot too late as you will be trimming new root growth

Jonas is not big on organics in soil, but OK for younger trees

Akadama holds water

Coarser mix for growing trees

100% lava mix rinsed well for Pines

More wet cycles and no wet feet

Place trees in slightly larger pots for growing and developing

Show pot for showtime only

Don't bareroot a sick tree – leave ½ of the soil

Set the tree and scoot back in pot

Look back to see if level and proper angle

Add some soil and work in with a chopstick

Secure tree into pot

Website = Bonsai tonight

Goal is to improve the roots when repotting

Final evening of soil with broom 1/8 inch below rim

Can add spagnum moss to top for dressing

Water with a mist and don't stay in one spot too long

Keep the tree away from any major freezes

2024 AABS Program Schedule

Ellen Veselenak

Date	Speaker	Topic
3/27	Jason Parrish	Maple grafting
4/24	Ryan Huston	Grow lights and tents
5/22	Francelle Nieto	Wiring/styling of Brodnick Pine or juniper
6/26	Mike Lane	TBD
7/24	John Eads	Deadwood
8/24-5		AABS SHOW
8/28	Mark Pasarello	Pots/kanji
9/25		Auction
1/23	Ted Bentley	Moss

Additional details and information about upcoming workshops will be provided when they are finalized.

New Raffle Coordinator

Rick McCoy is taking over the duties of the raffle from Bill Struthar.

Feel free to reach out to him at jmrickmccoy@yahoo.com

We are always looking for materials to include in the raffle, so if you have things you'd like to contribute, contact Rick.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to Bill Struthar for all his years managing

all the duties involved in conducting the raffle at all our meetings as well as at the yearly show. Thank you, Bill!!!

Membership News

Becky Hanner

Be sure to keep your newsletters coming, by renewing your dues for 2024. 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 \$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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