

## **April Meeting:**

### **Indoor Growing with Lights & Tents with Ryan Huston Wednesday April 24th**

This month's meeting is in person. Our guest speaker is Ryan Huston.

His bonsai site is <https://www.invivobonsai.com>

Excerpted from his "About me" page..

Ryan Huston started exploring the art of bonsai at the young age of 8 when he first encountered the bonsai collection at the Franklin Park Conservatory in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio. Ryan was inspired to further explore the art of bonsai and began volunteering at the Elandan Gardens under the famous bonsai artist Dan Robinson. Now...he is focused on advancing his trees, studying and collecting native species in Ohio, and sharing the art of bonsai wherever possible.



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 delight it was to see such a fine turnout at the March meeting, including roughly a dozen new members who joined recently, or at the meeting. The interest in bonsai is growing, pardon the pun, and generates a delightful enthusiasm. We began our meeting with a message from longtime member and bonsai guru Jack Wikle, about his upcoming relocation away from the area, and the likelihood many of us will not see him again at the meetings. The immediate standing ovation from the audience was a heartwarming tribute to a beloved member and friend.

Happy days here in Otisville- we, too, are now enjoying above-freezing overnight temps, so the migration of trees got underway in earnest this afternoon. It is always fun to see what our members are doing with their outdoor display and growing areas, so please keep the posts coming on our Facebook page. Newer members will gain insight on techniques and projects they can use, as their collections grow.

On a related vein, I'm thinking we might want to try meeting informally a bit earlier than usual, perhaps with our May meeting, so we can have some time for newer

members to bring in trees and ask for suggestions and help. The idea has kicked around for some time, and I'd appreciate your feedback on this. This might be the time to start.

See you all soon,  
Mark

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## **March Meeting Minutes**

### **Chris Kehrig**

03/27/24 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Notes Chris Kehrig

9 new members in attendance

Jack Wikle is still an active member of Hidden Lake Gardens and is looking to add to the endowment

Jason Parrish covered Development and Grafting techniques on Trident Maples

He started bonsai in 1997 and went to study with Mark Fields from 2008 till 2018

Jason generally grows his own material with use of a 3 inch fender washer to spread roots

Lots of nitrogen will drive more growth

His demo started with a ~18 inch tall Trident Maple

Jason then proceeded to chop off a foot off the top

The top of tree can be cut into pieces for 2 new trees

He used a razor around the new cut to smooth edges and promote wound healing

The 6 inch tree he wires the branches down and cleans the wound on top of tree with knob cutters

Jason defoliates his Tridents in June

The leader on top of the tree he lets grow out – it can even be bent down over time for thread grafting

Amur Maples can be treated the same way, but he prefers Tridents

He then pulls the tree out of the pot and cuts half to 2/3 of root ball working his way to the washer

The new pot should fit the root ball

He likes haydite and pumice with no organics  
Dip roots in Superthrive to help with shock

Jason then went on to drill a hole through the base of the trunk to thread a sapling with roots

He may use a few saplings to form a nice rootball





## 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!

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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.

**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)

## 2024 AABS Program Schedule

Ellen Veselenak

Date	Speaker	Topic
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.

## Membership News

## 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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:** Kurt Smith and Mike Bruneau

**Annual Auction:** Paul Kulesa

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The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society is affiliated with the American Bonsai Society: <http://absbonsai.org> and the Mid-American Bonsai Alliance: <http://mababonsai.org>



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