



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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May Meeting: Wednesday May 22nd

Francelle Nieto-Brodnick Wiring/styling of Pine

This month's meeting is in person. Our guest speaker is Francelle Nieto-Brodnick.

A brief intro:

"Elle Nieto-Brodnick discovered the passion of bonsai appreciation and cultivation during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic while working in the healthcare industry.

She started educating herself via online videos and literature. Her voracious quest for learning led her to attending workshops and classes under Todd Schlafer, Andy Smith, Owen Reich, Julian Tsai, and Will Baddeley. Within her 3 years of practice and under the tutelage of Bjorn Bjorholm and Mauro Stemberger, she remains a motivated student who reveals an exceptional perception of bonsai aspirations. Elle has done what is necessary to further her study, improve her skills, and develop her character traits reflective of a disciplined and committed bonsai practitioner.

Teaching basic to intermediate bonsai at The Hidden Gardens and with groups of fellow practitioners has pivoted her being a serious student to an upcoming bonsai professional/artist."

Starting this month, we will have an early session ahead of the standard meeting for less experienced members to bring a tree and get advice and suggestions from more experienced members. This will begin at 6 pm.

The regular meeting will begin in the Matthaei auditorium starting at 7:00 pm.

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President's Perspective Mark Hanner

Greetings- I'm a day late, and a dollar short, getting this one to our editor, but now I can share some thoughts from visiting this year's All-State Bonsai Show at Meijer Gardens. Combined with the American Bonsai Society's annual show, held this year in Michigan, it was fantastic! We visited on Saturday, seeing many great trees, and fine friends in the bonsai world. An impressive number of trees in the show were from AABS members. Chatting with Jack Wikle, he noted, 'Makes you want to go home and get to work on some bonsai!' He is so right- quite an inspiration! Kudos to everyone involved in organizing, staging, and participating in this fine bonsai show!

Nothing concrete to report yet on the potential show our club might be staging at the Detroit Zoo; their board is clearly interested, and we are awaiting a date for the event. Some early brainstorming led to a suggestion we focus it as a 'bonsai for kids' event, and hold workshops for young bonsai enthusiasts. We are putting together a committee to work on the event, which Bob Bauer has agreed to head up. Please let me know if you would like to help out with the planning for this activity.

Our May 22 meeting will include a session ahead of the regular meeting, for less experienced members to bring in a tree, and get advice and suggestions from more

experienced members. We plan to start this at 6:00, so setup will start around 5:45. For this to work, we need some folks, with trees, in need of advice, and some people with experience, to provide that advice! Hope you all can make it, and we can start a new tradition with our meetings.

See you all soon,
Mark

April Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

April 24th, 2024 AABS April Meeting

3 new members in attendance

Bring a tree in for advice to start at 6pm till 6:30pm

Detroit Zoo looking to have bonsai show – room off of butterfly house

Ryan Huston presented Time Saving Tools for Growing Tropical Bonsai

Cells must remain intact to obtain energy – freezing temps will kill these cells and eventually the tree

Photosynthesis involves water and light – need some darkness

4 Pillars of health:

- 1) Temperature – tropical trees, higher the better
- 2) Light – south facing window only provides 3% of the light as outside. More light = more growth and smaller leaves. 14 hours of light is optimal. Need rest time for photosynthesis. Grow lights will accelerate growth – LED for efficiency and can be nearly against the foliage.
- 3) Humidity – dry = less CO₂.
- 4) Ventilation – airflow

Ryan discussed the benefits of a grow tent where optimal temperature, light, humidity, and ventilation can be provided.

He demonstrated that the fan is quiet even at the highest setting and doesn't keep him awake in his bedroom where he stores the tent.

He can also go longer between watering since the tent holds the humidity in.



2024 AABS Program Schedule

Ellen Veselenak

Date	Speaker	Topic
5/22	Francelle Nieto-Brodnick	Wiring/styling of 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

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 always 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 Rick McCoy at any meeting or email him at imrickmccoy@yahoo.com

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 Rick McCoy, 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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