



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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**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**  
**October 28, 2015**

**BONSAI DESIGN & DISPLAY - TODD RENSHAW**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 is our final meeting for this year. We have had a year featuring several great speakers and topics, a workshop, a spectacular show and an auction. For the final meeting of the year we have Todd Renshaw, a regional bonsai artist, visiting Ann Arbor. He will discuss bonsai design, bonsai container and display stand options.

Let's welcome Todd to Ann Arbor. We will meet at Roger Monk's at 5 PM to share a meal with him. If you are unable to join us for the meal, drop by the Auditorium at MBG at 6:30 PM to meet the evening speaker, new members and talk with longtime friends.

The business meeting will begin at 7 PM, when the annual election will be held. The evening program will follow.

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**AABS's NOMINATION COMMITTEE  
ESTABLISHES A SLATE OF NOMINEES**

Carmen Leskoviansky and Paul Kulesa, while serving on the Nomination Committee, have established a slate of nominees for the 2016 Board of Directors. The election of board members will take place during the business portion of the October Meeting. The nominees are:



President- Ron Milostan



VP/Program Planner- Jay Sinclair



Treasurer- Tom McCue

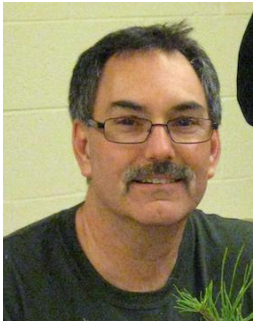


Publicity Chair- Carmen Leskoviansky

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Show Chair- Kurt Smith



Secretaries- Claudia Diaz-Byrd &

Brian Byrd



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Librarian- George Parks



Director (2016-2017)- Aaron Binns



Director (2016)- Peggy &

Barry Kubitz (working together to complete the term of Tom McCue)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

### October 28 - Monthly Meeting

Todd Renshaw of Four Seasons Bonsai will discuss bonsai design, bonsai container and display stand options.

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### OUR ANNUAL AUCTION RE-CAP:

Summary provided by Paul Kulesa

This year's auction featured two auctioneers new to the "gavel and podium". They successfully auctioned fifty of the sixty-four bonsai and bonsai related items offered for live auction. Of the seventy-eight people in the auditorium for the auction, forty-two registered as buyers and twenty-six of them bought something in either the live and silent auctions. The silent auction had forty-six items offered at auction; eight of them did not receive "a bid". During the silent auction, there was a sale of books and magazines from our library. All but a handful of the books were sold. There were seven new members joining during the auction.



Members examine the bonsai offered for auction



Mark Hanner showing the library offerings to Guy Vitale



Bill Struhar and Tom McCue served as auctioneers

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## **REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS:**

None.

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## **NEWS FROM THE MID-ATLANTIC BONSAI ALLIANCE (MABA):**

### 2015 Convention

It was the pleasure of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club to host the 2015 MABA Convention and what a pleasure it was for all who attended. Over 100 registrants plus a surprisingly large number of walk-ins strolled through the Vendors Hall and Bonsai Exhibit. Registrants participated in fantastic

workshops and attended numerous free lectures, seminars and demonstrations.

The exhibit consisted of 91 displays with 152 bonsai and was the talk of the convention. The quality was beyond everyone's expectations. Careful planning is the key to success and it was obvious to all that this convention was magnificently organized and reflected the dedication and hard work of all the members of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club. It was an exciting weekend.

### Election of Officers

The MABA By-Laws require the election of officers every two years. Each MABA member club is allowed one vote for the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All other positions are either appointed or filled by volunteers.

At the present, the nominating committee is requesting each club to discuss and if they so wish, to submit a name, or names of anyone whom the club feels would make a good officer. You must have the candidate's permission, the club President' signature and a thumbnail bio. These names and bios will be reviewed by the committee and will be selected for each position on the slate with as much geographical spread as possible.

I might remind you we need WORKERS ---innovative, friendly workers--- No glory seekers---WORKERS. Please send your information to Paul Weishaar at [pweishaar3@comcast.net](mailto:pweishaar3@comcast.net) as quickly as possible. The absolute deadline for the receipt of candidate data is **December 1, 2015.**

The ballot with the slated candidates will be distributed by December 15, 2015 with a February 1, 2016 return date.

On a personal note, I am more than willing to continue as President of MABA for the next two years and Kris Ziemann has indicated she would like to continue as MABA Treasurer.

### Next MABA Convention

We are presently looking for a club to host the MABA Convention in 2017. It has been the practice in the past to hold the convention every other year and we see no reason to change this. If your club is interested in pursuing this adventure, please let me know as the more lead-time you have, the greater chance for success. I will let you know that the Indianapolis Bonsai Club, as a result of their successful hosting of the 2015 convention, has already made overtures to host the next event.



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## FOR SALE OR WANTED:

**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.

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Show Chair ..... Kurt Smith  
Publicity Chair ..... Carmen Leskoviansky

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Director 2014-2015 ..... Aaron Binns

Director 2015-2016 ..... Tom McCue

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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:** Don Wenzel

**Nomination Committee:** Carmen Leskoviansky & Paul Kulesa

**Show Committee:** Ron Milostan, Michael Field and Paul Kulesa.

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Membership dues are \$25. Please pay by check, written to Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. You can talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

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