



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. Programming starts at 7:00 PM.

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**  
**February 25, 2015**

**JON GENEREAUX – Top Grafts**

Arrive by 6:30 PM to meet and talk with members. The meeting begins at 7 PM, the program to follow.

Evening Program features Jon Genereaux of MSU-Hidden Lake Gardens, who will discuss top grafts as applied to bonsai. He will demonstrate this proven technique on a juniper. If you recall, in February 2014 we heard from Andy Duvall. Andy focused his presentation on grafting material on rootstock. This subsequent program will round out the techniques you need to graft material onto your bonsai.

All members are invited to welcome Jon to Ann Arbor at a meal before the meeting. We will meet at a restaurant near MBG at 5 PM on the evening of the meeting. Details will follow by email.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Your annual membership expires at the end of March. Annual membership dues are \$25. Please pay by check, written to Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. You can talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting or renew by mail. Mail your renewal to,

Joan Wheeler – Treasure AABS  
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**AABS LIBRARY**

The librarian, Fouzaan Zafar, has to make sense of the collection of books and other publications in our library. There are a number of items absent from the collection. **If you have a publication belonging to the AABS, please return it.**

**FEBRUARY'S TREE OF THE MONTH: THE FIG**

The featured bonsai for February's Show & Tell is the FIG. Bring your fig to the meeting and share the history, tips on how the bonsai is grown or tales about your tree between 6:30 PM and 7 PM. If you have a series of photos showing the progress of your fig over time, bring them along.

Any member, who brings to the meeting on February 25 this month's Show & Tell bonsai, will receive one Raffle Ticket for the evening raffle!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

### February 25 – Monthly Meeting

Jon Genereaux of MSU-HLG will discuss top grafting as applied to bonsai. He will demonstrate this proven technique on a juniper.

### March 25 – Monthly Meeting

Julian Adams of Virginia returns to cover the techniques you'll need to develop black and red pine.

### Thursday, March 26 – Workshop

Julian will lead a workshop using black pine.

### April 22 – Monthly Meeting

David DeGroot, nationally renowned bonsai artist, will discuss Pine.

### May 27 – Monthly Meeting

Bring your bonsai/pre-bonsai to the May meeting to have assistance performing the seasonal work. Experienced members will be available to assist you. Bring your bonsai, tools and supplies.

### June 24 – Monthly Meeting

Steve Jetzer of West Michigan Bonsai will demonstrate seasonal work performed on two-needle pine and discuss care and maintenance.

### July 22 – Monthly Meeting

We will meet in the UM-MBG - Bonsai Garden to be close to some great bonsai. Several members of AABS, who also work on the bonsai in the MBG collection, will review their favorite tree.

### August 26 – Monthly Meeting

Vance Hanna, local bonsai artist, will discuss tool care, maintenance and edge sharpening.

**August 28** – Show Setup 10 AM - Auditorium

**Saturday & Sunday, August 29-30** Our Annual Show

### September 23 - Monthly Meeting

Our Annual Auction - Bring a bonsai, buy a bonsai.

### October 28 - Monthly Meeting

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

## MARCH BONSAI WORKSHOP

Workshop with Julian Adams

Thursday, March 26, 2015

6 – 9 PM at MBG

Julian will put his presentation on black pine into practice with a workshop using black pine. Material for this workshop is available, 7 – 9 year old black pine, acquired from Steve Pilacik of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. These pine have been repotted into bonsai soil in mid-spring 2014 and allowed to recover for the season. In addition, a collection of 3 year-old black pine seedlings is offered for those who want to develop material from young stock. If you want to participate in this workshop, contact Paul Kulesa at [aabonsaisociety@gmail.com](mailto:aabonsaisociety@gmail.com).

Workshop Fee - \$25 each participant.

Material - Black pine, 7-9 years old - \$40 each, Black pine seedling, 3 years old - \$10/ea.



Black Pine for Workshop with Julian Adams  
(typical of the pine available)

## REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS

Michigan All State Bonsai Show

Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10, 2015

Meijer Gardens – Grand Rapids

Four Seasons Bonsai Club Annual Show

July 2015 (date to be announced)

Troy, Michigan

Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention  
Friday – Sunday, July 10-12, 2015  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit  
August 14-16, 2015  
Chicago Botanic Garden  
Glencoe, Illinois

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Annual Show  
August 29 & 30, 2015  
UM-MBG Auditorium

Hidden Lake Gardens – “Art of Bonsai”  
Sunday, September 20, 2015

Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club Annual Show  
October 2015 (date to be announced)  
Held at Van Atta Greenhouse, Haslett, Michigan

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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 [BillStruhar@michiganderpots.com](mailto:BillStruhar@michiganderpots.com) or call (586) 468-7169.

**Club Logo Now Available:** we will embroider the club logo on your garment for \$10 (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 silver border on both combinations and AABS lettering an 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 requires a minimum of 5 garments per order)

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**Fund Raising:** William Struhar

**Web Administration:** Don Wenzel

**Nomination Committee:**

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

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### MEMBERSHIP ISSUES – CONTACT THE TREASURER

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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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