

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday,
February 24, 2016, 7 PM**
**Held in the Auditorium – Matthaei Botanical
Gardens**

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Evening Program – Jon Genereaux, a propagator at MSU - Hidden Lake Gardens, will demonstrate and offer practical hands-on experience, demonstrating how to root cuttings and grafting techniques related to woody material. A limited number of members will have an opportunity to practice these grafting techniques.

Members of the AABS will welcome Jon Genereaux to Ann Arbor with a dinner at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at Roger Monks, 5400 Plymouth Road (a half mile east of Dixboro Road), at 5 PM. Please join us at Roger Monks.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

This year's club activities and guest speakers will be taking us into side dishes of the bonsai menu. Kusamono, Artistic Visual Concepts, Bonsai Japanese Gardening, Concepts of Fertilizing, Shoshin (Beginner's Mind). These are just a few of the delights coming your way.

My goal, as your president, is to stimulate your bonsai interest.

Bonsai goes beyond just growing a tree in a pot. That's horticultural; certainly an accomplishment in itself. I want you to go beyond the horticultural and think about why we create a design into the tree.

Where did this design come from? Did we see it someplace? Did we create it in our minds? How do we work with this creative desire?

Basic bonsai techniques will be used to create our design, wiring, grafting, clip and grow, to mention a few, while Shoshin will be the discovery force behind our final decisions.

This year I am encouraging everyone, from advanced to beginner, to look at their designs and ask why. Why did I choose this design, why did I use this technique and what else can be done to enhance the final concept. To that end I encourage everyone to attend all the classes, seminars and lectures that you can. Bonsai is unlimited in its development. Be part of this development. Join in the discussions, share your opinions, and listen to the opinions of others. The web has opened whole new worlds to us, use it. Join us on Facebook.

--Ron Milostan, President, AABS

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2016

March 23 - Monthly Meeting

Greg Afman, curator of the Frederik Meyer Gardens – Japanese Garden and Bonsai Collection, will discuss the bonsai displayed at the Meijer's Japanese Garden.

March 24 – Workshop

Greg Afman will conduct an intermediate bonsai workshop working with boxwood.

April 27 - Monthly Meeting

David DeGroot, nationally renowned bonsai artist will return to discuss bonsai.

April 28 – Workshop

David DeGroot will conduct a experienced bonsai artist workshop with European beech.

May 25 - Monthly Meeting

This is a Seasonal Workshop for members and visitors to perform timely work on their trees. If you have questions or want to perform seasonal work on your bonsai, bring it to the meeting.

June 22 - Monthly Meeting

Young Choe will discuss and demonstrate the creation of a Kusamono. Kusamono refers to a Japanese botanical art that developed alongside bonsai. Kusamono are potted arrangements of wild grasses and flowers in unique pots or trays selected to suggest a season or place.

June 23 – Workshop

Young Choe will conduct a workshop assembling kusamono.

July 27 - Monthly Meeting

Jane DeLancey will discuss the application of artistic concepts to the art of bonsai.

Aug 24 - Monthly Meeting

A Discussion of Seasonal Topics.

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28

Our Annual Bonsai Show at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

September 28 - Monthly Meeting

Our Annual Auction of Bonsai.

October 26 - Monthly Meeting

Aaron Wiley will discuss the reasons, goals and objectives of fertilizing, timing fertilizer application and fertilizers.

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, 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)

REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS 2016

May 12-15 2016 American Bonsai Society - *Bonsai in the Garden Learning Seminars* in conjunction with the Michigan All State Bonsai Show

Held at Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 6&7 Annual Show of the Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan

Held at Bordine's of Rochester Hills, Michigan

Mid-August 39th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit

Held in Glencole, Illinois

August 28 & 29 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society - Annual Show

Held at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 10-11 5th US National Bonsai Exhibit

Held in Rochester, New York

Sunday, September 18, 2016 Art of Bonsai

Held at Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton, Michigan

October (time and date to be announced) Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club - Annual Show

Held at VanAtta's Greenhouse, 9008 Old M-78, Haslett, Michigan

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The annual dues are \$25. You may pay your dues, mailing a check to the treasurer or talking with Tam at the next meeting. Please pay by check.

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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