

NEXT CLUB MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2013

Katherine "Cat" Nelson will discuss the biology of bonsai. Cat will use a PowerPoint® presentation to discuss tree anatomy and physiology, and how they relate to growing bonsai. It's sort of an 'intro to botany' talking about roots, trunks, branches and leaves of trees and how they grow.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
Your annual membership expires at the end of March. Annual membership dues are \$25. You can talk with the Treasurer at the next meeting or renew by mail.

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ANNUAL ELECTION

Paul Kulesa – VP/Program Chairperson

The election of Executive Board Officers will be conducted at the January Membership Meeting. The Nomination Committee, Connie Crancer, Ed Hughes and Hugh Danville have found nominees for the following positions.

President	Jay Sinclair
VP/Program Chairperson	Paul Kulesa
Recording Secretary	*
Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Producer)	*
Treasurer	Joan Wheeler
Librarian	Ray Domzalski
Show Chairperson	*
Publicity Chairperson	Carlos Diaz
Director 2013 & 2014	*

Positions on the Board that do not require a vote

Past President	Alfonso Tercero
Director 2012 & 2013	Michael Field

Before the vote, nominations to all position will be taken from the membership in attendance. A simple majority vote of members present at the general

membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for election of the Executive Board.

MEMBERSHIP

AABS Membership is for the calendar year. Use the [Membership Renewal Form](#) on our Web page and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to the Treasurer.

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Please write your check payable to AABS for \$25.00.

NOTES – AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 12, 2013, 10:00AM

In attendance were Carlos Diaz, Ray Domzalski, Michael Field, Jay Sinclair, Alfonso Tercero, Joan Wheeler and Paul Kulesa. Absent were Raquel Vega and Almudena Veiga-Lopez.

Board Election

The Board regrets the delayed election of Board members, and insists on holding the election during the January meeting. The Nomination Committee, Connie Crancer, Ed Hughes and Hugh Danville, has prepared a slate for the election. The slate of candidates include Jay

Sinclair – President, Paul Kulesa – Vice President, Joan Wheeler – Treasurer, Ray Domzalski – Librarian, Publicity Chair – Carlos Diaz.

The Nomination Committee has been unable to locate members to take on the responsibilities of the recording and corresponding secretaries, show chairperson, and director for 2013 – 2014.

Alfonso Tercero serves as the immediate past President and Michael Field is serving in the second year of a two-year term as Director.

The Board has arranged the continuation of critical operations of the Society that are not managed by an elected board member. Jay Sinclair will work to see that the annual show continues. Ray Domzalski and Paul Kulesa will ensure the publication of an abbreviated newsletter, recognizing that this function of the Society is critical for programming.

Monthly Raffle of Bonsai Items

The Board discussed the implementation of a suggestion to revive the monthly raffle of bonsai and bonsai related material. The Board will invest in the success of this raffle program, advertising upcoming raffle items, and will work to making this program self-supporting.

William Struhar has offered to manage the raffle program, procuring raffle items and holding the raffle. The Board will review the program after six months, evaluating the operation and viability with an option to continue for the balance of 2013. Bill Struhar will maintain a record of purchases and raffle ticket sales.

The Board unanimously approved a raffle program directed by William Struhar with a six-month budget.

Web Cast Program Presentation

The Board discussed the test of a web based speaker presentation during a future meeting. The potential of offering a variety of programming while reducing the cost associated with inviting speakers to Ann Arbor seems attractive. The technical details of this program will be resolved with Matthaei Botanical Garden – Information Technology Office and the Board’s technical advisor.

The Board approved the testing of this web based speaker program.

MBG Bonsai and Penjing Garden

The Board discussed the dedication and opening of the Bonsai and Penjing Garden in May 2013. The perpetual care of this garden is ensured by an endowment established with construction fundraising for this project. The Board unanimously approved a gift to the endowment in support of this project.

AABS Web Page

The Board recognizes that our web page and its information are a value to the Society and the bonsai community. The Board has agreed to contribute assistance and support to the Webmaster, enshrining the position in our Constitution and By-laws.

Annual Program and Budget

The annual program, though incomplete, was presented to the Board. The Board approved the program expenditure.

Paul Kulesa

FOR SALE OR WANTED

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. Please send your comments or documents to programs@annarborbonsaisociety.org.

WANTED

If you have a tree, bonsai pot, tool or anything else bonsai related that you do not need anymore and that is still in good condition, consider donating it to the Society. Donations to the Society are always accepted. In most cases, many donated trees or other materials have been raffled among the attending members during our monthly meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 23 - Monthly Meeting

Botany of Bonsai – Katherine "Cat" Nelson

February 27 - Monthly Meeting

Care and Development of Juniper – Michael Scheid

March 27 - Monthly Meeting

Moss – Cultivation and Care - Rick Smith Biologist-Bradley University

April 6 - Saturday Morning Workshop

Repotting & Root Pruning - Members can repot their bonsai with the help of an experienced hand.

April 24 - Monthly Meeting

Members Wiring Workshop – Bring your tree and supplies. Guidance provided.

May 22 - Monthly Meeting

June 26 - Monthly Meeting

(tentative) Bonsai Artist Jim Doyle, Harrisburg, PA

June 27 Workshop with Jim Doyle

July 25 - Monthly Meeting

A Three Member Panel will offer advice and discuss design options for members who bring their bonsai to the meeting

August 23 - Annual Show Setup

August 24-25 - Annual Show

August 28 - Monthly Meeting

September 25 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Auction

October 23 - Monthly Meeting

November 4 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai

2012 AABS EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Jay Sinclair

Vice-President/Program Chairperson: Paul Kulesa

Recording Secretary: Almudena Veiga-Lopez

Corresponding Secretary:

Treasurer: Joan Wheeler

Librarian: Ray Domzalski

Show Chairperson:

Publicity Chairperson: Carlos Diaz

Immediate Past President: Alfonso Tercero

Director 2011 & 2012: Raquel Vega

Director 2012 & 2013: Michael Field

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: Raquel Vega

Show Staging: Paul Kulesa

Auction Chair:

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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