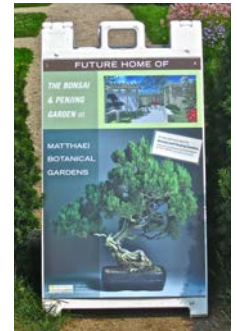


**NEXT CLUB MEETING: May 22, 2013**

**An Introduction To The Bonsai and Penjing Garden**

This monthly meeting will be held in the recently dedicated Bonsai and Penjing Garden. If you were unable to attend the Sunday opener, we will have an opportunity to explore the nooks & crannies of this garden dedicated to the study of bonsai. Drop in at 6:30 PM to catch up with some long time friends. During the evening we will hear from Robert Grese, Director of MBG, Jack Wikle and Jerry Meislik about the Bonsai Garden.



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**APRIL MEETING**

The April meeting was dedicated to wiring your bonsai. Members brought their bonsai and sought advice on their task before them. Many members worked with those offering direction and advice.



Galina Malkin and Clive Taylor Working With a Juniper  
 Photo by Michael Field



Jack Wikle and Ed Hughes Discussing an Apple  
 Photo by Michael Field



Mike Jennings, Dustin Mann and Kurt Smith  
 Working On A Ficus  
 Photo by Michael Field

## **A BONSAI NURSERY - KURT SMITH'S WAY**

On Saturday, April 27, members drove to the Flower Market in Monroe, Michigan to visit the re-designed and expanded bonsai nursery. Kurt spent nearly a year pondering the garden design and accumulating bonsai material for the expanded sales area. Visitors to the nursery had bonsai, large and small to examine and discuss design options over. There are several photographs of the event below.

You can visit Kurt's Bonsai Market at 8930 S. Custer (M-50), Monroe. Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm, Saturdays: 9am - 4pm and on Sundays in May. (Worth the trip)



Kurt Smith's Bonsai Garden  
Photo by Jay Sinclair



A Peak Into The Garden From The Entrance  
Photo by Jay Sinclair

## **MBG BONSAI AND PENJING GARDEN**

The staff and summer interns have been adding their

mark on the ground structures and foundation plantings in the Bonsai Garden in the weeks leading up to the opening celebrations. The gates to the garden, designed constructed by Bill Sloan, a long-time member of the AABS, will be ready for the opening. Bill has had his hands in on this project since the construction phase began. He designed and built the benches used in the growing area and constructed the display benches in the conservatory.

The dedication and opening of the garden is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013, 2 - 4 PM. The garden will showcase more of the permanent bonsai collection than has been previously possible. Additional events held throughout the summer will showcase the Bonsai and Penjing Garden.

During our May Monthly Meeting, members of the Bonsai Society will have an opportunity to examine the new acquisitions displayed in the garden.



Granite Slab at Entrance To Garden  
File photo

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## **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD IDEAS**

I am looking for programs ideas to develop and add to the 2014 calendar and I am seeking your advice. Is there a bonsai related topic you want to explore in depth, a speaker you have heard and you want to hear more, a workshop leader you want to work with, a tree you want to study in depth . . .? Let me know. Paul Kulesa

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## **MONTHLY RAFFLES**

During the April Meeting, Bill raffled two kilos of aluminum wire. Kurt Smith and Mike Jennings each won a roll of wire. Bill Struhar will raffle bonsai items at the May meeting.

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## JUNE MEETING AND WORKSHOP

At our June meeting, Jim Doyle will discuss literati bonsai, complete a project he will have started at home and complete it at the meeting. The literati will be raffled to those at the meeting. On Thursday, June 27, Jim will conduct a workshop using your trees. You can sign up for the workshop at the next meeting.



Jim Doyle, Photo by Walter Pall

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## CALENDAR OF AABS EVENTS

### May 19 - Dedication of the MBG Bonsai and Penjing Garden

### May 22 - Monthly Meeting

Come explore the recently opened Bonsai and Penjing Garden. Our Monthly meeting will be held in the Garden offering the opportunity to examine the *nooks & crannies* of this "Garden Dedicated to Bonsai".

### June 26 - Monthly Meeting

Literati - Jim Doyle, Harrisburg, PA.

### June 27 - Thursday Evening Workshop with Jim Doyle

The workshop will be held at MBG – 6PM.

### 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 – Our Annual Show

### August 28 - Monthly Meeting

Jack Douthitt, respected bonsai artist on the National stage, will provide his view on Bonsai in America.

### August 29 - Thursday Evening Workshop with Jack Douthitt

The workshop will be held at MBG – 6PM

### September 25 - Monthly Meeting

Our Annual Auction

### October 23 - Monthly Meeting

Bill Cadman will discuss the process of developing his bonsai with the help of Ryan Neal.

### November 4 - Monthly Meeting

Annual Banquet and Critique of Bonsai

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## REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS - 2013

### Friday - Sunday, May 24-26

Brussel's Annual Rendezvous is a regional bonsai event held in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

<http://www.brusselsbonsai.com>

### Thursday - Sunday, June 6-9

International Arboretum Collegium, Rochester, NY.

<http://www.internationalbonsai.com>

### Saturday - Sunday, June 29-30

40th Annual Four Seasons Bonsai Show, Troy, Michigan.

<http://www.fourseasonsbonsai.com>

### Friday - Sunday, August 16-18

Midwest Bonsai Society presents the Mid-America Bonsai Show, featuring Bjorn Bjorholm. The 36th Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org/show>

### Saturday – Sunday, August 24 & 25

Annual Show of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society, Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

### Thursday – Sunday, September 12-15

The 2013 American Bonsai Society Learning Seminar, Saratoga Springs, NY.

<http://www.loveofbonsai.com>

**Saturday – Sunday, October 12-13**

Carolina Bonsai Expo - One of the last big regional bonsai shows of the season held every year down in Asheville, NC at the North Carolina Arboretum. A great show worth the drive. <http://www.ncarboretum.org/plan-a-visit/events/carolina-bonsai-expo>

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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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**UNFILLED POSITIONS ON THE BOARD \***

There are three positions on the Executive Board, considered critical to the full expression of our club. Top of the list are the two positions important for the publishing of the monthly newsletter, the recording and corresponding secretaries. Then there is our annual bonsai show. We need a member to manage the operation and activities of our show.

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Director 2013 & 2014	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:** Christopher’s Web Service

**Annual Auction Director:** Interested? Contact a Board Member.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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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