

***NEXT CLUB MEETING:  
July 22, 2015***

***UM-MBG Bonsai Garden – Being Among the Bonsai***

We are meeting in the UM-MBG Bonsai Garden this month. This will give us an opportunity to gather in a relaxed atmosphere while examining some great bonsai. Many of the bonsai worked on by David DeGroot, this past April will be on display in the growing area. You will have the opportunity to view a recent addition to the collection, the Bruce Baker Yew. Several members of AABS, who work on the bonsai in the MBG collection, will discuss some of the trees. There will be time to examine the collection and some of the recent changes.

Join us at 6:30 PM in the MBG Bonsai Garden to meet up with members and talk bonsai.

The meeting starts at 7 PM with the evening program to follow.



Japanese White Pine on display in the garden

***JULY'S TREE OF THE MONTH:  
THE JAPANESE MAPLE***

Bring your Japanese Maple to the meeting and share the history, tips on how the bonsai has grown between 6:30 and 7 PM. If you have a series of photos showing the progress of your tree over time, bring them along.

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

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***CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015***

***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 14-16** -38<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit  
This show takes place in Chicago. Details on show:

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org>

Hotel discount:

<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/accommodations>

### **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.

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## **JUNE PROGRAM RE-CAP:**

### **Steve Jetzer discusses the Two-Needle Pine**

Steve began his presentation discussing his study in Osaka Prefecture, Japan, in November 2014. Steve emphasized that bonsai nurseries in Japan are highly specialized in their work. Some nursery fields grow a single species of tree, others take the field grown material and develop branching, while even others perform the styling on trees prior to sale. Some nurseries specialize in long-term development, maintenance and/or storage.

Steve cares for a variety of trees in his bonsai collection. He is partial to the care and development of Japanese Black Pine. Steve covered three topics on the care of the two-needle Japanese Black Pine; soil he uses with black pine, bud pruning and fall needle pruning. Working on a healthy tree is critical for your success.

Steve uses a variety of soil components in his soil mix for black pine. In general, terms, he uses equal amounts (by volume) of Turface, pumice and Akadama. This formula is designed to allow the free flow of water through the bonsai container, allowing the roots to sit in a relatively dry soil-mix.

Bud pruning of a black pine takes place at our latitude and environmental conditions from mid-June and into July. Steve recommends that weaker buds, found lower on the tree, be removed first. This procedure ensures the development of buds in the weaker areas of the pine before other areas are forced to develop new buds. In bud pruning, the shaft with this season's new needles is removed, removed at the base of the shaft, down to the previous year's needles. Steve cautioned against bud pruning in the same season that a black pine has been repotted.

Fall needle pruning is performed to balance the energy throughout the pine and encourage bud development closer to the trunk. Needle pruning should leave five sets of needle pair at the top of the tree and 7-9 sets of needle pair lowest on the pine.

Steve demonstrated his bud pruning techniques on a black pine from his personal collection. He pointed out strong and weak buds in the pine, removing a few of the weaker buds. Steve pointed out buds that were under-developed, allowing them additional time to strengthen.



Steve Jetzer speaking to the assembled members

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Steve allowed the members to view up close his bud pruning techniques.  
 (L to R) Steve Jetzer, Cyril Grum, John Cerovski, Carmen Leskoviansky and Jack Wikle.

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## **JUNE'S RAFFLE WINNERS:**

**Vicki Norfleet** won seven sizes of aluminum bonsai wire

**Alex Neitzke** won a Dawn Redwood starter tree from Kurt Smith at The Flower Market.

**Linda Noxon** won a 6" branch scissors

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## **REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS:**

Four Seasons Bonsai Club Annual Show  
 August 8-9, 2015  
 Bordine Nursery -1835 Rochester Rd. South,  
 Rochester Hills, Michigan

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 [Bill@michiganderpots.com](mailto:Bill@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 five 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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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.

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