

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: August 27, 2014**  
 UM-Matthaei Botanical Gardens'  
 Carmen Leskoviansky Presents:  
 "What's Happening In The Bonsai Collection?"



Carmen Leskoviansky, an AABS member who oversees the bonsai collection at MBG, will provide a behind the scene tour of the bonsai collection and discuss current plans and goals of the collection. This program will be a relaxed and intimate examination of the collection.

*Prepare to be inspired.*

**For the August meeting, we will meet in the  
 Bonsai Display Garden**

**OUR ANNUAL SHOW**

**Saturday & Sunday, August 23 &24, 2014**  
**10 AM – 4:30 PM**  
**U-M MBG Auditorium**  
 Additional details on page 3



**August's Tree of the Month, The "Shimpaku" Juniper**

Any member who brings this month's Show & Tell focus to the meeting on the 27th will receive one free raffle ticket! Show & Tell will begin between 6:30 and 7:00 PM and each owner will give a short history, or tips on how grow, or tell other tales about their special tree.



Every general meeting will feature one special tree that members can bring for Show & Tell. Each month's special tree will be specified here, in that month's newsletter.

*Photo: Shimpaku Juniper, Cyril Grum*  
*Age of tree: 18*  
*Years in Training: 6*

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## JULY MEETING

### Three Member Panel Offers Advice A Summary by P. Kulesa



**Ron Milostan, Tom McCue, Carlos Diaz**

Several members brought in examples of the July Tree Of The Month – Boxwood. Kurt Smith brought in a Morris Midget boxwood. This bonsai is a canopy of foliage supported by a ramified branch support structure. Jack Wikle brought in one of his dwarf boxwood (unknown species), a great example of Jack's work. Tom McCue brought his boxwood, *Buxus microphylla* var. *koreana* "Wedding Ring". This bonsai was the product of a workshop with Lindsay Sheba in June 2011.

The program for the June monthly meeting was a three-member panel of bonsai artist from the AABS who discuss care and design options for members who brought in their bonsai to the meeting. The three-member panel comprised Tom McCue, Carlos Diaz and Ron Milostan.

I want to thank the members of the three-member panel who accepted this task. Though the number and variety of bonsai brought in for review was limited, this allowed for more time to be spent on each bonsai. The following members brought bonsai

to the meeting seeking advice from the three-member panel.

- Lois Vorrath brought in a massive Amur maple
- Ed Hughes brought in a Mugo pine
- Jay Sinclair brought in an Eastern larch and a narrow leaf ficus
- Paul Kulesa brought in a growing box containing seedling English oak

## U-M MBG – Bonsai Garden

### Bonsai Challenge Matches Dollar for Dollar

Jerry Meislik not only shared his own progress in bonsai over the years in his June 2014 program for AABS, he launched a new initiative. He challenged the bonsai community with a dollar-for-dollar matching gift to endow the ongoing care of the bonsai and penjing collection at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Jerry and Rhona, who already seeded the bonsai garden endowment fund last year prior to the garden's opening, will donate up to \$10,000 to match gifts that are given or pledged before November 25<sup>th</sup>. To qualify for the match, gifts or multi-year pledges must be a minimum of \$500.

The endowment specifically funds the care and maintenance of the collection. The endowment goal is \$800,000, which will fund a half-time horticulture specialist, materials and visits with leading bonsai practitioners for direction on artistry and health. Currently Matthaei has raised nearly 25% of that goal, about \$167,000.

### To make a gift now, go to...

<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/env/mbgna/bonsai>. Make a pledge or for more information, contact Matthaei Development Director Gayle Steiner, [gayles@umich.edu](mailto:gayles@umich.edu) or [734-647-7847](tel:734-647-7847).

## **AABS ANNUAL SHOW**

Friday, August 22

- 10 AM – 3 PM “Show Set-up In the Auditorium”
- 5-7 PM “Bonsai check-in”
- 6 PM “Bonsai Placement” Jack Wikle, Aaron Binns and Carlos Diaz need your assistance placing the bonsai on display.
- 7 PM Alfonso will be preparing the display labels.

Saturday, August 23

- 11 AM and 1 PM Demonstrations in the Bonsai Garden.
- 5 PM (immediately following the close of the show) A potluck meal will be set out followed by a critique of the show by Ken Huth, a show vendor from Ken’s World of Bonsai in Ohio.

Sunday, August 24

- 11 AM and 1 PM Demonstrations in the Bonsai Garden.
- 4:30 PM Closing of the show and taking apart the display area.

## **LAST MONTH’S RAFFLE WINNERS:**

July’s Raffle winners were:

Six sizes of aluminum wire: Lois Vorrath

Boxwood starter tree: Vicki Norfleet

Golden Bonsai Tree: Donna Schimmel Wright

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT:**

“Art of Bonsai”

MSU - Hidden Lake Gardens

Sunday, September 28, 2014

10 AM – 4 PM

- There will be a unique “Art Inspired by Bonsai” exhibit. The creators of this non-living-bonsai-

art will be present to talk with viewers about their work.

- There will be a special exhibit of living bonsai featuring guest trees from participating Great Lakes area growers. In addition, bonsai from the Hidden Lake Gardens collection will be on display in the Gardens’ “Bonsai Courtyard”.
- A variety of vendors will be present offering bonsai, plant material for bonsai, and related items.
- Beginning at 12:30 pm, an “Ask the Artists” panel will offer advice and respond to questions. Owners are invited to bring in problem bonsai for discussion.

Panelists will be:

- Greg Afman, Grand Rapids native and Univ. of Michigan Graduate, who lived in Japan ten years teaching English, serving as a bonsai apprentice and working as a gardener with a garden maintenance and construction company, and who is now “Lead Horticulturist” responsible for the extensive Japanese Garden (under construction) and the bonsai at Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids.
- John Cerovski, 35 year member of the Kalamazoo Bonsai Society and its current President, whose yew bonsai was awarded “Best of Show” recognition by featured artist Colin Lewis at the 2011 Michigan All-State Bonsai Exhibit at Frederik Meijer Gardens.
- Diane Faust, Hidden Lake Gardens Horticulturist responsible for all Conservatory plantings and outdoor annual flower displays, who has assisted HLG Bonsai Curator, Jack Wikle, and its

bonsai volunteers in maintaining the Gardens' bonsai for the past eleven years.

- Cyril Grum, who has become increasingly active as a bonsai grower since taking an introductory class at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in 1992. Some of Cyril's bonsai were accepted for display at the 3<sup>rd</sup> U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition in 2012 and others will be on display at the 2014 National Exhibition. One of these bonsai, a Scots pine was featured on the cover of International Bonsai Magazine in 2013 and in 2014 received "Best of Show" recognition from guest artist Peter Tea at the Michigan All-State Exhibit.
- The final formal presentation will be an "Introduction to Bonsai" at 2:30 pm, conducted by Jay Sinclair and Paul Kulesa, Ann Arbor Bonsai Society President and Vice-president respectively.

Questions regarding this event? Contact Diane Faust at Hidden Lake Gardens (517-431-2060) or Jack Wikle (517-423-7893).

### **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, 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)

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014**

**August 22 - Annual Show Setup**

**August 23-24 - Annual Show**

**August 27 - Monthly Meeting**

**September 24 - Monthly Meeting**

Our Annual Auction

**October 22 - Monthly Meeting**

Vance Hanna discusses Tool care and cutting-edge sharpening techniques

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### **REGIONAL BONSAI EVENTS 2014**

**August 15-17, 2014 - 37th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit** It is one of the biggest regional shows in the nation at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

**August 23-24, 2014 - Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Annual Show** Held at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor

**September 13-14, 2014 - 4<sup>th</sup> US National Bonsai Exhibit** Held at the Fair Expo Center, Rochester, NY. This exposition represents the most accomplished level of bonsai in America.

**October 4-5, 2014 Fall Bonsai Show - Mid-Michigan Bonsai Club**  
Held at Van Atta Greenhouse, Lansing, Michigan

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The AABS President is an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nomination Committee.

**Fund Raising:** William Struhar

**Web Administration:** Ray Domzalski & Don Wenzel

**Nomination Committee:** Cyril Grum

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

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## MEMBERSHIP ISSUES – CONTACT THE TREASURER

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

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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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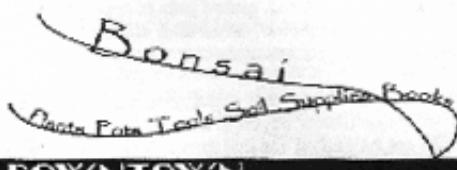
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