

Roots to Shoots

*A Newsletter for The Bonsai Community
Of
Michigan
(specifically West Michigan currently)*

*Including Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Holland, and the surrounding
areas*

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March 18, 2018

Hello everyone!

Welcome to another great bonsai year!

Spring is fast approaching and the weather is warmer on occasion. Hopefully, your trees are slowly waking up from their Winter nap and you are all ready for re-potting season (some of you may have already started with that!).

AllState Show note -

we are once again having our Guest Master style a tree as a demonstration during the Show.

If YOU would like to have Bill Valavanis work on YOUR tree, provide a picture for us to share with Bill to have HIM pick which tree he would like to work on.

The tree selected will be styled by Bill and the owner of the selected tree will provide a sponsorship of \$150 to help defray the costs of bringing Bill to our Show as our Guest Master.

E-mail pictures of your tree to me at one of the e-mail addresses below.

~ Anita Buckowing

This newsletter continues to be a combined newsletter of the KONGETSU newsletter for West Michigan Bonsai Club and the OMAKE newsletter for Bonsai Society—Kalamazoo.
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It's SHOW TIME...

Bonsai Shows/Exhibits/Events in Michigan and around the country.

April 19-22, 2018

"Gateway to Bonsai"

ABS & The Bonsai Society of Greater Saint Louis
Collinsville, IL

www.absbonsai.org or call
812-922-5451 for more info'

May 12 & 13, 2018

20th Annual Michigan AllState Bonsai Show

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park (under construction but still letting us "play" for the weekend)

Guest Master—William "Bill" Valavanis (International Bonsai, U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, newest inductee to the BONSAI HALL OF FAME @ The National Bonsai & Penjing Collection)

September 8-9, 2018

6th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition
East Rochester, NY
www.usnationalbonsai.com

September 14-16, 2018

2018 Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous
Milwaukie Community Center
Southeast Portland, OR
www.bonsairendezvous.org



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West Michigan Bonsai Club Newsletter

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2018 Partial Schedule

(as of 03/10/18, subject to change)
(all meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens
unless otherwise noted)

Meetings are Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
or Tuesdays 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

MORE DETAILS will follow for many of the
dates below

NOTE -

We are meeting @ Kent Career
Tech Center for our next few meetings
1655 East Beltline ne
Park in Lot 5 and enter through
Door D75

It is recommended that you Google the
directions (the East Beltline entrance IS
just a bit North of Frederik Meijer
Gardens & Sculpture Park
but the parking lot is actually easier to
get to via the entrance off of
Leffingwell Ave ne)

See also NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

1st Meeting of the year is THIS TUESDAY
@ 7 p.m, @ Kent Career Tech Center

April 17 meeting will be all about
RE-POTTING! The Club will provide soil
and wire (you must be a paid member to
take advantage of these perks)

May 15 we will host John Cerovski from
Kalamazoo. John will present a
demonstration of using deadwood with our
trees and will also demonstrate how to
carve deadwood

June 19 we will host Jack Sustic, retired
curator of The National Bonsai & Penjing
Museum

Notes From The President

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03/10/18

Hello!

Spring is prodding our temperatures up a little bit and the sunshine is a welcome friend. The daylight hours are increasing & our bonsai are beginning to show signs of rebirth! It is an exciting time!

Our 1st meeting of the year is Tuesday, March 20. We will meet at 7 p.m. at Kent Career Tech Center (due to the ongoing construction projects @ Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park).

We are asked to use Parking Lot 5 and use door D75. That door will only be unlocked until 7:30 p.m., so all are encouraged to arrive early or on-time, If you need help finding the location and/or gaining access, call my cell 616-240-4440. I'll be at the Room at 6:30 p.m.

You can access the parking areas for KCTC from the East Beltline (between Leonard & Knapp) or from Leffingwell Ave ne. The Leffingwell Ave entrance is easier & the entrance leads almost directly to Parking Lot 5.

Our program for the evening will include a presentation by Tim Priest on Bonsai Tools (how to use them, how to care for them). Anita Buckowing will talk a bit about bonsai pots (how to select them & match them to your trees and some buying options too).

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Good reading/inspiration/ideas/shopping/etc:

<http://peterteabonsai.wordpress.com>
<http://crataegus.com>
www.bonsaimirai.com
www.colinlewisbonsai.com
www.bjorvalabonsaistudio.com
www.pfmbonsai.com
www.dallasbonsai.com
www.stonelantern.com
www.brusselsbonsai.com
www.bonsaibyfields.com
Www.4hydroponics.com
www.internationalbonsai.com
www.italianbonsaidream.com
www.stonelantern.com
www.firstbranchbonsai.com

Our FACEBOOK page is active. Please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Michigan-Bonsai-Club/1455464221339259>
And please consider giving the page a LIKE and maybe posting a comment or a picture too!

Clubs/organizations:

www.westmichiganbonsaiclub.com
www.bonsai-nbf.org
www.absbonsai.org
www.bonsai-bci.com
www.annarborbonsaisociety.org
www.fourseasonsbonsai.com
www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org
www.michianabonsai.club
http://fortwaynebonsai.org

2018 Club Officers
President Tim Cox
Vice President Joe Chirco
Treasurer Brian McNulty
Librarian Joe Ermatinger & John Hartel
Newsletter Anita Buckowing
Club Show Chair Joe Martinez

2018 Membership dues are due & payable now. In order to continue to present great programs, workshops, and bonsai masters, it is crucial that we have lots of Membership sign-ups. All of these events cost money.

**Notes from the President,
continued from prior page**

In April, we will concentrate on re-potting. The Club will provide soil and wire (and this is a PERK of membership therefore you must be a paid member for this—we will, of course, accept membership renewals & sign-ups during the meeting). More experienced members will be asked to help guide newer members through the re-potting process. Limit 2 trees to be re-potted with the Club provided supplies, please.

The Michigan AllState Bonsai Show is May 12 & 13 at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

I encourage you all to consider exhibiting a tree. Trees must be in bonsai pots (no plastic nursery pots or wooden training pots) and you are encouraged to use a stand or a mat and maybe include an appropriate accent plant too.

May 15, we will host John Cerovski from Kalamazoo. John will present a demonstration of deadwood & deadwood carving. He will demonstrate tools & techniques and will show some of his own trees that have carved deadwood. John won Best of Show @ the AllState Show a few years ago with a Yew that features carved deadwood.

June 19 will be a special night. Jack Sustic, retired Curator of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, will present a program on the Museum. More on that on Facebook and in the next issue.

Thanks! Tim Cox

2018 Membership Form
West Michigan Bonsai Club

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone—Home/Cell _____ Work _____
(please circle your preferred contact number)

E-mail _____

Today's Date _____

Membership Level (please check one):

FAMILY-\$30.00 _____ (2 family members ages 16+)

INDIVIDUAL-\$25.00 _____

Student-\$10.00 (up to age 25 for College Students) _____

Hardship/Inactive-\$10.00 _____

Please check your preferred method of delivery of this newsletter:

U.S. Mail _____ or E-Mail _____

Please make your annual Membership Dues check out to:

WMBC
c/o Brian McNulty
1537 Hidden Creek Circle Dr ne Apt I
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

You can also complete the info' above & bring to any of our meetings.

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2017 BS-K Schedule (as of 03/18/18)

*All dates & times are subject to change
All events at GIRL SCOUT Headquarters (GS)
unless otherwise noted*

**2018 Schedule (Subject to change; note
that some months are NOT on the 3rd
Sunday-noted with *)**

**March 18, 2018
Schefflera & BYO Tropical Workshop**

**April 15, 2018
Shohin Maples Workshop**

**No Meeting May 2018
See you @ The AllState Bonsai Show**

**June 10, 2018
Air Layering & Thread Grafting
Workshop**

**July 15, 2018
Privet Workshop &
Tool Maintenance Workshop**

**September 9, 2018
Literati Pine Workshop**

**October 21, 2018
Pine Maintenance BYO Workshop
Possible Drawf Witch Hazel Workshop
too**

**November 18, 2018
Planning Meeting for 2019**

**December 9, 2018
Annual Friendship Dinner**

BS-K usually, but not always, meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday from 2-5 pm @ The Girl Scout Headquarters @ 601 Maple St, Kalamazoo, MI (noted as GS in the schedule). Please contact any of the officers to verify meeting location if needed.

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Hello all!

Happy New Year everyone and happy almost Spring!

The 2018 schedule appears on the prior page. I hope those that were able to attend the meeting today had a great time.

The 20th Annual Michigan AllState Bonsai Show is less than 2 months away. I hope that you all can attend and will consider exhibiting one or two trees. We have a great line-up of workshops & demonstrations and we have Bill Valavanis as our Guest Master. It should be a great show. Let me know if I can answer any questions about the event.

Greg has worked hard to update our Club website.

Here is the address:

www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org

Check it out & send Greg any article suggestions you may have.

Reminder—we are still in need of a Treasurer. Jenny announced late last year that she will be stepping down from the Treasurer position. Please consider taking on this responsibility and helping out the Club. You are encouraged to contact Jenny to learn more about what is involved with being Treasurer.

Spend time with your trees; Think Spring!

Anita Buckowing
Newsletter Editor

OMAKE, March, 2018

BONSAI SOCIETY-KALAMAZOO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018

Please fill out and mail or bring to a meeting.

Member since: _____

Membership Type: *select one* _____ Student \$15 _____ Individual \$20 _____ Family \$25

Name _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Mobile Phone** _____ **E-Mail** _____

_____ *Do not publish my address to general membership* _____ *Call ONLY if absolutely necessary*

Any Bonsai Experience? _____

How did you hear of us? _____

Payment Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Kalamazoo, MI 49009