

June Meeting:
Wednesday June 26th
Clip and Grow Wireless Styling
With Mike Lane

A brief intro to Mike, taken from kitsunebonsai.com:

“My journey in Bonsai began late in 2008, after receiving a small juniper as a gift. Following this tree’s untimely demise caused by my ignorance, I began looking for classes online and stumbled upon Wigert’s Bonsai in North Fort Myers Florida. Shortly after my first few visits, I began working under the tutelage of Erik Wigert. After a short period of time, I began assisting him in both traveling workshops, regular classes and all aspect of the bonsai nursery.”



We will continue with an early session ahead of the standard meeting for less experienced members to bring a tree and get advice and suggestions from more experienced members. This will begin at 6 pm.

The regular meeting will begin in the Matthaei auditorium starting at 7:00 pm.

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President’s Perspective
Mark Hanner

Greetings- Though it feels like fall as I’m writing this, the garden, and bonsai, season is just cranking up. And the bonsai calendar is filling up with more fun activities for our members. Be sure to put these dates on your calendars:

- Saturday, July 27, Bonsai at the Zoo (Royal Oak; see Bob’s article)
- Saturday, August 3, Bonsai Open House at Jack Sustic’s house and garden (Durand)
- Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24, Annual Members’s Show (Matthaei Botanical Gardens)

We are in need of a new treasurer, so we can continue operating smoothly, since Pete Molesa has resigned, due to work-related concerns. Pete did a fine job while handling our finances, but is unable to continue. I can write the occasional check, but cannot guarantee I will be at every meeting in the future, which makes it challenging for folks paying dues, workshop fees, etc. This is an opportunity for someone to step up and help out, as well as join our executive board (a fine and fun group of people to work with!).

Our ‘bring a tree for help’ session went really well well last month, so let’s plan on doing this through the summer

meetings. We will start setup at 5:45, and have time from 6-6:30 to talk about the trees we bring in.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Mark

Bonsai at the Zoo

By Bob Bauer

Pack your tool bag and a couple of trees, we're going to the Detroit Zoo! As you know, the Zoo has asked us to put on a Bonsai Show and I think we have a great one planned. The one-day event will happen Saturday, July 27, and we need your help to make it happen. Beginning at 9am and closing at 5pm, we will have a bonsai exhibition, members working on trees, 2 workshops and Green Witch Gardens vending.

THE VENUE



Operated by the nonprofit Detroit Zoological Society, the Detroit Zoo is one of Michigan's largest paid family attractions, hosting 1.3 million guests annually. More than 2,000 animals of more than 200 species call the Zoo's 125 acres home. The Zoo has recently rebranded (logo above) with the tagline "Where Life Connects." All of our activities will take place in and around the Wildlife

Interpretive Gallery (WIG). The WIG (above, right) is home of the Butterfly Garden, a very popular attraction at the Zoo.

THE BONSAI EXHIBITION



Our trees will be on display in the Science On a Sphere Room. The Sphere rotates and is constantly changing images, linked to NOAA's Science On a Sphere® (SOS) a room-sized, global display system that projects visualizations of planetary data onto a six foot diameter sphere to help illustrate Earth System science to people of all ages. The sphere is available for us to display information on.

We plan on bringing the club table coverings and using the Zoo's tables. There will be room for about 25 trees to display. There are doors off the main lobby and doors leading directly outside to our tented area.

Peter Molesa is coordinating the exhibition. Trees need to be checked in by 8:30am. See how you can participate in Bonsai at the Zoo below.

ARTISTS AT WORK and WORKSHOP AREA



A 30' x 40' tent will be placed adjacent to our exhibition area, very visible to people entering the Zoo's Main Entrance. We are considering purchasing reusable banner

reading BONSAI SHOW TODAY which we will use for the club show a couple weeks later. Hopefully we can have styling, pruning, wiring and repotting taking place.

WORKSHOP



Kurt Smith was able to get a special deal on 50 portulacaria elephant bush already in bonsai soil and in pots. We will have two workshops, one a 11:00am, the other at 1:00. Kurt and Lita will give a presentation before participants pick up their bonsai and take to one of our members for some minor styling. Workshop fee: \$15.00. A sticker is also

planned.



Don Masserang is preparing a handout on the Care of Portulacaria and the club's contact information.

GREEN WITCH GARDENS

We cannot do a show without our favorite vendor. Michigan's Largest Bonsai Nursery will be there.

OUTREACH

Mark Hanner is reaching out to all of the clubs in Michigan and all institutions that have permanent bonsai displays. They will be encouraged to send us any handouts and contact information that we can display and share with attendees.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Sign up on our website. There are 3 ways you help make this show a success: bring a tree, do some work on one of your other trees, or be a docent. We are limited to 25 trees.

Please complete the Submission Form on the AABS website at:

<https://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org/bonsai-at-the-zoo-submission-form/>

May Meeting Minutes Chris Kehrig

May 22nd, 2024

AABS May Meeting

3 new members in attendance

6pm Multiple trees brought in for advice

July 27th the Detroit Zoo Bonsai Show will take place off of the butterfly house

July 28th Ann Arbor public library 1-2:30pm bonsai presentation

July 13th is the Art of Bonsai at Hidden Lake Gardens

Francelle Nieto-Brodnick did a demo on a large Ponderosa Pine

She planned to do a Bunjin style on the tree

Late September / Fall is the usual time to style

First she took time to decide upon the front of the tree

Francelle used soaked rafia since bending the branches in Spring – not needed in Fall

Copper wire was used since it's a conifer / common Juniper she uses Aluminum

Rafia and wire go in same direction

Electrical tape is used over the rafia for added protection

The main branch was bent up while being careful not to crush early buds

Next a screw was tapped into the trunk to tie the top down

Then the secondary branches were wired

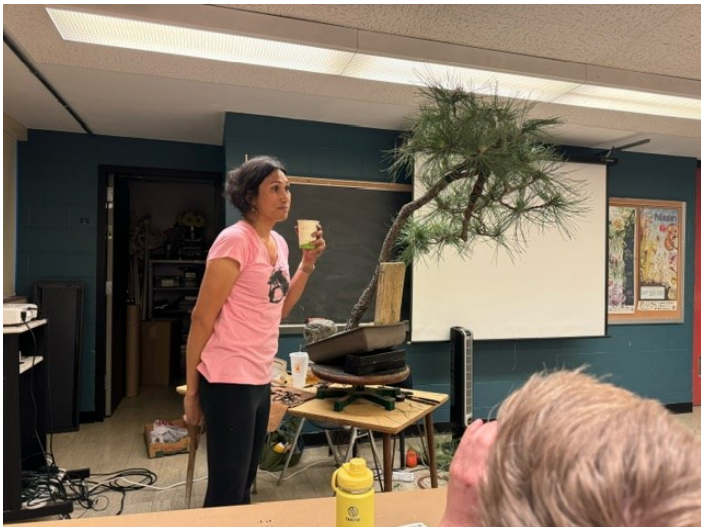
Ponderosa Pine is very forgiving

The tree will have a 2 week resting period after major work

The wire will remain on the tree for a year or 2
She removed few branches for health of tree

Go with heavy fertilization

Tree to be raffled at the August meeting



2024 AABS Program Schedule

Ellen Veselenak

Date	Speaker	Topic
6/26	Mike Lane	Clip and Grow Wireless Styling
7/24	John Eads	Deadwood
8/24-5		AABS SHOW
8/28	Mark Pasarello	Pots/kanji
9/25		Auction
10/23	Ted Bentley	Moss

Additional details and information about upcoming workshops will be provided when they are finalized.

Membership News

Becky Hanner

Be sure to keep your newsletters coming, by renewing your dues for 2024. You can visit our website, and use PayPal, or see me at a meeting, where we can take a credit card, or send your check to: Membership, 10414 Oak Rd., Otisville, MI 48463.

Thanks so much!

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 always 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 Rick McCoy at any meeting or email him at imrickmccoy@yahoo.com

Club Logo Now Available: we will embroider the club logo on your garment for \$15 (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 border on both combinations and AABS lettering and Chinese characters with appropriate contrasting color depending upon the garment color.

Bring your garment in a clear plastic bag to a meeting, select your colors, pre-pay Rick McCoy, and your garment will be ready one or two meetings later. (The vendor may require a minimum of five garments per order)

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

Fund Raising: Rick McCoy

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Show Committee: Kurt Smith and Mike Bruneau

Annual Auction: Paul Kulesa

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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