

July Meeting:
Wednesday July 24th
Deadwood Creation on Conifers
With John Eads

John will be presenting different techniques to deal with wounds and deadwood across a variety of species, with a focus on conifers. He will cover juniper carving technique, deciduous wound healing as well as jins and shari on a variety of species.

About John: "After graduating from a 2-year apprenticeship with Michael Hagedorn, John Eads began Left Coast Bonsai in 2021, a nursery focused on building quality bonsai from the ground up. In addition to his growing operations, he offers classes and one-on-one instruction on topics ranging from starting material from seed all the way to refined wiring of trees for show presentation. He lives with his family on a slice of heaven in Gales Creek, Oregon."



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- We are certainly in the thick of things for the garden and bonsai season, and for bonsai activities, as well. Frequent rains have helped us with our daily watering, and heat is helping everything grow. I’ve been bringing the occasional tree indoors in the morning to do some trimming, along with morning coffee, and avoid the sweltering summer temperatures.

Bonsai at the Zoo, our first new event outside our normal schedule, is coming up on Saturday, July 27, and shaping up real nicely, thanks to the group working with Bob Bauer on a wide range of activities needed to pull this off. We’ll have over 20 trees in a nice gallery room at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, along with talks on how to handle a portulacaria bonsai, and two workshops geared for young bonsai enthusiasts. Our friends at Green Witch Gardens will be vending, as well, to round out the event. Hope you all can join us at what promises to be the inaugural event of a new tradition.

Another event I’m looking forward to is the bonsai open house at the garden of Jack Sustic, on Saturday, August 3, from 1-4 pm. Jack’s address is 11440 E. Goodall Rd,

Durand.

The following weekend, the MiBon Japanese Festival, an event growing into a nice annual activity at Cranbrook Institute, takes place on Sunday, August 11; it features Japanese taiko, and obon dancing. Groups with similar artistic traditions will have tables there as well, including ours, thanks to Denise Bellinger. For more information, follow this link. <https://michigantaiko.net/mibon>

Looking forward to seeing you all at our July 24th meeting, to talk about your trees, and see John Eads' program on deadwood!

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/>

June Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

June 26th, 2024

AABS June Meeting

6 new members in attendance

Peter Molesa is stepping down as treasurer due to a conflict with financial planner job

Treasurer job is temporarily being done by Mark, but will need a new one

Many trees were brought in for consultation at 6pm

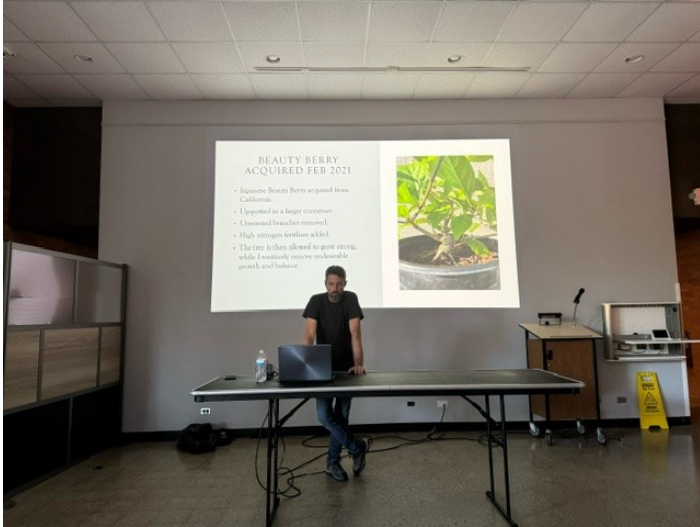
The Art of Bonsai is July 13th

The Ponderosa Pine raffle will take place during the August meeting

Bonsai at the Zoo is July 27th – register on AABS website

Mike Lane presented on Clip and Grow method to develop trees

[Clip and Grow2.pptx](#)



Unclaimed Auction Tree Gets a New Home

Paul Kulesa

This story begins at the AABS Auction, September 2023. A cotoneaster, offered in the silent auction by Jackie Thomas, an AABS member, was bid on. However, the high bidder never paid for nor claimed the tree. Attempts to contact the high bidder were unsuccessful. I attempted to contact the seller to return the tree, with no success.

At the June membership meeting the cotoneaster was delivered to the raffle coordinator who displayed the tree. The first ticket drawn claimed the cotoneaster and was excited to offer the tree a new home. Kim Ryan was happy to take the tree home.



Reminder!!!

The Art of Bonsai at Hidden Lake Gardens is this Saturday, July 13th.

More information about the event is [here](#).

2024 AABS Program Schedule

Ellen Veselenak

Date	Speaker	Topic
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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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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