

**October Meeting:
 Moss with Ted Bentley
 Wednesday October 23rd
 Held in the Auditorium of MBG**

A passionate cyclist with over two decades in the industry, having traversed the globe alongside professional racers. In 2020 he embraced a career shift and delved into the art of bonsai, undertaking intensive training with Bjorn Bjorholm. Presently, flourishing as a horticulturist at Frederick Meijer Gardens, dedicated to enhancing the beauty of the Japanese garden.



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.

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**President’s Perspective
 Mark Hanner**

Greetings- The end of the bonsai season, and our club’s meetings for the year, is upon us. The tropicals are all tucked into the back room, and the hardy trees will start migrating into winter quarters soon. Our meeting schedule has been a delight, with many informative speakers, and an ever-increasing membership. Another great year for learning more about the art of bonsai!

This month also marks my final meeting as club president, with the resultant mixed feelings that accompany this. It has been a real joy serving the club, and making so many wonderful friends; working with the terrific people on the board has also made this a great experience. But it’s time to move on, and turn the position over to someone new, and try out the role of ‘past president’!

My most sincere thanks to all, board members and others, who perform important roles for our club, for making this a great bonsai club. We couldn’t continue to grow like we have, without your ongoing dedication to helping out in so many different ways.

Our biennial election is in October, and the team we have so far looks like a great one. There are a few openings still, so I’m hoping we will have members step up to fill these.

Our slate up for election:

President- Don Wenzel

Vice-president - Ellen Veselenak

Recording Secretary- Chris Kehrig
Treasurer- Brian Shepard
Show Committee Chair- Mike Bruneau

Directors at large, including job-specific roles:

Jay Sinclair
Bob Bauer
Dana Hermann
Denise Bellinger
Jay Whitehouse- Webmaster
Sara Box- Social Media
Ryan Bavery- Publicity

Open positions, which are critical and in need of filling
(please contact me with any questions you might have
about these positions):

Newsletter Editor
Membership Chair
Communications Secretary

Look forward to seeing you soon,
Mark

September Meeting Minutes

Chris Kehrig

September 25th, 2024 AABS September Meeting

Ann Arbor Bonsai Auction

It was another fantastic auction with plenty of silent
auction and live auction items available. Cyril was our
new auctioneer and did a great job describing the trees
and pots available.

Live auction items sold:

Shimpaku \$50 Larch Forest \$155
Garden Juniper \$65 Sara Rayner Pot Large \$200
Black Choke Cherry \$45 Dwarf Seju Elm \$80
Cork Bark Jap. Black Pine \$45 Jap. Black Pine \$100
Crab Apple \$65 Japanese Black Pine \$30
Green Pot Large \$90 Gowa Juniper \$210
Takus Yew \$120 Ginko \$60
Butterfly Japanese Maple \$45 Dawn Redwood \$60
Slab Pot \$60 Large Yew \$120 Alberta Spruce \$30
Procumbus Juniper \$80 Large Brown Pot \$130
Quince \$25 Juniper \$240 Musk Tree \$50
Large Tan Pot \$185 Cascade Garden Juniper \$190
Washington Hawthorne \$45 Ginseng Ficus \$45

4 Glazed Pots \$44 Japanese Red Pine \$120
Collected Black Spruce \$280 Slab Pot \$35
Contorted Trunk Black Pine \$80 Scots Pine \$55
Shimpaku \$100 Shimpaku \$80 Montazuma Cypress \$120
5 Bags of Kanuma \$25 each
Large Japanese Maple 40 years old \$350

Summary of the AABS 2024 Annual Auction – A Perspective

Paul Kulesa

This past September, our annual auction took place at
Matthaei Botanical Gardens. From my perspective the
event was a success. A success because there were
members who choose to work for the good of the auction,
the club and the membership. Those who set up tables
and chairs and later took them down and those who
assisted with administration of the auction deserve our
gratitude. They made the program a seamless and positive
experience for our members and visitors. THANKS, the
membership and me are grateful for your assistance.

Our annual auction is a service for our members and
visitors. I hold the position this program should be self
funding, covering the cost to operate the program with a
minimum of additional money drawn from those selling
bonsai and related materials. The relevant news of this
auction involved the seller's surcharge, 5%. Mark Hanner,
our President, was willing to maintain this surcharge for a
second year.

I hope purchasers were pleased with their purchases and
the sellers were happy with their sales. If any one is
concerned about a specific transaction or their sales
/purchases, I will be available prior to the October
meeting to discuss your concerns.

Some information about the auction you may find
interesting includes

- There were 54 buyers
- Nineteen sellers
- Thirty-Six persons purchased items at auction
- There were 43 live auction items
- And 63 silent auction items
- There was \$4080 in Live Auction sales
- And \$1647 in Silent Auction sales
- The club realized an intake of \$485 *

* This \$485 includes \$275 attributed to the 5% surcharge.

The balance of \$210 was donated by a single member.

Paul Kulesa kulesap@gmail.com

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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AABS AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

Fund Raising: Rick McCoy

Web Administration: Bob Bauer

Nomination Committee:

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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