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2014 Schedule

(schedule as of 07/06/14, subject to change)
(all meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens unless
otherwise noted)

Saturday, July 12, 2014

NURSERY CRAWL

Carpool parking @ Family Fare on Byron
Road (2275 Health Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI
49519)

(those carpooling should arrive about
8:20); 1st "destination" at 9:00 a.m.
(Stonezone)

See page 3 for more details.

We'll finish up around 1 or 2 pm and
return to Family Fare; all are then invited
to PEACHWAVE Frozen

Yogurt for some relaxation and discussion
of what all we saw! PEACHWAVE is
located just to the west of Family Fare.
(2359 Health Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI)

August—to be determined

Possibly a Club Picnic with a Swap-Meet/
Garage Sale (see NOTES FROM THE
PRESIDENT for more info').

September—date to be determined

Preparing Trees for the Fall Club Show

Friday, October 3, 2014

Set up for Annual Fall Club Show

Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5

Annual Fall Club Show

**More details on the Club Show this &
subsequent newsletters**

Notes From The President

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Hello!

**Our July meeting was well attended
with 13 listening to Dean Bull present
his very informative information on
soils, drainage, & wicking moisture. I
think we all got something out of his
very graphic demonstrations about
air, water, & growing bonsai!**

Thanks Dean!

**Our Nursery Crawl is THIS
Saturday, July 12. See inside for
more information.**

**In August, we are thinking of having
a picnic/pot-luck and swap-meet.
We are still working out the details
but we will probably meet at my
house, eat, share, and have a swap-
meet and/or sales of trees &
supplies. Everyone is encouraged to
bring trees to trade or sell with the
club getting 20% of any sale. This
should be a fun day & a great way to
get some new stock and maybe get
rid of some you may no longer want.
HERE is my question to everyone—
How many of you would attend this
event on Labor Day weekend?
At present, I am committed to work
or be out of town on each weekend
EXCEPT Labor Day.**

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(Notes From The President, from Page 1)

I would love to have you all at my house and show you my yard but would you come on the 30th? E-mail me your thoughts or talk to me at the Nursery Crawl.

August gives you TWO opportunities to attend great bonsai shows in the Chicago area. The Prairie State Bonsai Society is having their annual show on August 2nd & 3rd, with a display of members trees, vendors, workshops, & more. Visit

www.prairiestatebonsai.com/news_events.html for more info.

The Midwest Bonsai Society's annual show is August 15-17 @ The Chicago Botanical Gardens.

Visit www.midwestbonsai.org/augustshow.html for more info.

Many other "opportunities" are listed in the next column and Page 3 too!

Our annual club show is fast approaching. Make sure to block off October 4th & 5th on your calendars.

We will plan on preparing our trees for the show at the September meeting. I hope each of you will prepare at least one tree for display at the show. This is NOT a

competitive show and is a place for even beginner trees to have an opportunity to be displayed.

We WILL need volunteers to help set up the show on Friday (Oct. 3) & more to help with take down on Sunday. Please e-mail Show Chair Lorena Chambers tlwlmc@iserv.net if you can help!

Last, during the Hot Summer Weather, make sure your trees have enough food & water. They should thrive!

See you at the Nursery Crawl!

Tim Cox, President

OTHER BONSAI EVENTS AROUND & ABOUT!

Please share events that YOU know about!

Wildwood Gardens BBQ Weekend July 19 & 20

Guest Artist-Harold Sasaki from Colorado
Bonsai Nursery

PLUS a special Land & Water Penjing
Workshop with Pauline Muth

9-5 Daily, 20% Discount on plants

\$25 Bring-Your-Own-Tree workshops

Contact Frank Mihalic @ 440-286-3714 or
440-749-4252 for more info'

Prairie State Bonsai Show August 2 & 3

Morton Arboretum

<http://www.mortonarb.org>

37th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit August 15-17, 2014

One of the biggest regional shows and WELL
worth the road trip.

At the beautiful Chicago Botanical Gardens

Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Annual Show August 23-24, 2014

Held annually at the Matthei Botanical
Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI

Visit www.annarborbonsaisociety.org for more
information.

Fort Wayne Fall Show

September 21, 2014 10 am-3 pm

Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
<http://fortwaynebonsai.org>

4th US National Bonsai Exhibition September 13-14, 2014

The Fair Expo Center
Rochester, NY

Visit www.internationalbonsai.com
for more information

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WEBSITES & around the web:

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.wmbonsai.org (OUR current website)
(we WILL be revising this soon; your suggestions/input are welcomed!)
www.bonsai-nbf.com
www.absbonsai.org
www.bonsai-bci.com
www.annarborbonsaisociety.org
www.fourseasonsbonsai.com
www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org
www.michianbonsai.org
<http://fortwaynebonsai.org>

Good reading/inspiration/ideas/shopping/etc:

<http://peterteabonsai.wordpress.com>
<http://crataegus.com>
<http://www.bonsaimirai.com>
<http://www.colinlewisbonsai.com>
www.pfmbonsai.com
www.dallasbonsai.com
www.stonelantern.com
www.dallasbonsai.com

BONSAI EVENTS—Around & About
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“Art of Bonsai”

Event @ Hidden Lake Gardens
Sunday, September 28

More details next newsletter and/or contact
Jack Wikle at jwikle@comcast.net or 517-423-7893 for more info’

ABS Learning Seminars w/GSBF
October 30-November 2, 2014

Golden State Bonsai Federation (California)
and American Bonsai Society team up for one
of the largest shows in the country!
www.absbonsai.org

Did you know? It is not too late to renew your membership for 2014. Have YOU renewed your membership for the year???

NURSERY CRAWL-July 12

Planned Schedule:

For carpooling—arrive by 8:20 a.m. at
2275 Health Dr SW, Wyoming, MI
49519

(Family Fare parking lot)

- 1) Depart for StoneZone by 8:30 a.m.
(14100 Ironwood Dr, Grand Rapids 49544)
- 2) Arrive at StoneZone approximately 9:00 a.m.
- 3) Spend about 40 minutes at Stone-Zone. Leave by 9:45 a.m.
- 4) Drive to West Olive Nursery (8661 146th Ave, West Olive, MI 49460-approximately 35 minutes)
- 5) Arrive @ West Olive Nursery approximately 10:15 a.m.
- 6) Spend about 45 minutes at West Olive Nursery
- 7) Leave for Wavecrest Nursery about 11:05 a.m.
- 8) Drive to Wavecrest Nursery (2509 Lakeshore Dr., Fennville, MI 49408) - approximately 35 minutes
- 9) Arrive @ Wavecrest 11:40 a.m.
- 10) Spend about 50 minutes at Wavecrest Nursery (12:30)
- 11) Return to Family Fare parking lot then to PEACHWAVE (approximately 35 minutes; arrive about 1:10 p.m.)

Join us for the whole “Crawl” or meet up at one of the locations.

See next page for Google Maps info’

JULY 12 Nursery Crawl—Road Trippin'.....

105 mi – about 2 hours 1 min round trip

START (carpool) 2275 Health Dr SW, Wyoming, MI 49519

First Destination—STONE ZONE

1. Turn right onto **Byron Center Ave SW** — go 3.7 mi
2. Turn left onto **28th St SW** — About 4 mins go 2.2 mi ...total 6.1 mi
3. Continue onto **Wilson Ave SW** —About 8 mins go 6.6 mi total 12.7 mi
4. Slight left onto **M-11 W/□ Remembrance Rd NW** Continue to follow M-11 W About 2 mins go 1.8 mi total 14.5 mi
5. Turn right go 0.2 mi — total 14.6 mi - 14100 Ironwood Dr, Grand Rapids, MI 49544 total 0.0 mi
14.6 mi, approximately 22 minutes

Second Destination—West Olive Nursery

6. Head **west** toward **M-11 E** go 0.2 mi — total 0.2 mi
7. Turn right onto **M-11 W/□ Ironwood Dr NW** — Continue to follow Ironwood Dr NW About 1 min go 0.4 mi total 0.5 mi
8. Turn left onto **8th Ave** — About 5 mins go 4.0 mi total 4.5 mi
9. Turn right onto **M-45 W/□ Lake Michigan Dr**—About 16 mins go 14.1 mi total 18.6 mi
10. Turn left onto **N 120th Ave** —About 3 mins go 2.5 mi total 21.1 mi
11. Turn right onto **Stanton St** —About 4 mins go 3.3 mi total 24.5 mi
12. Turn left onto **146th Ave** Destination will be on the right—About 2 mins go 0.7 mi total 25.2 mi
8661 146th Ave, West Olive, MI 49460 total 0.0 mi
25.2 mi, approximately 33 minutes

Third Destination—Wavecrest Nursery

13. Head **north** on **146th Ave** toward **Taylor St** go 0.2 mi total 0.2 mi
14. Take the 1st left onto **Taylor St** go 0.3 mi—total 0.4 mi
15. Take the 1st left onto **US-31 S** —About 18 mins go 14.8 mi total 15.2 mi
16. Take the ramp onto **I-196 S** — About 10 mins go 11.5 mi total 26.7 mi
17. Take exit **34** for **M-89** toward **Fennville** go 0.3 mi total 27.1 mi
18. Turn right onto **124th Ave** go 0.2 mi total 27.2 mi
19. Turn right onto **Lakeshore Dr**
Destination will be on the right About 1 min go 0.4 mi total 27.7 mi
2509 Lakeshore Dr, Fennville, MI 49408 total 0.0 mi
27.7 mi, approximately 31 minutes

Return to Family Fare (carpooling)-Visit PEACHWAVE FROZEN YOGURT for wrap-up & more

20. Head **south** on **Lakeshore Dr**—About 1 min go 0.4 mi total 0.4 mi
21. Take the 1st left onto **124th Ave**—About 1 min go 0.4 mi total 0.9 mi
22. Turn left to merge onto **I-196 N/□ US-31 N** toward **Holland**—Continue to follow I-196 N About 26 mins go 30.3 mi total 31.1 mi
23. Take exit **64** to merge onto **M-6 E** toward **Lansing** —About 5 mins go 5.4 mi total 36.6 mi
24. Take exit **5** for **Byron Center Ave** go 0.5 mi total 37.0 mi
25. Turn left onto **Byron Center Ave SW**—About 1 min go 0.6 mi total 37.6 mi
26. Turn right onto **Health Dr SW** go 0.1 mi total 37.7 mi
27. Continue straight go 394 ft total 37.8 mi
2275 Health Dr SW, Wyoming, MI 49519
37.8 mi, approximately 35 minutes

2014 Membership Form
West Michigan Bonsai Club

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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

E-mail _____

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-\$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

and mail to:

Jane Harrelson

1151 Parnell Ave SE

Ada, MI 49301

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