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2014 Schedule

(schedule as of 06/10/14, subject to change)
(all meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

6:30 p.m.-BONSAI 101-What Tree, What Pot?

7:00 p.m.-Dean Bull from Traverse City-
"Media moisture monitoring & control"
See "Notes from the President" for more details

Saturday, July 12, 2014

NURSERY CRAWL

Carpool parking @ Family Fare on Byron Road (those carpooling should arrive about 8:20); 1st "destination" at 9:00 a.m. (Stonezone)

We'll finish up around 2:00 p.m. 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. More details to follow

August, September—to be determined
Possibly a Club Picnic with a Swap-Meet/
Garage Sale

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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Summer is FINALLY upon us and my trees are FINALLY looking pretty good. Hope your are too! With the warm weather, you should make sure you have enough water and nutrients to make use of the good warm & sunny conditions.

Last month, we had a good meeting with John Cerovski leading us in some one-on-one styling work. Thanks John; we all enjoyed it! We also spoke about a potential "nursery crawl" for our July meeting (on a Saturday). We hope to have more information for you at our next meeting.

Speaking of the next meeting...Our next meeting is coming up fast—June 17 at Meijer Gardens. We will try again to have a Bonsai 101 Session (How to Select a Pot for A Tree) at 6:30 followed by a presentation from Dean Bull from Traverse City. Dean tells me he will covers topics from soils to drainage to styling. Dean is an accomplished, award winning bonsai artist and I know he will present an informative evening.

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Lorena Chambers has agreed to CHAIR our Fall Club Show in October. She will need plenty of help so I hope

I can count on many of you to volunteer to help put on the show.

Set-up and take-down are always times that we can use extra help but remember we also need everyone to enter your trees! This show is not a "judged" show and is held mainly to showcase the trees of club members and to inform the public about bonsai.

We will be holding the show during the last weekend of ArtPrize again, so there will be really strong attendance at Meijer Gardens and to our show too!

I am still looking for some ideas about what you would like to see at upcoming meetings so please write or call with your ideas (and your questions too if you have any). Steve Jetzer has agreed to conduct a PINES workshop/demo in late Fall. I am thinking we might also like a picnic with an exchange/garage sale of things that we might want to weed out (no pun intended!).

We can talk further about this at the next meeting as well. Please bring items for "show & tell" and I hope to see you there!!!

Tim Cox, President

OTHER BONSAI EVENTS AROUND & ABOUT!

Please share events that YOU know about!

42nd Annual Bonsai Show
Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan
June 28 & 29, 2014
with Guest Jerry Meislik
www.fourseasonsbonsai.com

Prairie State Bonsai Show
August 1 & 2
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

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

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.michianabonsai.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

Books to consider:

Choosing & Growing Bonsai
by Peter Chan
Published 2007
ISBN 978-0-600-61442-5

BONSAI TODAY Master's Series—PINES
Growing & Styling Japanese Black & White
Pines

Edited by Wayne Schoech & Michael Persiano
Published 2005, 2nd Printing 2011
ISBN 0-9767550-0-9

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

**Even though it is still
Spring, we ARE
having Summer-like
weather!**

**Pay attention to your
trees, pay attention to
weather forecasts. Plan
out what needs your
attention and when.
The trees are green (or
red or yellow) and many
are flowering!
Enjoy!**

**Congratulations to Club
Member
Joe Martinez!**

**Joe won the Photo Session
with Tim Priest and over
\$200 was raised for our club!
Thanks to everyone who
purchased a "chance".**

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_____

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WMBC

and mail to:

Jane Harrelson

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Ada, MI 49301

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