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2014 Schedule

(schedule as of 03/07/14, subject to change)
(all meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens unless
otherwise noted)

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

6:30 p.m.-BONSAI 101-Soils

7:00 p.m.-Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT)-
Presenter Jack Wikle, noted Bonsai Master
from Tecumseh, MI. Jack will individually
work with you on your tree; bring a couple
of trees & some paper and a pen to take
notes!

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

6:30 p.m.-BONSAI 101-Intro to Fertilizers

7:00 p.m.-Transplanting Your Bonsai-

Presenter Steve Jetzer, noted Bonsai
Master. Steve will demonstrate proper
transplanting then lead a workshop
helping US transplant OUR trees!

WMBC will provide soil; start thinking of
which of your trees should be transplanted
this year!

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

6:30 p.m.-BONSAI 101-What tree goes in
what pot???

7:00 p.m.-Deciduous Workshop-Presenter
John Cerovski, President of Bonsai Society
of Kalamazoo, noted Bonsai artist. John
will lead us in a workshop of deciduous
stock. This WILL require the purchase of
a tree. See page 2 for more info'

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Notes From The President

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Hello Everyone!

The West Michigan Bonsai Club held its' February meeting at Meijer Gardens Tuesday, February 18, with lively discussion of wire & wiring techniques during our Bonsai 101 Session. Then, during our regular meeting, Tim Priest delivered a very interesting & informative presentation on SUISEKI. These are Japanese viewing stones that are often displayed with bonsai trees. Tim shared pictures of a wide variety of stones and also brought some stones from his personal collection so we could all "touch & feel". He then presented a very interesting (but brief) overview of the basic steps that are used to carve the special stands that are used to display Suiseki (these are called daiza). Many thanks to Tim for an interesting evening.

Our NEXT meeting is fast approaching on Tuesday, March 18. We will again start with a Bonsai 101 discussion at 6:30 p.m. and we will discuss SOILS. This will be a real short introduction to this subject but you'll learn a lot if you can attend the session!

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Our program for the evening will be a "Bring Your Own Tree" (BYOT) workshop with bonsai expert Jack Wikle of Tecumseh, MI. Jack is well known not only in Michigan bonsai circles but also worldwide for his expertise and knowledge. He plans to work 1-on-1 with us on our trees. This is a FANTASTIC opportunity that is not to be missed! Please bring a couple of trees, your bonsai tools, and expect to have an interesting evening. We will be trimming and wiring but won't be transplanting just yet as (sadly) it is just a bit too early for that. The club will furnish the wire for this evening of fun & learning; plan on watching and learning from others during the evening too!

We need your input on further topics you would like to have during our Bonsai 101 sessions. A couple of suggestions that have been offered include matching a pot to a tree and care and sharpening of bonsai tools. Please let me know if you have a topic that you would like to learn more about or an expertise that you would graciously share with the club!

Our upcoming meetings are listed in this newsletter but I thought I would share the "expanded" descriptions with you.

April 15-Steve Jetzer transplanting workshop. Steve will cover proper transplanting techniques and then will lead a workshop for hands-on

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transplanting. Bring a tree or two and your pots, wire, screen, tools. WMBC will provide the soil. Get ready to get your hands dirty!

May 20-John Cerovski workshop. John is President of the Bonsai Society-Kalamazoo and he is a local authority on many species of trees. He will lead a workshop in styling a new bonsai tree! We will be buying stock trees for this workshop so we will need your commitment to buy a tree. I have arranged for a wide range of trees from Ken's World of Bonsai. You choose how much you want to spend (prices will range from \$22 up to \$75). Ken is known for providing good stock at a great price for club workshops. Trees available probably will include boxwood, azaleas, Chinese Elms, & Hornbeams. Ken should hopefully be able to get to his trees through the snow soon & we should have pictures to share and some further clarification on what he has available.

JUNE and JULY meetings are still in the planning stage. Maybe one of those months we can conduct a "nursery crawl" looking for good stock. Or maybe we want to have a bonsai picnic on a Saturday afternoon? Please share your thoughts...

That is it for now; remember the Photo Session raffle (see next page); I hope to see you at meeting on the 18th!

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Tuesday, June 17, 2014

6:30 p.m.-BONSAI 101-TBD; suggestions?

7:00 p.m.-Program-TBD; suggestions?

Friday, October 3, 2014

Set up for Annual Fall Club Show

Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5,
2014

Annual Fall Club Show

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

Programs for July, August, September,
and November are "open"; please give us
YOUR suggestions.

REMINDER

**Tim Priest has donated a gift
certificate for a professional
photograph of one of YOUR special
bonsai. Tim photographed the bonsai
collection of the Chicago Botanic
Gardens for their 2012 book entitled
BONSAI, A PATIENT ART and has had
his photo talent featured on the
cover of *The Journal of The American
Bonsai Society* a couple of times.
Another of his photographs will soon
be the cover art for an upcoming
book in the United Kingdom.**

**We are selling tickets to win a gift
certificate for a photographic session
with Tim for a donation of \$10/ticket.
The estimated value is at least \$850!**

**The tickets are available at our
meetings or contact Tim Cox; the
drawing will be held at the
Bonsai Friendship Dinner that is held
on the Saturday evening of the
AllState Bonsai Show
(Saturday, May 10).**

**OTHER BONSAI EVENTS AROUND &
ABOUT!**

Please share events that YOU know about!

May 10 & 11, 2014

**16th Annual Michigan AllState Bonsai
Show**

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Guest Artist—Peter Tea

The workshop schedule is NOW
AVAILABLE on the website

www.meijergardens.org

with the specific link

<https://www.meijergardens.org/calendar/>

[Michigan-all-state-bonsai-show/](https://www.meijergardens.org/calendar/Michigan-all-state-bonsai-show/)

*START thinking NOW of what tree(s) you plan
to exhibit this year!*

May 23, 24, & 25, 2014

**Annual Memorial Day Rendezvous-
Brussel's Bonsai**

Guest artists include: Rodney Clemons, Marco
Invernizzi, Ryan Neil, Marc Noelanders, Kathy

Shaner, Suthin Sukosolvisit, John Powell

Visit www.brusselsbonsai.com for more info'

**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.

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

The Fair Expo Center
Rochester, NY

Preliminary Entry Selection is underway;
submit photos of your trees for
possible inclusion in this fantastic exhibition!

Visit www.internationalbonsai.com
for more information

WEBSITES & around the web:

ANNOUNCEMENT—Thanks to new member Austin Christian, we now have a FACEBOOK page. 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

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:

BONSAI by Harry Tomlinson—there are MANY versions of this publication. All of the different versions have great info'

THE MAGICIAN—The Bonsai Art of Kimura Bk 2

Published originally by Bonsai Today; now available from Stone Lantern (see website above)

Did you know? We had 22 paid members as of our February Meeting? Have YOU renewed your membership for the year???

Events from Other Clubs that you might need to know about...

Friday, March 14 & Saturday, March 15, Bonsai-Society Kalamazoo (BS-K) will have a display at the 19th Annual Southwest Michigan Flower & Garden Show at Wedel's Nursery, Florist, & Garden Center (5020 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009);
www.wedels.com
ph 269-345-1195

This is a fun SPRING event with LOTS of vendors & lots of demos & seminars

Sunday, Marcy 16-BS-K Monthly meeting at Girl Scout Headquarters in Kalamazoo.

Program this month is WINTER SILHOUETTES
Members will share pictures of trees that can provide inspiration & direction for our trees!
Guests are always welcome

March 26-Monthly Meeting for Ann Arbor Bonsai Society-Guest Presenter is Julian Adams discussing PINE CARE

March 27-Ann Arbor Bonsai Society WORKSHOP with Julian Adams

Contact Ann Arbor Bonsai Society (AABS) at
AABonsaiSociety@gmail.com
for more information

bonsai show

May 10-11, 2014

Bonsai Displays: Saturday 12-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm
Bonsai Sales: Saturday 9 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm



Photo by Tim Priezt

FEATURED BONSAI ARTIST:

Peter Tea

HIGHLIGHTS:

Stunning bonsai on display

Free demonstrations all weekend

Hands-on workshops

Hard-to-find bonsai supplies



FREDERIK MELIER
Gardens & Sculpture Park

MeijerGardens.org -  

bonsai show

Featuring internationally recognized bonsai artist Peter Tea.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

"BEGINNERS ONLY" WORKSHOP*
9 AM-12 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Gene Deci
Fee: \$50 members, \$57 non-members

CREATE AN "ERODIUM" BONSAI*
12:30-2 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Kenneth Huth
Fee: \$30 members, \$37 non-members

BRING-YOUR-OWN-TREE WORKSHOP*
2:30-5:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Peter Tea
Fee: \$60 members, \$67 non-members

SUNDAY, MAY 11

CREATE A SHOHIN AMUR MAPLE BONSAI*
11 AM-2 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Linda Camp
FEE: \$55 members, \$62 non-members

CREATE A COTONEASTER BONSAI*
12-2 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Frank Mihačic
FEE: \$70 members, \$77 non-members

BRING-YOUR-OWN-TREE WORKSHOP*
2:30-5:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Peter Tea
FEE: \$60 members, \$67 non-members

VENDORS:

B.C. Bonsai

Growco Indoor Garden Supply

Heritage Laurels

Ken's World of Bonsai

Lary Howard
Stoneware Bonsai Pottery

Linda Ippel Studios

Stand of Trees

The Flower Market

Wildwood Gardens

Register online at MeijerGardens.org/education • or call 616-975-3147

(*All apply toward MSU Extension
Master Gardener education credit.

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.

We ask that all RENEWING members pay their Membership Dues by the March meeting if at all possible so we have an idea of our "budget" for the year.