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## West Michigan Bonsai Club Newsletter

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### 2014 Schedule

(schedule as of 10/13/14, subject to change)  
(all meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens unless  
otherwise noted)

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.?**

**Bonsai Basics**

**Nutrients and More**

**Club Structure**

**2015 Program Discussion (start)**

**Club Membership**

**Doorprizes**

**And MORE!**

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.?**

**-Bonsai 101-**

**PINE Workshop**

**With Bonsai Sensei Steve Jetzer**

**2015 Program Discussion (finalize)**

**And MORE!**

### **NO Meeting in December**

**2015 Calendar to be determined**

**Items to consider...**

**1) Meet in January?**

**2) What day of the week for  
Meetings?**

**3) How many Guest Artists/Masters  
can we afford in 2015?**

**4) Should we schedule a species  
specific topic on a quarterly basis?**

**5) Monthly Program Suggestions  
And More...**

### **Notes From The President**

**Tim Cox, timcox102@hotmail.com**

**616-240-4440**

**WHAT a weekend! We had around 2,400 people visit our Annual Club Show the first weekend of October. That is an *amazing* number of people (last year we had about 1,450 visitors). Thanks ArtPrize! And **THANK YOU** to all that helped out and exhibited their trees too! The exhibit looked great!**

**Several people asked for information on the club so we decided to add a second "meeting" for October. This Saturday (October 18) we will meet at Frederik Meijer Gardens from 9 a.m. until approximately noon. We have invited any & all to come & participate (for free) to see what we do and see if they would like to join our club. The program will be one concerning bonsai basics featuring our own Jon Holwerda and a special presentation by Scott Zomerlei too!**

**Jon will present good basic information we can all use about planting, trimming, and caring for our trees. Scott will present a great overview on nutrients and more! There will be a tree or two available and probably a door prize too! Come join us; bring a friend, bring a tree (or two) for a "round robin" discussion or just to "show & tell".  
(more on next page)**

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**In November (November 15th @ FMG&SP), we will have our own Bonsai Sensei / Bonsai Master Steve Jetzer return to conduct a PINE Workshop. Steve is currently in Japan studying (bonsai, of course) and will return with lots of fresh ideas. Steve is particularly good with Japanese Black Pines but please do plan to bring any species you want to work on and/or ask for advice on. During this meeting, we will also elect officers for 2015. We will talk about the club structure and nominations for office on October 18.**

**These will be our last two meetings for this year as we are not planning on meeting in December. If the Members are interested, we might organize a "Friendship Breakfast" or "Friendship Dinner" early in December prior to the usual Holiday-bustle.**

**Our re-vamped website is almost ready for public viewing; more on that soon! Don't forget that we also have a Facebook page (search West Michigan Bonsai Club).**

**As always, your suggestions and ideas are not only welcome but also ENCOURAGED...**

**Please e-mail me or send your ideas and suggestions to the club e-mail address:  
wmibonsaiclub@gmail.com**

**Thanks! I look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday!**

**Tim Cox, President  
timcox102@hotmail.com  
616-240-4440**

## BONSAI EVENTS AROUND & ABOUT!

Please share events that YOU know about!

**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](http://www.absbonsai.org)

**2015 Michigan AllState Bonsai Show  
May 9 & 10, 2015**  
Guest Artist Suthin Sukosolvisit  
More details soon!

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](http://www.wmbonsai.org) (OUR current website)  
(we WILL be revising this soon; your suggestions/input are welcomed!)  
[www.bonsai-nbf.com](http://www.bonsai-nbf.com)  
[www.absbonsai.org](http://www.absbonsai.org)  
[www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)  
[www.annarborbonsaisociety.org](http://www.annarborbonsaisociety.org)  
[www.fourseasonsbonsai.com](http://www.fourseasonsbonsai.com)  
[www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org](http://www.bonsaisocietykalamazoo.org)  
[www.michianabonsai.org](http://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](http://www.pfmbonsai.com)  
[www.dallasbonsai.com](http://www.dallasbonsai.com)  
[www.stonelantern.com](http://www.stonelantern.com)  
[www.dallasbonsai.com](http://www.dallasbonsai.com)

2015 Membership Form  
West Michigan Bonsai Club  
Note-Membership Dues paid from 09/01-12/31/14  
include the full year of 2015

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

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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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Ada, MI 49301

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