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August Meeting - Bonsai Auction and Pot Luck Dinner

**August 29, 2004 - 2:00 p.m. at the home
of Jimmy and Yvonne Whiteley**



The auction will NOT be held at our usual meeting place. We will meet at the home of Jimmy Whiteley, 870 Allston Dr., Rochester Hills. (Map and directions are inside). Call Jimmy at (248) 608-2478 if you need better directions.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! This annual auction and pot luck dinner is one of the highlights of the year. A chance to enjoy an informal get-together with club members and socialize and discuss our favorite subject -- Bonsai Trees. There is always a wonderful meal prepared by our club members, you won't go home hungry. If you are looking for just that perfect size pot or another tree that you don't have in your collection, this is the place to find it. We have many items that will be available, a wide variety to choose from and all at a good price. It is like the old-fashioned penny candy store - you won't know where to look or when to stop bidding, but everyone goes home happy with new projects to start working on.

The complete rules for the auction are on Page 2. We hope that everyone can attend this all important meeting. Bring your favorite pot luck covered dish and join in on the fun and bargains.

President's Message:

It was great to see so many new members and visitors at the July 2004 summer workshop at Cranbrook a few weeks ago. My wife is happy too, because, with so many new members taking the workshop larches, I did not end up bringing home another tree! Seriously, though, it did appear that there were many new members joining the Club, perhaps spurred on by our Annual Show in Royal Oak. Unfortunately, I will not be able to find out how those larches are doing, as I will be in the wilds of Canada on our club auction day. Speaking of the auction, I would urge new members to schedule it firmly on your calendars. It is simply one of the best ways to acquire good trees, pots and equipment at incredibly low prices. Some members donate extra trees for the sale; others are sold on a 50-50 consignment basis. The auction results in additional income to the Club which allows us to keep dues as low as they are. My thanks again to Jimmie

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Whiteley for volunteering to host and serve as auctioneer.

Talking to Ralph Graham, supervisor of the Oriental Garden, he has suggested the following dates for Club fall work sessions at the garden: Sept. 19, Oct 3, or Nov 7. I'm going to give Jimmie sign up sheets for those dates to pass around at the Auction.

Additionally, Cranbrook Auxiliary has preliminarily indicated a conflict with an Oct 31 meeting (and that's Halloween after all), so we will reschedule most likely for Oct 24. I have discussed with Ralph the idea of having all attending members come down after an abbreviated meeting for an hour work session that date. This would really help get our required work hours up to our contractual commitment.

Jimmie will give some preview info regarding the September nursery trip at the auction Sunday. We all await with bated breath.

I hope everyone enjoys the auction. I'll bring back some photos from Banff.

John Stevens

Work dates at the Oriental Garden at Cranbrook

September 19

October 3

November 7

Rules of the Auction

Please bring a dish to pass for the pot luck dinner. Everyone should bring their own plates, silverware, cup and a lawn chair to sit on. Another item to consider is an umbrella if rain is predicted, and also as protection from the sun.

Guests are welcome to attend and place bids at the auction.

Members that wish to bring items for auction should arrive EARLY (not later than 1:30 PM). Check-in can take a while! Please identify and label the trees you bring in, as that will make it easier on the auctioneer and also potential buyers.

The club asks that members bring no more than 10 of the same item for auction (just to keep a good variety to the material offered).

Of the final auctioned price for any item, the usual arrangement is to give the donor 70% and the club keeps 30%. If the donor wishes, the club is very happy to accept 100% of the auctioned price. Because our club is a nonprofit organization, we have very little opportunity to make money beyond what we need for the day-to-day expenses like improvements to the annual show or bringing in guest masters. The money we take in goes right back to our members in one form or another. Be sure you label all your items for auction with your name and the percent you wish to donate to the club (30% to 100%).

Exceptional items may be given a "reserve" amount that must be met. If bidding does not equal or exceed the reserve amount, that item is given back to the owner (essentially, a "No Sale"). Please use the "reserve" option sparingly.

Even small starter material and pots can be sold at the auction. Members are welcome to sell items under \$10 as non-auctioned items. The club asks for only 10% of the profit on these items. However, the club will not auction these items for you - you must watch and sell these on your own with payment of the club's 10% strictly on the "honor system". We suggest bringing a small card table for these items.

Don't forget to bring your checkbook!

Book Review

There is an excellent review on two new bonsai books in the latest issue of Bonsai Today magazine, Issue No. 91, which are especially written for beginners and intermediate enthusiasts who would like to review basic principles of design and care.

Pocket Bonsai by David Prescott with Colien Lewis

Bonsai by Sunset by Susan Lang

Both of these books are soft-cover and reasonably priced at \$14.95 each. Although Sunset has published previous bonsai books, this latest edition has new and improved information. One or both books can be ordered from Stone Lantern at 1-800-776 1167 or visit stonelantern.com for more information.

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Closed Sunday & Tuesday

Tokonoma Bonsai Garden
34290 S. Gratiot
Clinton Twp., Mi. 48035
(586) 791-6595

Bonsai Style Terminology

There are six classical styles of bonsai -

Formal Upright	Chokkan
Informal Upright	Moyogi
Slanting	Shakan
Broom	Hokidachi
Semi-cascade	Han-kengai
Cascade	Kengai

Non-Classical Styles -

Windswept	Fukinagashi
Literati	Bunjingi
Exposed Root	Neagari
Driftwood	Sharimiki, Sabamiki
Root-over-rock	Sekijoju
Spiral Trunk	Bankan
Planted-in-rock	Ishitsuki
Forest	Yose-ue
Raft	Ikadabuki
Double Trunk	Soju
Clump	Kabudachi

These styles of bonsai were excerpted from the aforementioned book, Pocket Bonsai, where you can find sketches of each style along with further description and explanation. This information can also be found in many other excellent bonsai books that are available. Be sure to check out our library of books and magazines the next time we have our meeting at Cranbrook. All these publications can be checked out for the month by our members.

What's Ahead on the Schedule:

Aug. 29 - Bonsai Auction and Pot Luck Dinner. Held at the home of a Four Seasons member. A great opportunity to acquire everything from high-quality bonsai to low-cost bonsai, pots and tools.

Sept. 26 - Nursery Collecting Trip. The club will meet at a local nursery where we'll show you tips, tricks and how to pick the best stock for bonsai.

Oct. 31 - Computer Presentation on Winter Protection Techniques. We'll see how several club members protect their bonsai from Michigan's harsh winter conditions.

Nov. 21* - Three-of-a-Kind Demo. Three club members, each with the same type of tree, will style them into three unique bonsai, side-by-side.

Dec. 5* - Christmas Party (Restaurant and time (T.B.D.))

*Note: Not held on the usual last Sunday of the month.

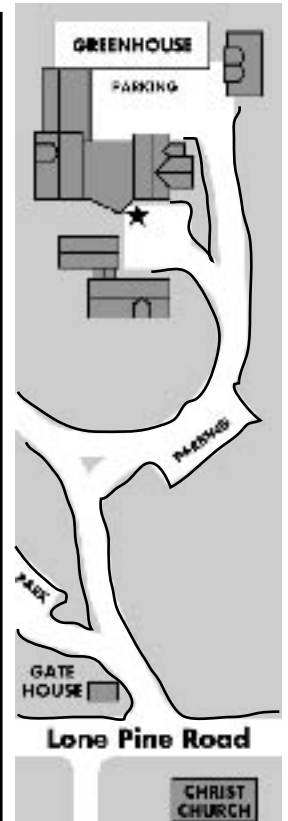
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Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at the site of Cranbrook House and Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road, in Bloomfield Hills, (just west of Cranbrook Road, across from Christ Church). Lone Pine Road is off of Woodward Avenue north of 16 Mile Road (Quarton). Entrance to the building is shown by the star on the map.

Meetings are usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. Some events are held off-site. Always consult the schedule for exact date and time.



Visit the Club Website at: www.geocities.com/fsbcm/
and the MABA Website at: www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html

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