

# FOUR SEASONS

## BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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## November Meeting Three-of-a-Kind Demonstration

**November 21, 2004 - 2:00 p.m.  
at Cranbrook**

**(Note: This is NOT the last Sunday  
of the month)**

This month we will have not one Three-of-a-Kind demonstration, but two Three-of-a-Kind demonstrations going on simultaneously. Vance Hanna, Paul Baresi and Todd Renshaw will be working on three good-sized Gold Coast junipers. Jimmy Whiteley, John Stevens and Nick Keren will be styling three ficus provided from Telly's Greenhouse by Hector DeBrabant. As usual, each member will see something different in his own tree and will bring his own artistic touch to the finished bonsai, as each plant has evolved in a separate growing environment and presents a different bonsai personality that must be discovered and brought out by the bonsai master. It is this challenge that makes each bonsai a unique specimen and the Art of Bonsai an always changing, always exciting art form.

It is not often that you have the chance to have six teachers at the same time to learn from. It should be an interesting and informative meeting. Be sure to come and share ideas and take home new ideas for your own collection.



### President's Message:

Perhaps the most important news of the month is: WE'RE MOVING! At the October meeting of the board, it was decided to relocate the meeting place for the FOUR SEASONS BONSAI CLUB from Cranbrook (where we've been for about 4 years) to the Goldner Walsh Nursery on Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. This decision did not come easily. We relocated to Cranbrook in 2000 with high hopes of achieving a positive symbiosis with the Auxiliary and the various gardens at Cranbrook. And indeed for several years, the relationship worked even though little was done by Cranbrook Auxiliary to strengthen the ties. Unfortunately new leaders in the Auxiliary now march to a different agenda and the contract obligations and restrictions insisted upon at the beginning of this year have been difficult to meet. Meetings have been limited; visitors restricted; rent increased and service hours at the Oriental Garden made mandatory and not

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discretionary. New members certainly understand the difficulties in finding our meeting location at Cranbrook. So the Board has been keeping it's collective eyes open for alternatives. Then in September, Jimmy Whiteley arranged the trip to Goldner-Walsh nursery. The managers there demonstrated very sincere interest in working with FSBC on a continuing basis and offered to host the meetings. This location has many advantages: (1) "they want us", (2) the location is as convenient as Cranbrook; (3) it's easier to find; (4) as the nursery is open on Sundays, there will be cross-pollination of FSBC members and nursery customers; (5) they offer both an excellent meeting room and greenhouse areas for demos; and (6) the nursery provides an excellent resource for stock material on a short lead basis.

So this November meeting will be our last at Cranbrook. Our December meeting will be a "get acquainted" pot-luck dinner at Goldner Walsh on Sunday, December 5 starting at 1:30. The Club will spring for a main course and provide plates, cups, plastic serveware. A number of the "demo" trees from November will be raffled to attending club members. There will be no formal program, but it will be a great time to get to know each other better and to become acquainted with the Goldner-Walsh nursery and its resources. The nursery remains open to the public until 4 on Sundays, so FSBC members may peruse it's greenhouses and grounds at their leisure. Starting in January, our regular meetings will be held the last Sunday of each month at the Goldner-Walsh meeting room (except for special events).

We are looking forward to good things from this relationship and hope you all can attend the first get-together in December

John Stevens

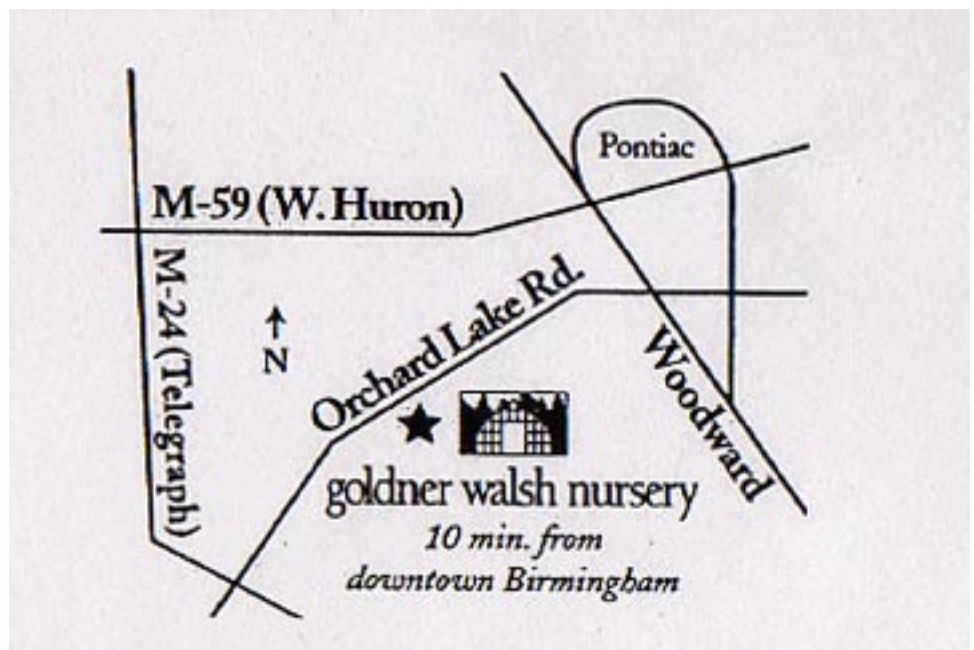
## Change of Meeting Location

November will be the last time we will hold our meetings at Cranbrook. We have been invited to have our monthly meetings at the Goldner Walsh Nursery at 559 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, Mi., 1 mile east of Telegraph in Pontiac's Historical District. We will need several members who are willing to stay for a short time after the meeting to help pack up our cabinet and contents for the move to our new location.

## Annual Christmas Party - December 5 - 1:30 pm

As usual,, there will not be a meeting in December. Instead, we will have our annual Christmas party at the Goldner Walsh Nursery as an informal introduction of our new meeting place. This will be a pot-luck event. The club will provide the main meat entree, as well as all plates, cups/glasses, silverware and napkins. We are just asking that everyone bring a dish to pass and come prepared to have a relaxing afternoon with our usual stimulating (usually Bonsai) conversation and as always, an abundance of delicious food. If you have not visited the Goldner Walsh Nursery, you are in for a pleasant surprise. There are many varieties of tropical plants in their numerous greenhouses and a wide assortment of accessories such as decorative pots, sculpture, both indoor and out and other home decor. Come see for yourself and enjoy our annual social gathering.

If you need further instructions, please call John Stevens at (248) 544-3112 or the Goldner Walsh Nursery at (248) 332-6430.



## Support Our Vendors - All 4 Seasons Members Receive a Discount upon Proof of Membership

American Bonsai  
1602 Rochester Road  
Royal Oak, Mi. 48067  
(248) 542-2421  
Closed Monday

Telly's Greenhouse  
3301 John R  
Troy  
(248) 689-8735

Bonsai House  
8653 Inkster Road  
Westland, Mi. 48185  
(734) 421-3434  
Closed Sunday & Tuesday

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

Goldner Walsh Nursery  
559 Orchard Lake Rd.  
Pontiac, Mi. 48341  
(248) 332-6430

## November Election of Officers

This month we will have our annual election of officers. We have several vacancies to fill and even if there is a person running for an office, you can still nominate yourself or someone else to fill that position. The membership will then vote for their choice. Think about joining the board and contributing your ideas and expertise to continue running the club smoothly and efficiently.

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|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>President</b>       | John Stevens  |
| <b>Vice-President</b>  | Vacant        |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | Robert Ormond |
| <b>Newsletter</b>      | Anita Ormond  |
| <b>Librarian</b>       | Sheila Lawlor |
| <b>Photographer</b>    | Vacant        |
| <b>3 Year Director</b> | Vacant        |
| <b>2 Year Director</b> | Todd Renshaw  |
| <b>1 Year Director</b> | Nick Keren    |
| <b>1 Year Director</b> | Vacant        |
| <b>Show Chairman</b>   | Bill Struhar  |

## What's Ahead on the Schedule:

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 - To be held at the Goldner Walsh Nursery

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

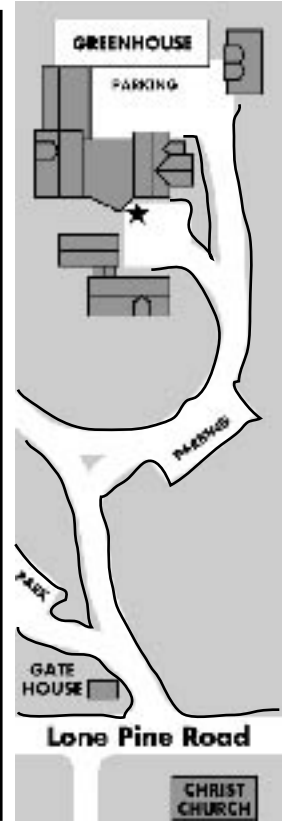
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| Librarian       | Sheila Lawlor<br>(248) 651-2380           |
| Photographer    | Matthew Berge<br>(248) 515-8641           |
| 3 Year Director | Todd Renshaw<br>(248) 585-9916            |
| 2 Year Director | Nick Keren<br>(519) 253-4232<br>ext. 2750 |
| 1 Year Director | Jimmy Whiteley<br>(248) 608-2478          |
| 1 Year Director | Virginia Field<br>(313) 862-2265          |
| Show Chairman   | Bill Struhar<br>(586) 795-0065            |

## 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.



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and the MABA Website at: [www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html](http://www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html)

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