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BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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July Meeting Mid-Summer Workshop

**July 31, 2005 - 2:00 p.m.
At Goldner Walsh Nursery**



This month our workshop will consist of Shimpaku Junipers from our own growing bed at Jimmy's house. They have been growing and maturing for several years and are ready for shaping and wiring to become Bonsai specimens. We have 12 trees for the workshop and they will be provided on a first-come, first-served arrangement. No pots will be provided, but there will be wire available, as well as expert help and advice from our more experienced members of the club. As usual, when we are going to be making a mess, you will be responsible for the cleanup of your work area before you leave.

The price of the workshop will be an incredibly low \$35 per tree. You can reserve a spot in the workshop by e-mail at <arormond@earthlink.net> or call (248) 634-7615 and ask for either Robert or Anita Ormond. The fee can be sent ahead of time to 7480 E. Holly Road, Holly, Mi. 48442 or you can bring it to the meeting when you come.

Bring any tools that you have to work on your tree, but there will be extra tools available if you are short on variety.

President's Message:

June is now past as is our Annual Show in Royal Oak, which everyone in the Club should be proud of. There was very good participation of club members showing their best trees and in our newly designed space, every nook and cranny was filled with truly outstanding bonsai specimens. My thanks go out to Bill Struhar, the Show Chairman, for an outstanding job and to all of those club members, too numerous to name here, who put in many hours towards publicity, setup of the show, tree registration, demonstrations, tree sitting, sales, and break down. Congratulations go out to Jenny Oglie of Walled Lake and Sharon Sechler of Royal Oak who were the raffle winners this year.

Jimmy Whiteley, his boys and I spent time this last Sunday digging out the 12 Shimpaku Junipers from the club growing bed to be used for the July workshop. These are truly fine juniper specimens, which

have grown and matured in the bed for about 3-4 years. With the assistance of Vance Woods, our workshop master, the participants should be very pleased with these trees. The price of the workshop at \$35 is incredibly low--I can remember my first workshop in the 90's at the church when similar Shimpakus were priced at \$60! The trees are all healthy and potted ready for pruning and training. The trees do vary a bit in size, so remember the first members registering with Robert Ormond will get the first right to select from the trees!

With the untimely passing of our dear member, Sheila Lawlor this spring, we are without a club librarian. This is truly unfortunate as our club library is quite extensive, but needs the attention of a new librarian. Anyone interested in the club library listing of materials can email me and I will send it as an email attachment. Please consider volunteering for this position so that we can continue to make effective use of the club library materials, which is one of the benefits of club membership.

See you at the July meeting!

John Stevens

Change in Newsletter Policy

At our last Board meeting, it was suggested that beginning in October, instead of e-mailing the newsletter to our members, it can be accessed individually by logging on to our new website, <www.fourseasonsbonsai.org> . For those members without access to a home computer, the newsletter will continue to be sent through the mail.

We welcome any comments from our members, pro and con, to this new policy. You can e-mail our President, John Stevens at <jalden123@aol.com> or our newsletter editor, Anita Ormond at <arormond@earthlink.net> and discuss your feelings about the change. It will eliminate any disgruntled members later on after it has occurred. This will help with our club expenses, as the prices of stamps continues to rise.

Guest Master workshop and demonstration - September meeting

Our September meeting will be held at Telly's Greenhouse and will feature renowned Bonsai Master, Ivan Watters, who will present a demonstration in the morning of September 24, and in the afternoon there will be a workshop. This event will be widely advertised to the public and there will be a fee charged for the demonstration but Four Seasons members will be able to attend free with their club identification (name badge). The afternoon workshop will be offered to club members on a first come-first served basis and then will be opened to the public if the spots have not been filled. The cost will be \$55 and further details will be given in a later newsletter, but if you are interested in attending this important workshop, you MUST reserve your space NOW or it may be too late and the spot will be taken. There will be a limited number of trees available (12-14) as Ivan Watters will be spending some time with each participant to help style his or her tree and time limits will determine the number of participants.

If you are interested in this workshop, do not hesitate to reserve your spot because although it is a couple of months away, the advertisement from Telly's will be going out very soon.

August meeting - Bonsai Auction

Our Bonsai Auction will again be held at the home of Jimmy Whiteley. There will be further details in our next newsletter, but if you have any excess trees, pots, tools or related bonsai books, now is the time to gather them up and bring them to the auction. Items are usually sold on a 70%-30% split with 30% going to the club. This is always a very popular meeting and an opportunity to pick up some very good bargains and new material to work with.

This meeting will also be a pot-luck dinner, so there will be plenty of good food available.

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Telly's Greenhouse
3301 John R
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8653 Inkster Road
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Goldner Walsh Nursery
559 Orchard Lake Rd.
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(248) 332-6430

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

What's Ahead on the Schedule: 2005

July 31 - Mid-Summer Workshop Featuring Shimpaku Juniper. Open to all members, all skill-levels. New members will learn how to root-prune, repot and style their own bonsai with instruction from the Four Seasons experts.

Aug. 28 - 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. 24* - Guest Master Workshop and Demonstration. Held at Telly's Nursery. See a nationally-recognized Bonsai Master at a morning demo and afternoon workshop.

Oct. 30 - Phoenix-Graft Workshop. We'll create driftwood style bonsai by grafting living trees to larger pieces of dead wood.

Nov. 20* - 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. 4* - Christmas Party. Bring a "dish to pass" and join us for plenty of good food and good conversation.

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

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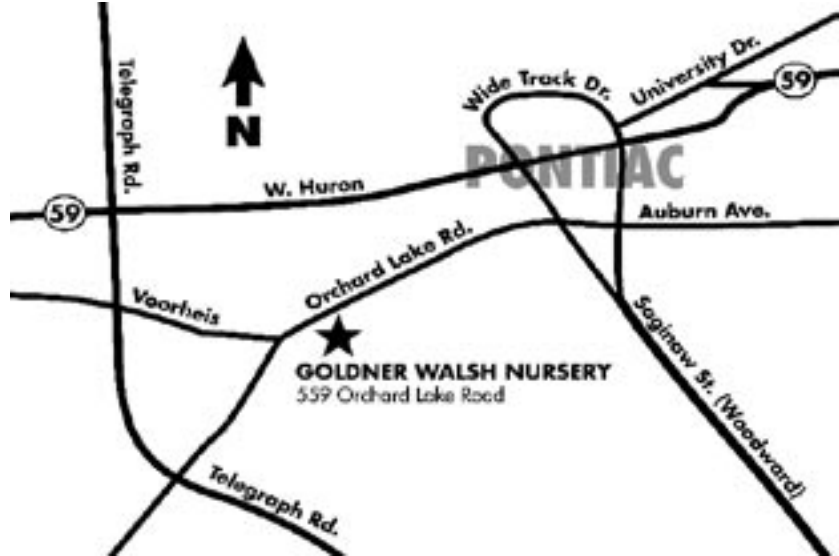
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Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at the Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, Mi. 48341 (248) 332-6430, 1 Mile east of Telegraph in Pontiac's Historical District. Guests are welcome!

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



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

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