

FOUR SEASONS

BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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January Meeting Video Presentation and Discussion

**January 29, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.
at Goldner-Walsh Nursery**

For our meeting this month we will watch a DVD called "How to Collect Wild Trees" by Andy Smith of Golden Arrow Bonsai in Deadwood, South Dakota. Andy is the collector of many amazing trees from the mountains, including the demonstration juniper styled by Kimura during our MABA 2000 convention. Although Andy collects Rocky Mountain Junipers and Ponderosa Pine, many of his techniques can apply to collecting any type of tree in any environment. The hour-long video shows what to look for in a potential collected tree, how to pot it once it is removed, the permits/permissions that are needed and suggested tools. Andy's video shows examples of trees that are easily collected, somewhat difficult to collect, and how to recognize a tree that cannot be collected successfully.

For more information on Andy and his bonsai business, visit his website at <www.goldenarrowbonsai.com>



President's Message:

Welcome to 2006 everyone. I hope you all had safe and joyous holidays.

I thank you for having the confidence in me to be your club president again. I hope to continue making a positive contribution to the club, promoting Bonsai and fostering education of the art.

The New Year looks to be exciting and interesting for all Bonsai enthusiasts. Lately, even Mother Nature has been providing us some interesting weather for our outdoor plants. Don't forget to periodically check on those winterized outdoor plants for all kinds of changes. I personally have had a lot of deer traffic this winter with some trees nibbled on.

The club board coordinated subjects for this year's monthly meetings. We hope to have a good variety of activities planned throughout the year. Activities include workshops, demonstrations, guest Bonsai

artists, as well as the annual Bonsai show and club auction. There are also numerous Bonsai activities outside of our club events. I encourage your participation in these activities. You can then share your adventures with club members at a meeting. We also encourage input from members regarding club events and the direction the club is taking. Feel free to provide input and participate as much as you can.

The January meeting is a presentation of Bonsai videos. The club has purchased some new video material that should be refreshing to all of us. This is an especially needed treat during this Michigan winter season.

I look forward to seeing each of you throughout this New Year. It is always a great feeling sharing your Bonsai experiences with others as well as learning about new techniques and plant material. Additionally, it is also rewarding bringing new members into the club. We were all new members at one time. Whether people are new or have past experience in the Art of Bonsai, new membership always benefits the overall club and its individual members.

See you at the meeting and wishing you the best.

Jimmy Whiteley

New officers for 2006

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What is a MABA Tree?

We do not have to search for exotic, foreign specimens in order to create an excellent bonsai. We have many species that are native to the Midwest and more easily obtained (less expensive, also). We feel it is important to encourage members to work with local trees and have created a special MABA award for our annual bonsai show in June.

For more information and a list of Bonsai Species Native to the Midwest, look up <A HREF+”http://mababonsai.org/pages/wood_species_1.html”>

Revised and Extended Edition

The book, “Understanding Bonsai” was originally published in 1993 and is now being reintroduced and published in Canada by Trafford Publishers. The book is a laminated soft cover, ring bound for ease of use and has a fold over flap to use as place finder and to allow the book to be stored in the usual fashion. It contains a wealth of information not usually found in bonsai books. If you visit Trafford.com and click on Bookstore, then enter the author Pieter Loubser or the title of the book, you can see some of the contents and what it looks like.

The book will soon be available through booksellers like Amazon.com. Presently it can be ordered through Trafford Bookstore. Trafford catalogue number 05-0796

Change in Newsletter Policy

We will continue to send the newsletter electronically to those members with an e-mail address and by mail to those members without access to a computer. If there is any problem opening the attachment, which is in PDF form, please contact the newsletter editor, Anita Ormond immediately so that a paper copy can be sent out before the meeting. My e-mail address is <arormond@earthlink.net> and telephone number is (248) 634-7615.

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

What's Ahead on the Schedule: 2006 Tentative Schedule

Jan 29 - Video presentation "How to Collect Wild Trees" by Andy Smith of Golden Arrow Bonsai in Deadwood, South Dakota

Feb. 26 - "Bonsai Circus" (Simultaneous workshops and demos on all sorts of subjects). This program is informative for beginners, but always has something new for experienced members too. We'll feature soils, repotting and fertilizers.

March 26 - Tropical Tree Hospital and Discussion on Collecting from the Wild. Bring your problem bonsai for expert help. We'll also talk about Spring collecting of wild trees.

April 30 - Tropical Workshop with Hector DeBrabant. Hector will lead this Narrow-Leaf Ficus, Ficus nerifolia workshop. This special workshop will be held at Telly's Nursery in Troy.

May 21* - Pre-Show Tree Clinic. Members can bring any bonsai for help, advice or pre-show tips. The club will be taking professional "portrait" photographs of your bonsai during the meeting as well.

June 17-18* - ANNUAL SHOW. Held in Royal Oak at the Washington Square Building. Bonsai exhibit, presentations and raffle. Bonsai tools, pots and supplies for sale.

July 30 - Mid-Summer Workshop. Although this is our most beginner-friendly workshop of the year, it's open to all members, all skill-levels.

Aug. 27 - 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 - Bonsai Basics. This presentation will help new members get up-to-speed on the basics of bonsai care, including: styling, wiring and repotting.

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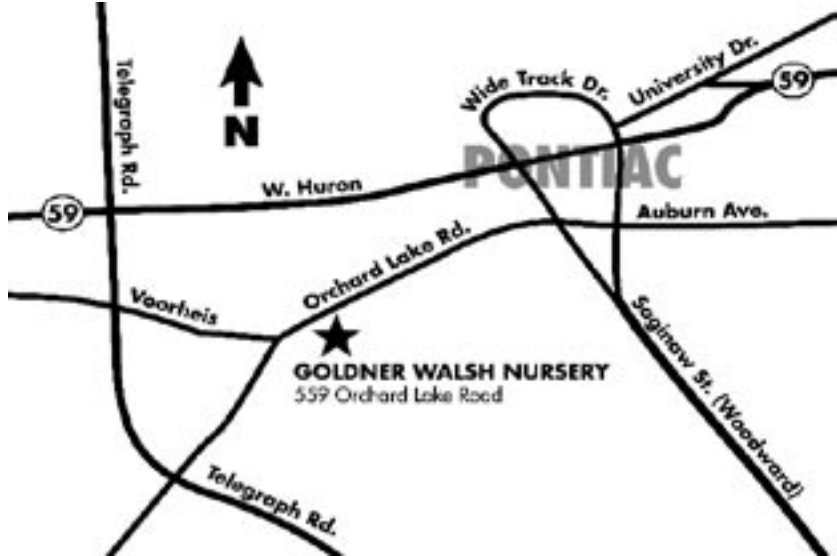
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Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at the Goldner Walsh INursery, 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 lthe 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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Four Seasons Bonsai Club

Membership Renewal Form

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Last Name

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Street Address

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Business or Other Phone

Our annual dues of \$20.00 is for a family membership. All dues for each current year shall be payable on or before January 31.

Please bring your dues to the meeting or send your check to our Treasurer -

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Suggestions for future meetings/newsletters:

