

# FOUR SEASONS

## BONSAI CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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### **April Meeting Mugho Pine Workshop by Vance Wood**

**April 30, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.  
at Goldner-Walsh Nursery**

Due to a change in our schedule, we will be holding our April workshop at our regular meeting place, Goldner-Walsh Nursery at our regular time, instead of Telly's Greenhouse as posted in our event schedule.

We are also sending our newsletter out early to give everyone a chance to sign up for this popular workshop. As usual, it will be a first-come, first-choice option, as we do have a limited number of trees available.

The price for this workshop will be \$50 each, which will include knowledge of the species, styling and wiring and the attention of an expert teacher. We will not be repotting the trees at the workshop. These are very nice 3 gallon trees that Vance would typically use for any of his workshops. You may send the check to our treasurer, Robert Ormond, 7480 E. Holly Rd. Holly, Mi. 48442 or bring it to the meeting.

If you are interested in signing up for this workshop, be sure to email or call me, Anita - Newsletter Editor - [arormond@earthlink.net](mailto:arormond@earthlink.net) or (248) 634-7615 to reserve your spot.

Bring your tools and some plastic or newspapers for protection for the tables. You will be responsible for cleaning up your spot and disposing of debris and clippings.



### **President's Message:**

Hello everyone. We are getting this month's newsletter out early so each of you can be well informed of upcoming events. Well, it looks like we have survived the winter. Hopefully all our plants have too. Last night for example I had 7 deer traveling through my backyard and they looked like they had tasty little trees on their mind.

Our spring time will start off with a Mugho Pine workshop this year conducted by our own Vance Wood. This is a change from the event listed on the club flyer. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, our monthly event and meeting location had to be changed. We will be meeting at our usual meeting place, Goldner Walsh Nursery. See the meeting workshop details in the newsletter. Give me a call quickly to reserve your tree. They are nice and will go fast.

Well, can you believe it is time to pull the bonsai out of winter storage? April 15th is my usual date, but it is also weather dependent. Then the All Michigan Show is just around the corner on the first weekend in May. Before you know it, June will be here and our Annual Show in Royal Oak. Gosh, I already want the year to slow down but that is not my call. Now is the time to check out your bonsai and decide which ones to concentrate on for showing. Take the time early to give them extra attention.

Speaking of shows, the All Michigan Bonsai Show will be at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. We still need to work out details, but as one of six Michigan bonsai clubs, we usually take some trees to show off our club. We need trees from members at all levels-beginner to master. We even coordinate transportation in case you can't go.

Also, remember our annual show in June. Please review your schedules and see Bill Struhar, Show Chairman, to volunteer. We still need lots of volunteers and want to put on a great show. The more volunteers we have has a direct result in how good it can be.

Don't forget to bring any concerns or advice you wish to share regarding the club and your bonsai. As usual we will have Show and Tell. We encourage visitors to attend and also all members.

Well, I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting.

Take Care,  
Jimmy Whiteley

## Michigan All-State Bonsai Show Call for Trees

We need trees to display which will represent the Four Seasons Bonsai Club. The West Michigan Bonsai Club, together with Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, is hosting their annual Michigan All-State Bonsai Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7. All six Michigan bonsai clubs/societies display their bonsai trees in the beautiful Grand Room at the Gardens. The participating organizations include: Ann Arbor Bonsai Society; Bonsai Society-Kalamazoo; Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan from the Detroit area; Sakura Bonsai Society of Northern Michigan from Traverse City; San Toshi Bonsai Society from Midland/Bay City/Saginaw; and the West Michigan Bonsai Club from the Grand Rapids area. Bonsai vendors are also available selling bonsai trees and pre-bonsai, pots, stands, tools, books and other related materials.

Please let me know of trees you would like to display. We coordinate transportation. Remember this show is the weekend after our club meeting.

## Special Two-Day Plant Sale at Gee Farms

A map may be printed from the website <[www.geefarms.com](http://www.geefarms.com)> where their whole catalog may be viewed.

The address of Gee Farms is 14928 Bunker Hill Rd., Stockbridge, Mi. 49285 (517) 769-6772. The best approach from Detroit by far is I-96 West to Williamston Rd. South to Baseline.



## Webpage Revision

A new and improved webpage is coming our way with a totally new design by our web-master, Will Heath. Help and participation is needed from all of our members. We need you to send in pictures of your bonsai and they will be put into your own gallery. Please include a brief bio of yourself for the gallery as well. If you have an article you have written in the past, please send it to us and we will include it in our article section. Some webpage features that you may enjoy -

- An article section containing articles from many of our members.
- A new knowledge base that contains many links to the best informational articles on the web covering almost every bonsai subject. (This section receives just under a thousand hits per day).
- The current newsletter and archived copies dating back to 1996.
- Show galleries containing pictures of our shows from the past.
- The club calendar listing our meetings and activities for the year.
- A link section that will take you to galleries of world class artists, collections, clubs, other countries and to reviews of our local vendors.
- Member galleries containing pictures of our club members' bonsai.

## Support Our Vendors

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

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

Tokonoma Bonsai Garden  
34190 S. Gratiot  
Clinton Twp., Mi. 48035  
(586) 791-6595

Telly's Greenhouse  
3301 John R  
Troy, Mi. 48083-5656  
(248) 689-8735  
Discount on Bonsai Related Items

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

## What's Ahead on the Schedule: 2006

Apr 30 - Mugho Pine Workshop with Vance Wood. This will be a very popular workshop with the master of Mugho Pines.

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.

Oct. 29 - Larch Workshop. Larch are a native species that make great bonsai. Most of these trees will be appropriate for the Formal Upright style.

Nov. 19\* - Tropical Three-of-a-Kind Demo. Three club members, each with raw, nearly identical stock trees, will style them into three unique bonsai, side-by-side.

Dec. 10\* - Christmas Party. Bring a "dish to pass" and join us for plenty of good food and good conversation.

\* - Not held on the last Sunday of the month.

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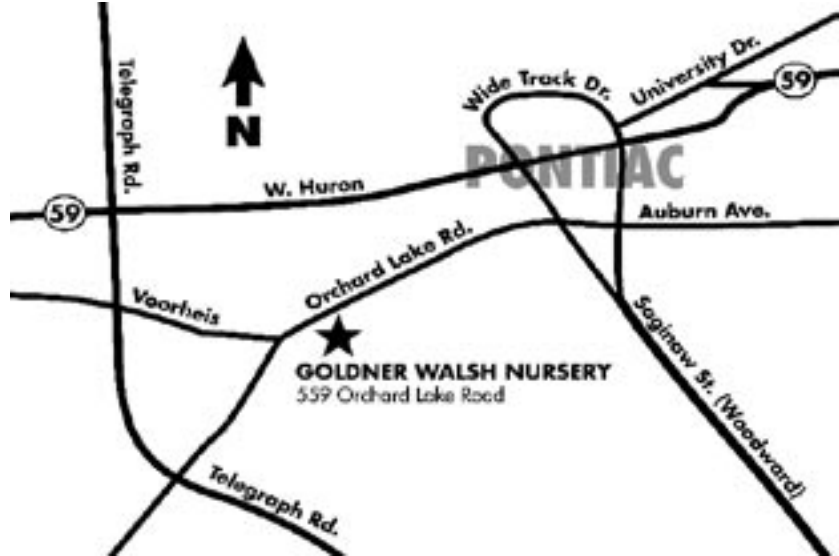
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### Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at the Goldner Walsh 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](http://www.fourseasonsbonsai.org)  
and the MABA Website at: [www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html](http://www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html)

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