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February Meeting Bonsai Circus

**February 25, 2007 - 2:00 p.m.
at Telly's Greenhouse**



The Bonsai Circus is one of our most popular club events because there's always something for everyone. Beginners find plenty of information on the basics of bonsai, while long-time club members can find unique subjects of interest too. Several presenters will each give mini-demonstrations on a variety of topics - all simultaneously! Members and guests can jump from one presentation to the next to catch everything, or stick with one or two for a really in-depth lesson. See the topics that interest you most. Ask the questions you've always wanted to ask one-on-one. It truly is a circus!

As of newsletter press-time, the following presenters and topics have been secured -

Vance Wood - will demonstrate wiring and styling techniques
Jimmy Whiteley - will show off suiseki (viewing stones) and pottery.
Todd Renshaw - will bring his computer and digital camera and demonstrate how to take 3D bonsai pictures.
Hector DeBrabant - will demonstrate repotting techniques with a large tropical bonsai.

And a television will be running with several videos of interest as well.

President's Message:

I am writing this while the outside temperature is 5 degrees with an expected high temp today of a balmy 18 degrees. And yes, don't forget the large pile of snow outside. I am guessing all my trees, as are yours, are just sleeping away. Although it's only mid February, I am already tired of winter. However, this also allows those of us with outdoor plants to take a brief rest.

So how is each of you surviving this cold winter? All healthy and well I hope. Are you anxious to do more Bonsai related activities?

Well, this month's meeting is the Bonsai Circus. Various club members will provide information on numerous topics at different stations. Club members can visit the stations of their choosing and learn what they need. I invite all of you to come on out and enjoy good company

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and learn something new. See this month's Bonsai Circus details.

Please don't forget that activities are also ongoing for our annual show in June. Volunteers are needed for numerous areas. Now is the time to accomplish a lot of tasks in preparation for this year's show. Why not be a part of the show's success.

We are still getting established at our new Telly's location but don't forget some of our continuing activities. There is a club library including various books, magazines, videos and DVDs that members can check out for free. We are still trying to get it set up from the move, but it should be in place soon. We always have Show and Tell which encourages you to bring in trees or other items to show off or even get advice on. Always be prepared for a raffle at the meeting. Bring your one dollar bills to a meeting for raffle tickets. You never know what might show up for the monthly raffle. Oh, and let's not forget the refreshments to munch on while socializing.

I look forward to seeing each of you at this month's meeting. Last year at this time I wrote that it was 50 degrees and that I was going to "take a stroll around the Whiteley Farm". This year I have snow calf high, the temp is in single or teen digits and I only take the stroll from the house to the car and back. How times change in Michigan.

Take care, stay healthy and be safe.

Jimmy Whiteley

Club Dues

If you still have not sent in your dues for 2007, now is the time to think about doing it. The club year runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. If the dues have not been received by next month, the March newsletter will be the last one you will receive. The name and address of our new Treasurer is

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2007 Annual Show

This year's annual club show reflects many changes that are currently happening in the Four Seasons Bonsai Club. An evolution of the club is taking place in which the outcome can only be a higher understanding of the art of bonsai by our members and an increased awareness of the bonsai community that is growing at a remarkable rate, not only in the United States, but worldwide as well.

Recently our meeting location was moved to Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, on John R, just north of 16 mile road. This new location is the first, that I know of, that is in a location that understands and caters to bonsai enthusiasts. George, the manager of Telly's has shown a real interest in helping the club and he has gone to great lengths to not only make us feel welcome, but also by supporting our club and hosting our upcoming show.

This year for the first time in many years, we have a new location for our annual club show. Although our old location in Royal Oak served us well, the crowd brought in by the Glass Show was not the ideal target crowd for a bonsai show. At our new show location at Telly's we will be literally surrounded by people interested in plants, gardening, and other areas that may well also cultivate an interest in bonsai. This can only bring in new members to our club, increase awareness of bonsai in our area, and create a larger base to draw from for all our future activities.

Volunteers Needed

Be sure to look over the list of jobs that have to be completed before our Annual Show in June. The complete list is on Page 5 (insert) of this newsletter. Any help you can give would be welcomed and greatly appreciated. You will find that when you are actively participating in our club activities, you can appreciate all the effort that goes into making this club one that teaches and encourages the art of Bonsai to everyone. It is a wonderful opportunity to see what is behind the scenes in bringing this goal to life

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What's Ahead on the Schedule: 2007

Feb. 25 - "Bonsai Circus" (Simultaneous workshops and demos on all sorts of subjects). This program includes beginner basics, but always has eye-opening demos for experienced members too.

March 25 - Needle-Reduction Techniques for Pines. Vance Wood demonstrates the techniques necessary to give your pine tree short needles and compact foliage pads.

April 29 - Pre-Show Tree Clinic. Bring the bonsai you're thinking of exhibiting at the annual show - we'll help with advice that'll get your bonsai looking their best. Or treat this meeting as a bring-your-own-tree workshop.

May 19* - Field Trip to Gee Farms Nursery. Special Saturday Field Trip. We'll visit Gee Farms Nursery in Stockbridge to look for great bonsai material.

June 22-24* - ANNUAL SHOW. Featuring workshops with guest Bonsai Master, Bill Valavanis. Plus our club member bonsai exhibit, raffles and bonsai, tools, pots and supplies for sale. The show will be held at Telly's (our regular meeting location), not Royal Oak as in past years.

July 29 - Mid-Summer Workshop. Although this is our most beginner-friendly workshop of the year, it is open to all members, all skill-levels.

Aug. 26 - 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. 30 - Growing Bed Field Trip. We'll get some hands-on experience with pruning techniques that maximize the potential of field-grown bonsai stock.

Oct. 28 - Styling Demonstration. Vance Wood shapes one of his stock evergreens into a bonsai.

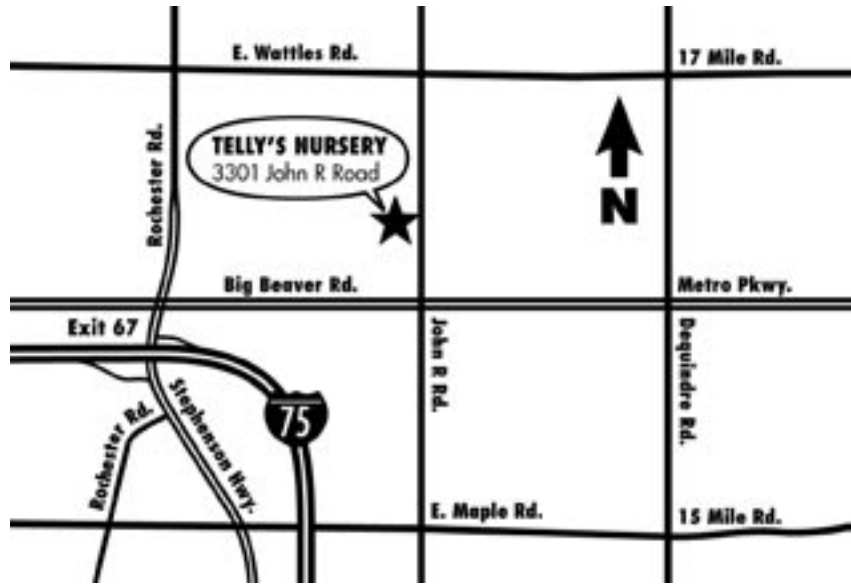
* - Not held on the last Sunday of the month.

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Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at Telly's Greenhouse at 3301 John R Troy, Mi. 48083-5656, between Big Beaver and Wattles. Nursery phone: 248-689-8735, Nursery website: www.tellys.com. Guests are welcome at meetings.

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.



Our club website www.fourseasonsbonsai.org is sponsored by www.artofbonsai.org and www.knowledgeofbonsai.org. Also visit the MABA website at www.mababonsai.org

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The show will indeed be a great one this year, we are in a new location that will bring in many more visitors than ever before thanks to Telly's advertising, the location, and to the new workshops. However, the real success of this show will depend on each and every member of the club, without our members we can not hope to succeed.

This year's show promises to be a great one, but it is not without challenges. The number of tables we have is no longer sufficient for our new location, this year we may very well have to get by with mismatched tables. We need to purchase material for curtains to divide the show from the rest of the nursery as well as to divide the vending area and the demo area from the show area. We need to purchase new covering for the tables and to create backs for them as well. There has been talk of displaying some of the club members bonsai in traditional Tokonomas which would have to be built or purchased as well. There is still work to be done, decisions to be made, and obstacles to overcome, but we are well on our way to having the best show ever, with your help we can get there.

Volunteers are needed to make this show work. As mentioned, this year's show promises to be our best show ever, but not without the help and support of our members, we need you. Volunteers are needed in the following areas as well as others. Please look though the list below and contact Will Heath if you can help us in any of the areas. If you do not see anything that interests you, but feel you can help in other ways, contact Will and he will work something out.

- Tree Sitting
- Setting up the show
- Breaking down the show
- Bonsai Check in
- Pre-Demo setup
- Post Demo clean up
- Publicity for the show
- Admission and Welcome Desk
- Vendor management
- Raffle management

We also have a need for members who have the skills to complete some of the following tasks:

- Cutting to size and hemming curtains for the new location
- Cutting to size and hemming new table covers and skirting
- Building 1 x 2 framework for table backs and covering with material
- Possibly building one to three Tokonomas from plans

Please contact Will Heath at will@artofbonsai as soon as you can, the few remaining months before the show will go by fast and the more we accomplish now, the less we will have to squeeze in later. We are counting on our members to make this show a success, donate whatever time you can, every little bit will help. Please also feel free to contact Will with any questions concerning the show, any comments, or any suggestions.