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2008 Annual Show

June 21 - 22, 2008 at Telly's Greenhouse

It's the time of year we've all been waiting for; our annual club show takes place Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd of this month at Telly's Greenhouse (Same as our regular club meeting location). This year's show features many things you won't want to miss: the club bonsai exhibit, more vendors from out-of-town and a presentation and two workshops with guest Master, Roy Nagatoshi from California. Mr. Nagatoshi is past president of the California Bonsai Society and has been featured at numerous national and international bonsai conventions and events. (Too many to list here!). He also created the bonsai used in the movie Karate Kid III. Mr. Nagatoshi will shape a beautiful Hinoki Cypress during his Saturday demo and we'll raffle it off at the end of the show. He's an outstanding speaker with an amazing sense of design. You'll love what he does with his demonstration tree. If you haven't been to a club event in a while, this is the one to see!

And of vital importance: the club needs every member to participate by bringing your bonsai for display in the exhibition. No matter what your skill level, the public and other club members benefit by seeing bonsai in all stages of development. So we need participation by all our beginners and intermediates too! (And we have a lot of space to fill.) See the tree check-in-form included with this newsletter for more details on bonsai tree drop-off (Friday at Telly's, 5 - 8 p.m.) and pick-up (Sunday after 5 p.m.).

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President's Message:

Limited space left for workshops

As discussed at the last meeting, Mr. Nagaoshi's Sunday workshops will be using Shimpaku Juniper, Dwarf Korean Lilac and Potentilla. Each workshop is limited to only 10 participants and many slots are already filled, so reserve your space soon.

Workshop #1, 10 am-Noon - Shimpaku Juniper.

Workshop #2, 3-5 pm - "Miss Kim" Dwarf Korean Lilac, Syringa meyeri Palibin or Potentilla, Potentilla fruticosa (The club has 5 of each).

Cost for any workshop slot is \$75. (includes tree, use of club wire and instruction by Mr. Nagatoshi. Trees will not be repotted during this workshop. Pots will not be supplied). To reserve your place,

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contact Hector DeBrabant by phone at 248-376-3190 or email <hecdebrabant@sbcglobal.net>.

Need more information? Want to volunteer?

If you have questions about the show, or wish to volunteer, contact show chairman, Lamont Jackson at <lamont_tiger@lycos.com>

One last reminder ... Don't forget! Bonsai Tree Check-in at Telly's: Friday, June 20, 5 - 8 p.m. We need your support! Thank you!

Hector DeBrabant
President

Parking for Show Workers

When you come to work for several hours at the show, please park your car in the church parking lot on the east side of John R Road in order to open up Telly's parking lot for their customers and those people coming to see our Bonsai show.

Job Descriptions

Two of the jobs that need to be filled for the show are --

1. Transporting trees to show and/back to homes of members who cannot do it themselves for various reasons. Gene Weise is the Team Leader. He needs help.
2. Sales clerks - Someone to sit in vendor area and sell items our club (FSBC) has to sell.

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Friday - June 20
5 - 8 p.m. ... Exhibit tree drop-off

Saturday - June 21
9 a.m. ... Show opens
10 a.m. - noon ... Exhibit judging
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ... Jimmy Whiteley's demo
2 - 4 p.m. ... Mr. Nagatoshi's hinoki cypress tree-styling demo
9 p.m. ... Show closes

Sunday - June 22
9 a.m. ... Show opens
10 a.m. - noon ... Mr. Nagatoshi's shimpaku workshop
1 - 2:30 p.m. ... Jimmy Whiteley's demo
3 - 5 p.m. ... Mr. Nagatoshi's lilac / potentilla workshop
5 p.m. ... Show closes. Tear-down begins. Tree pick-up begins

Volunteers still needed

There are still a few vacant spots where volunteers are desperately needed. This show is a group endeavor and we are all volunteers working together to put on a worthwhile bonsai show and exhibit to demonstrate our craft - the art of Bonsai and introduce this art to interested members of the public who think this is something that takes hundreds of years to develop. Contact Lamont Jackson <Lamont_tiger@lycos.com> We need your time and effort!

Shimpaku Juniper Styled by Roy Nagatoshi

Below is an example of the work of Roy Nagatoshi, our Guest bonsai master for our Annual Show this year. This is one of the bonsai owned and styled by him.



BONSAI TREE CHECK-IN FORM

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the bonsai tree check-in procedures shown below *ahead of time*. Bonsai that you created and styled yourself can be displayed in the judged category. Other trees that do not fit into this category may be shown in the "non-judged" category. All trees will be eligible for the people's choice award.

Your Name: _____

Judging Category: (check one) Beginner Intermediate Expert Master

Bonsai 1 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 2 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 3 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 4 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 5 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Procedures

- 1) You may bring up to five trees for the judged exhibit. (You are welcome to bring additional *non-judged* trees. Make a copy of this form, if needed.) If you shine or oil your pot in preparation for exhibit, please do not oil the bottom. (We need to place a sticker there and it won't stick if it's been oiled.)
- 2) Take the time to identify the common and botanic names of your bonsai ahead of time. (If you are unsure, we will do our best to I.D. your tree at the time of check-in, but this tends to slow the process.)
- 3) Fill-out this form and bring it, with your bonsai, to the tree check-in at Telly's, Friday, June 20, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Guidelines for Judging Categories

When asked about our level of bonsai skill, most of us are comfortable responding "beginner" or "intermediate", but this leads to an unintended problem. The beginner and intermediate categories become overly-full with entries, and very few end up in the other categories. We want to appear humble. We don't want to see ourselves as becoming a bonsai "expert", but when entrants remain in either the beginner or intermediate categories, and win ribbons year after year, we do a disservice to our newer members who deserve a chance to win a ribbon. In order to promote fairness, the board is instituting the following guidelines on placing yourself in the appropriate skill category:

Beginner You have less than five years experience and have not won two First Place awards in a bonsai show. (If you won your second First Place last year, you must move up to the Intermediate category this year.)

Intermediate You no longer qualify for the Beginner category and have not won two First Place awards in the Intermediate class.

Expert You no longer qualify for the Beginner or Intermediate categories and have not won two First Place awards in the Expert class.

Master Is recognized by their peers as having extensive experience, and whose inclusion in a lesser class may be considered unfair to other entrants.

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Show Schedule 2008

June 21-22* - Annual Show Featuring a tree-styling demonstration and workshops with guest Bonsai Master, Roy Nogatoshi from California. Plus our club member bonsai exhibit, raffles and vendors with bonsai, tools, pots and supplies for sale.

July 27 - Beginner's workshop. A follow-up to Jimmy Whiteley's demonstration for beginners at the Annual Show.

Aug. 24* - 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 stock plants, pots and tools.

Aug. 30-31 - Pedro Morales Demonstration and Workshop. Guest Master Pedro Morales from Puerto Rico will style a tropical tree on Saturday and lead a workshop on Sunday.

Sept. 28 - Ikebana demo (Japanese flower arrangement).

Oct. 26 - Bonsai Deadwood Carving Demonstration with Jimmy Whiteley and Hector DeBrabant. Plus a discussion on getting your trees ready for winter.

Nov. 23* - Three-of-a-kind demo - Three club members, each with raw, nearly identical stock trees, style them into three unique bonsai, side-by-side.

Dec. 7* - Christmas party - restaurant T.B.D.

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

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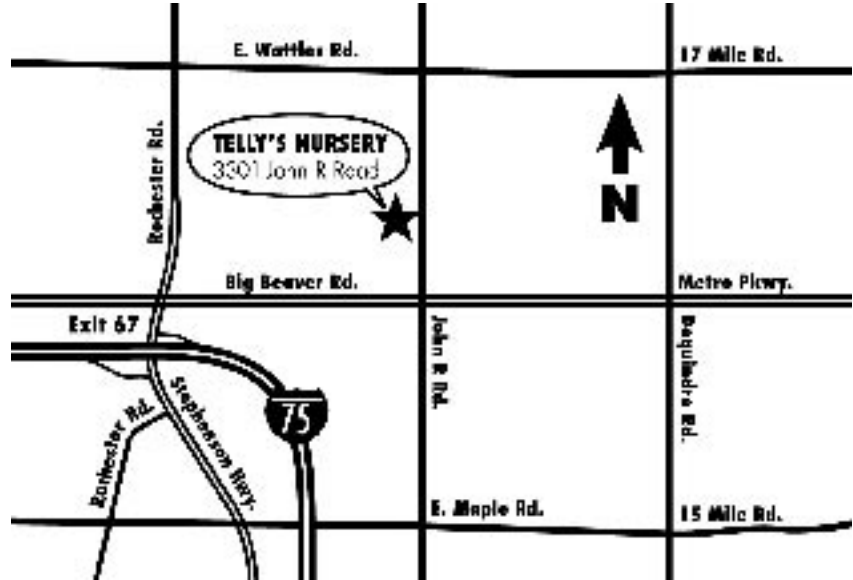
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Directions to the Meetings:

Our meetings are held at 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.



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