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IT'S SHOWTIME!

WEEKEND OF JUNE 19 & 20

IN THE BARN AT TELLY'S GREENHOUSE, TROY

It's the time of year we've all been waiting for; our annual club show takes place Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th of this month at Telly's Greenhouse. (Same as our regular club meeting location.) If you haven't been to a club event in a while, we need you back. This is the biggest bonsai event of the year. Long-time members know what to expect, but if you're new to the club, you can count on a huge bonsai exhibit, beginner-friendly demonstrations, a vendor area with all kinds of goodies and plenty of raffles (including the Vance Wood demonstration tree).

Speaking of the demonstrations, you won't want to miss the show's two demos. Past-president Vance Wood will be working on a hinoki cypress for his Saturday 2 pm demo. And past-president Vance Hanna will be working on a Japanese black pine for his Sunday 1 pm demo. Both will be incredibly informative, but still accessible to beginners (and the public). Both men are great speakers; very knowledgeable, enthusiastic and willing to share their secrets with a dose of humor. We're lucky to have these national-caliber talents right here as members of our club. See these demos for your own benefit, but be sure to encourage your friends to see them as well.

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 4 p.m.)

COMPLETE SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, June 18

10 am..... Show setup begins.
5 - 8 pm Exhibit tree drop-off.

Saturday, June 19

9 am..... Show opens.
2 pm Vance Wood's demo.
7 pm Show closes.

Sunday, June 20

9 am.... Show opens.
1 pm.... Vance Hanna's demo.
4 pm.... Show closes.
Tear-down begins.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't have a snappy theme for this month's "P.M.," just a bunch of show-related odds and ends to tell you about.

One change to our show rules this year is that figurines will no longer be allowed in the exhibit. (Hopefully, this won't matter to most of you, but I wanted to make you aware of the change.)

I hope everyone brings their bonsai for exhibit; even our newest members. If this is your first time exhibiting your bonsai with us, be sure to read the exhibit tree check-in form within this newsletter. I realize it seems overly complicated. If you have trouble understanding all the procedures, give me a call and I'll walk you through it. (Phone number given at the end of this column.) Just don't wait until the last possible day to contact me, I'll probably be out of

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touch during the show setup on Friday.

We received a bit of good publicity for the show with a mention in the news section of the latest Michigan Gardener magazine. Check it out if you can find a copy.

We're still a little short of volunteers. Our greatest need is for tear-down helpers on Sunday from 4 pm until roughly 7 pm. We also need additional tree-sitters and registration desk helpers throughout the week-end. If you can fit in a shift or two, contact me.

If you have any nice bonsai-related (or Japan-related) items you'd like to donate for the raffle, please let me know. Our space is limited, so we're looking for desirable items that would draw as many tickets as possible.

If you reserved a t-shirt at last month's meeting, it will be ready for pickup at the show. (For those that missed the meeting, we revealed the Michael Corbeille-designed 40th anniversary logo shirts.) In addition to the shirts, we'll also have logo pins for sale. Pins are \$5 each and t-shirts are \$15 each for sizes S-XL, \$17 for XXL and \$18 for XXXL. These items will also be available to the public, so there are no guarantees we'll have them in stock for long. Come to the show and get them while they last.

The show can be a lot of work; not just during the weekend of the event, but all the planning that has to begin months before. But by the time we've setup, the exhibit trees are all placed and we have a chance to catch our breath, it all becomes worthwhile. It's something we can take pride in together. It shows what this club can accomplish. I thank you all for your enthusiasm and dedication and I hope you feel that it's all worthwhile too. See you there!

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PARKING FOR THE SHOW

If you attended last month's meeting, you know that parking at Telly's can be difficult during their busy months. Lack of parking spaces will undoubtedly be a problem during the show as well. Telly's is (understandably) concerned that our show not drive away their customers. So to alleviate the parking problem, **CLUB MEMBERS MUST PARK OFFSITE.** If you are working at the show, you may park nearby at the 3rd house to the north from Telly's or on any of the nearby side streets. Even if you are only visiting the show briefly, please use a side street. (If you can not walk that far, park in the drive in front of the barn.) If you are dropping off your bonsai on Friday or picking them up after 4:00 on Sunday, feel free to use the Telly's lot; there should be enough parking spaces during those off-peak times. We apologize for the hassle.

AN INVITATION FROM JACK AND JEANNINE WIKLE TO MICHIGAN AREA BONSAI ENTHUSIASTS AND THEIR FRIENDS

In conjunction with a visit to Michigan State University's Hidden Lake Gardens and to our home by the Mid Michigan Bonsai Club, Sunday, October 3, 2010, my wife and I are also inviting anyone else who would like to join us.

I will be in the Bonsai Courtyard (enter through "Temperate House" of the Conservatory complex) at Hidden Lake Gardens, 10:30 until noon, to talk about the bonsai on display there and answer questions. (Hidden Lake Gardens is two miles west of Tipton on Rte. 50.)

After twelve, I will come back to our home in Tecumseh to welcome visitors who would like to also see the bonsai I am growing indoors and outdoors there. For those who need them, I'll have directions to our house available at the Gardens.

Though not absolutely necessary, if you can give us a call before the 3rd to let us know how many people to expect that will be very helpful.

There is a \$3.00 per person entry fee to the Gardens. But there is a lot to enjoy there too. Outstanding among the many indoor and outdoor plant collections are a large hosta display garden and a world class collection of dwarf and rare conifers. Allow time too to follow some seven miles of paved drive that winds through the Gardens' woods and fields.

A picnic area for public use is located along the drive, but there are also numerous eating opportunities in route from Hidden Lake Gardens to our home (everything from MacDonald's and Wendy's, through a Big Boy, a Chinese buffet, and a sit-down-and-be-served Chinese Restaurant).

Call us at 517-423-7893 if you have questions or to let us know you plan to join us.

Jack Wikle

ONE LAST REMINDER ... DON'T FORGET!

**BONSAI TREE CHECK-IN AT TELLY'S:
FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 5 - 8 P.M.**

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BONSAI TREE CHECK-IN FORM

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the bonsai tree check-in procedures shown below *ahead of time*. If you are unsure about your judging category, leave that part blank and we'll help you at the time of tree check in. **Bonsai that you have styled yourself are eligible to be judged and can win an award. Bonsai that were styled recently by another person should be entered as non-judged.** 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: _____

Age of Tree: _____ Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 2 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Age of Tree: _____ Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 3 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Age of Tree: _____ Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 4 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Age of Tree: _____ Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Bonsai 5 Common Name: _____

Botanic Name: _____

Age of Tree: _____ Years in Training: _____ Judged Non-Judged

Procedures

- 1) **A new rule this year: figurines are no longer allowed at the show.**
- 2) 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.)
- 3) If you shine or oil your pot in preparation for exhibit, please do not oil the back. (Stickers will be placed there and they won't stick if it's been oiled.) Place a sticker or masking tape with your name and address on the back of each pot. (Preprinted return address stickers are ideal.)
- 4) 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.)
- 5) Print, fill-out and bring this form, with your bonsai, to the **tree check-in at Telly's, Friday, June 18, between 5 and 8 pm.**

Guidelines for Judging Categories

When asked about our level of bonsai skill, most of us are uncomfortable calling ourselves an "expert" or "master," 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 issues 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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WHAT'S AHEAD ON THE SCHEDULE FOR 2010

June 19-20*.. **ANNUAL SHOW.** Our once-a-year, not-to-be-missed event! The show includes demonstrations by past-presidents Vance Hanna and Vance Wood, the spectacular bonsai exhibit, raffles, as well as bonsai, tools, pots and supplies for sale.

July 25 **Focus on Beginning Techniques.** 3 demonstrators will show must-see techniques for bonsai beginners. For experienced members, treat this as a BYO (bring-your-own) workshop.

Aug. 29 **Tropical Workshop.**

Sept. 26 **Bonsai Auction and Pot Luck Lunch.** Held at the home of a Four Seasons member. A great opportunity to acquire everything from high-quality bonsai to low-cost bonsai stock plants, pots and tools. (See the August newsletter for location and important details.)

Oct. 24* **Presentation on Trees from the 2009 World Bonsai Convention in Puerto Rico** by Kurt Smith of The Flower Market.

Nov. 21* **Jack Wikle Presentation.** Jack Wikle from the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society comes to Four Seasons for a presentation you won't want to miss.

Dec. 4* **Christmas Party.** (Restaurant TBD.)

*Not held on the last Sunday of the month.

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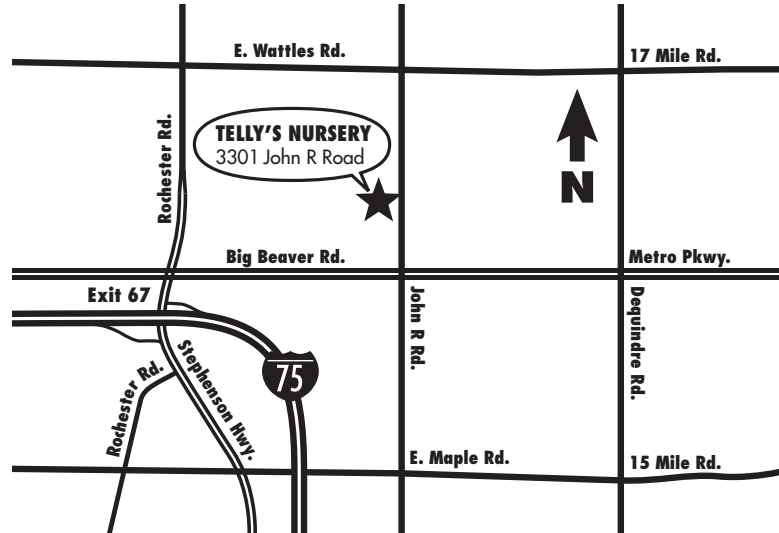
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Meetings are usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Some events are held off-site. Always consult the newsletter issued just before a meeting for exact date, time and location.



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