

FOUR SEASONS

Bonsai Club of Michigan

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The Four Season's Bonsai Circus!

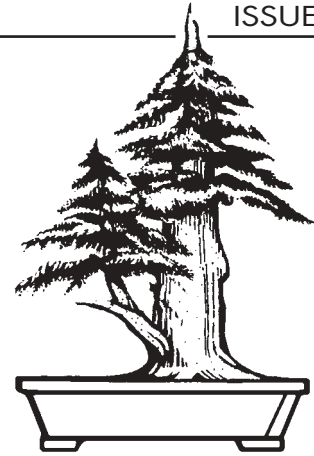
The "Bonsai Circus" is an annual event featuring simultaneous demos and discussions on a variety of subjects. Several individuals will be giving expert advice on specific concerns such as soil, design, tools, etc. Members and guests can listen, ask questions, or move on to another discussion; all at their own pace.

For those of you who are new to the club, this event is your best chance to learn about all the basics of bonsai in a single meeting. Long-time members can benefit by bringing questions for our experts. Feel free to bring in your trees for advice on specific problems.

MEETING DATE: April 25, 1999
MEETING TIME: 2:00 pm

Bonsai Circus

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
814 N. Campbell, Royal Oak



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Editor's Corner

Don't forget to pay your dues. My list of 1999 paid members is very short. If you haven't sent in your \$20 renewal, you should do so very soon. Otherwise, this will be your last newsletter.

Bring your \$20 to the meeting or send that check to:
Gary & Susan Kurylo,
19735 Scenic Harbour Drive,
Northville, MI 48167.
(payable to "Four Seasons
Bonsai Club")

Next month's meeting is the 3-of-a-Kind Demo. Three club members will start with similar trees, but style them in a way unique to their own aesthetic taste. I've been "volunteered" to be one of the three and will act as moderator as well.

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Nursery Trees For Sale at Open House

Daymon Hartley, a former member of the 4 Seasons and Ann Arbor bonsai clubs is having an open house on Sunday April 25th from Noon to 3:00 pm. Over 250 trees will be available for "very reasonable prices" at a nursery located in Clarkston, Michigan. The trees have been in the ground for 8 years there and most were in the ground at his previous residence for 5 years. Ginkos, Amur maples, Pines of all sorts, Yews, and other species are available.

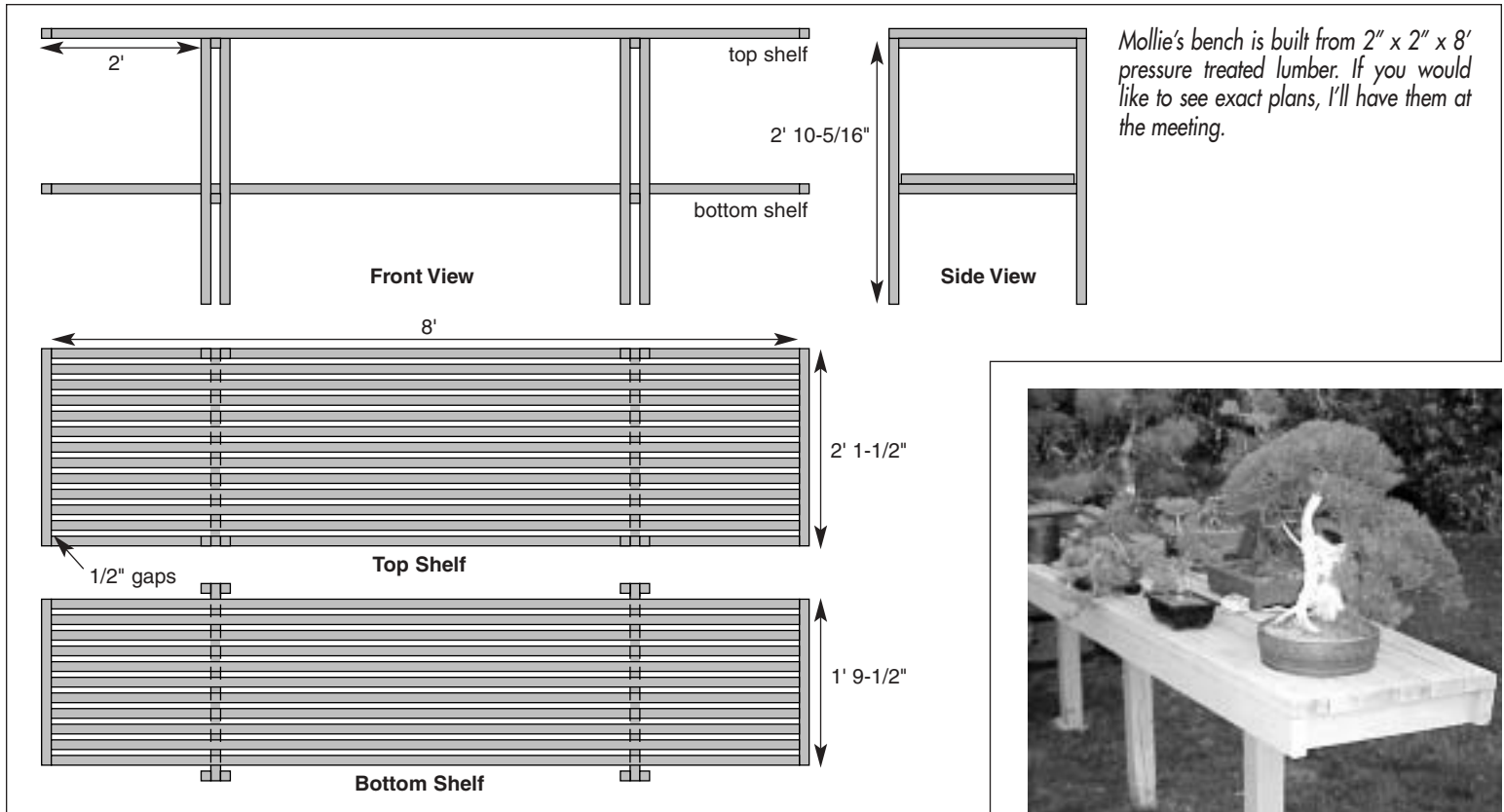
The nursery is at **9541 Cherrywood in Springfield Township**. Take I-75 to the Dixie Highway exit (93). Turn right (North) and go about two miles to Davisburg Road (Red light). Continue north on Dixie one more block to Norman (turn right) and go about 20 to 25 houses. Norman becomes Cherrywood and you never know it. House is on right.

If you need more information, you can reach Daymon at home phone: 517-381-8109, or cell phone: 517-304-0183.

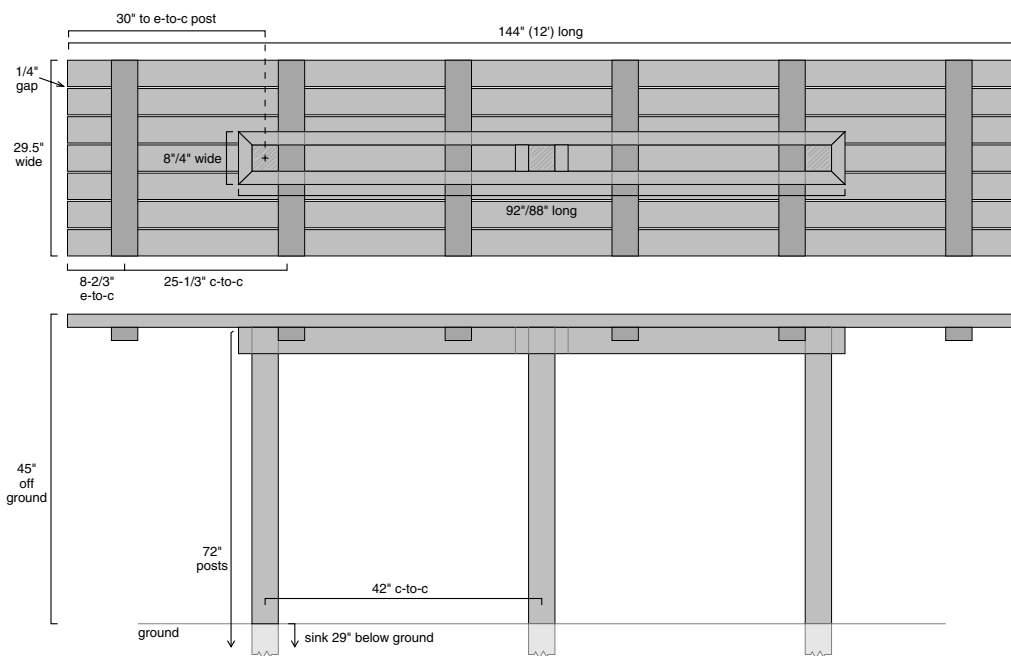
Visit the Club Website at: www.geocities.com/Tokyo/Towers/5925/
and the MABA Website at: www.wwnet.com/~scott13/maba.html

A Sampler of Different Kinds of Bonsai Benches

A couple of readers were kind enough to send me ideas on how to build bonsai benches. I had already started to build my own, but maybe some of you will benefit from these various designs. The first design was sent to me by Mollie Hollar, President of the West Michigan Bonsai Club. It was designed by her husband and looks like a great free-standing unit. I may have to build one to supplement the one I've already started.



Mollie's bench is built from 2" x 2" x 8' pressure treated lumber. If you would like to see exact plans, I'll have them at the meeting.



My own bench is only half completed, so I don't have any photos to show. (The rainy weather has made it impossible for me to cement the posts in the ground.) My version is built from 2" x 4" x 12' pressure treated lumber. I'm no carpenter, but hopefully, this contraption won't fall apart for a few years. When it's done, I'll put a photo in the newsletter.

Vance Hanna's bench has an extra board around the outer edges, a different type of join between the posts and the top, and is sunk into the ground.