

Club Activities:

- Beginner workshops, taught by experienced members/artists
- Advanced member workshops and activities
- Video presentations
- The “Bonsai Circus,” where you’ll learn the basics of bonsai
- Our **annual auction** of bonsai, pre-bonsai plant stock, tools, pots and other bonsai supplies
- Demonstrations & workshops by nationally-recognized, guest **Bonsai Masters**
- Our **annual show**
- A circulating **club library**
- Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan is a member of:
 - Bonsai Clubs International (BCI)
 - Charter member of the Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA)
 - National Bonsai Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Additional Benefits:

Membership in the club entitles you to the Four Seasons Newsletter, the New Member Workbook, club name badge, access to meetings and the club library of publications and videotapes, handouts, advice from experienced bonsai artists and lots of extras. Interested persons are welcome to visit meetings as a guest to see what club membership is all about.

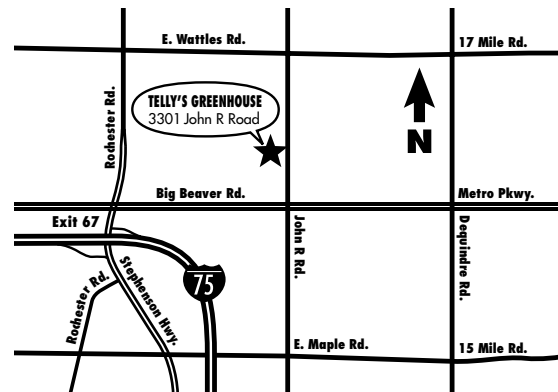
Bonsai is an ancient art form from China and Japan. Bonsai are not just grown, they are designed, pruned and trained to achieve a work of art.



Bonsai from the Japanese tradition are patterned after the shapes and growth habits of larger trees in nature, (but in miniature form).

Meeting Location:

Meetings are usually held at Telly’s Greenhouse, (see schedule for some exceptions), 3301 John R., between Big Beaver and Wattles, Troy, Michigan. Greenhouse phone: 248-689-8735. Website: www.tellys.com. Guests are welcome at meetings.



Club Web Site:

Visit us on the web at www.fourseasonsbonsai.com for article and newsletter archives, photos from previous annual shows and other general information.



2010 Calendar of Events

Club and Membership Information

Meeting Schedule

Map to Meeting Location

Club Officers and Board Members



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In Japanese, the word *bonsai*, (pronounced 'bone-sigh'), simply means "tree in a pot."

2010 Club Officers:

- President, Todd Renshaw (248) 585-9916
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Four Seasons Bonsai Club meetings are usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. (Always check the latest newsletter for any exceptions.) **Members and guests, please bring your bonsai to meetings; whether you have questions, problems or just want to show them off.**

- Jan. 31 **Presentations by Michael Corbeille;** bonsai from the National Arboretum **and Rick Bieniek;** understanding tree physiology to optimize bonsai health.
- Feb. 28 **Ficus Challenge & BYO Tropical Workshop.** Members that bought a tree for Hector's "Ficus Challenge" can come work on their trees. All other members, bring in a tropical to work on.
- March 28 **Bonsai Circus.** (Simultaneous presentations and demonstrations on all sorts of subjects). This program includes beginner basics, but always has eye-opening demonstrations for experienced members too.
- April 25..... **Focus on Advanced Techniques.** 3 demonstrators will show must-see techniques used by bonsai experts. Beginners can learn a lot from these techniques too.
- May 23*..... **Todd Renshaw's Yamadori Shimpaku Workshop.** Using tiny shimpaku junipers, we'll give them twists and turns so they look like they were mountain-grown.
- June 19-20*..... **ANNUAL SHOW.** Featuring tree-styling demonstrations by past-presidents Vance Hanna and Vance Wood. Plus our club member bonsai exhibit, raffles and vendors with bonsai, tools, pots and supplies for sale.
- July 25 **Focus on Beginning Techniques.** 3 presenters 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 stock plants, pots and tools.
- Oct. 24*..... **Presentation by Guest.**
- Nov. 21* **Jack Wikle Presentation.** Jack Wikle, past-president of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Society comes to Four Seasons for a presentation you won't want to miss.
- Dec. 4* **Christmas Party.** Restaurant T.B.D.

*Not held on the last Sunday of the month.



Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan, (established in 1972), is dedicated to the sharing of knowledge of bonsai with its members and interested guests.

Join the Club:

Membership fees are \$25 for new members; (one membership is good for the entire family)** Renewal fees are just \$20 per year. Membership is good from the time paid until the end of the calendar year (now until the end of December).

Please print your name, address, etc. in the form below. Bring to the next club meeting, (or mail, with your check to: 3132 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073). Make checks payable to "Four Seasons Bonsai Club".

**Only one New Member Workbook and name badge per family membership.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Have you had previous bonsai experience? Yes
 No

Do you consider yourself ... a beginner
 intermediate
 advanced