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What's up for Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 PM

This year's edition of Huath-a-palooza promises to be a great time! Once again Ken Huth will be bringing a van load of stock for us to turn into bonsai. There will be a variety of species and price points, so everyone should find many good pieces to tempt them.

Ken is encouraging all participants to come with everything you need to do some tree work-he'll have the plants, bring your pots, tools and supplies. Plan on doing more than just buying, get your hands dirty!

Creating root over rock is always a favorite project at Huth-a-palooza, and Ken will be bringing a variety of tree choices for you to work with. BYOR (bring your own rock) and start something exciting.

Also:

- Yume-en Nursery will have tools, wire, pots and soil ingredients
- Ancient Art Bonsai will have pottery as well

The meeting will be in the classrooms behind the registration desk. There is no charge to access these rooms

Down the Rabbit Hole ~ President, Mark Passerello

Have you started the shuffle? The Bonsai Shuffle-when we bring plants out into the light and fresh air, but then bring them back into safe cover when the weather is too severe-is a bonsai tradition. I've started the shuffle already. Some of the half hardy things that have been in the garage are more than ready for some real light, so they seem happy to be outdoors, but its still too cold over night to let them stay out there. So they shuffle in and out. It's a sign that spring is coming that the weather is so pleasant during the day, but spring coming doesn't mean its quite

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here: I am a big believer in the old folk wisdom that we are not done with winter till there have been three snows AFTER the forsythia has bloomed. An unfortunately, I have not seen those yellow flowers yet.

During last month's meeting, as Rob Hoffman was talking about wiring and filling a white board with helpful doodles, someone said out loud "I wish I'd brought a tree I have so you could show me what to do". What a great idea-and something to remember-your trees are always welcome at meetings!. We're used to bringing in live trees for a workshop, but feel free to bring a tree at anytime. It can be for just about any reason-asking for advice on style or technique, a few more pairs of eyes to find a front or help chose which branches to keep or discard, or just to show off some bloom or a great pot/bark combination.

At various times in the club's history, we've tried to make a more organized "question time" that hasn't always been carried out well. That doesn't mean you shouldn't bring in a tree you'd like to talk about. It's a tree club, lets talk trees! Keep in mind that it can be dangerous to bring tropical trees out into very cold temperatures with out good protection, and its best to leave trees with pests/diseases at home.

Also at the February meeting I think I mentioned out loud that the date of our 2022 show will be September 24th & 25th. Show venue is Dawes Arboretum. Since this is our 50th show-a Diamond Jubilee- we are striving to make this the very best show possible. As always, show participation is encouraged. All members should feel confident about putting their bonsai in our show. This year, we will have special guests who will be judging the competitive section of the show-a first for us. If you are not sure you or your tree is ready for competition, the will be an 'exhibition' class .

To make sure every member has ample opportunity to prepare their trees for show, we will be making a big push to having time and opportunity in upcoming meetings on this topic.

Random Thotz ~ Zack Clayton

Every so often the club has a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) workshop, but as Mark mentions above, really every meeting can be one. If you have a question or concern about a Healthy tree bring it in and there is a load of knowledge available. I say Healthy because we don't want to sour our relations with Franklin Park by introducing problematic insects or disease to their collection. If the issue is watering or soil causing the problem, that is not contagious, and bring it in. If you have a potential disease bring in an affected twig or branch **IN A ZIPLOC** so we can look at it and offer suggestions. If you notice this right after a meeting, do the same thing, but take the bagged sample to a nursery as they have expertise in this area as a professional interest. Call ahead to be sure an expert is working that day. A clear closeup picture or two of the problem can help also and doesn't require pruning.

If you have a large collection or specimens in winter shelter the bonsai shuffle may not be practical for you. If your trees are not sufering where they are kept, you can wait to put them out until the weather is safe. The reverse is true in fall for putting them away for winter. I have enough plants that it would be a ½ hour job going from staging to outside and another ½ hour getting them back in. My storage is upstairs in my office,

downstairs in the basement and on the first floor in our “living room”. That would be the staging area but won't hold all the plants for the shuffle. Plus I would get a lot of pushback from she who must be obeyed.

Lets talk about attachment. I've written about this before but it bears repeating for new members. You know something is wrong and needs to be corrected, but you don't want to do any of the cuts that you are thinking of. This can affect all of us, even long time members. By having someone who is not attached look at the tree, they can recommend which way to go with the styling. Just remember – it is your tree and it has to make you happy. The best coach in this case will be able to tell you what needs to be done and what that opens up for now and the future. And they will let you make the cuts. This helps you break out of the fear of making a mistake and will improve your eye for other trees you have.

Articles

YAMADORI STUDY GROUP: CLUB DIG INVITATION

Dear Columbus Bonsai Society Members,

On behalf of the CBS Board, I'd like to formally invite you all to our first Yamadori Study Group event! Many of you are already aware that bonsai come from many places including seeds, cuttings, and nursery plants. However, another source of bonsai material comes from wild plants (which the Japanese call “yamadori”). The right yamadori can have the advantage of already having large trunks and unique character in them as opposed to seedlings, which must be developed over years to achieve the same character. This spring, CBS is putting on a new event in collaboration with the Columbus Parks Department in order to make locally-sourced yamadori available to all - for only the price of a sweaty morning.



On **Saturday, April 9th from 9am-12pm**, the Columbus Parks Department will host our club and permit us to dig Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) from park land as our work will aid their own mission to remove invasive species from natural areas. The pictures throughout this article show what honeysuckle is capable of as a bonsai subject. It has prominent white flowers in spring and red berries in summer, ramifies easily, responds even when harshly pruned, endures both wiring and carving, and has flaky bark which shows age.

If you are interested in attending this event, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/z1NZegsp8PZZ4Ff48>) by April 02nd so I have your preferred contact information and a headcount. I will also bring a physical sign-up sheet to our next in-person meeting. For those that need it, Columbus Parks will be supplying hand tools for us to use. You can also bring your own hand-tools if you prefer. **At the time of writing this announcement, we have not been pro-**

vided a final location for the event, but we will send that information on to those who complete the form. The parks department has suggested a few sites in Southeast Columbus, ~15 minutes from our usual FPC meeting site.



Anyone with questions can contact me via email at ry2tree2@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you, sharing best practices for reliable yamadori transplant survival, and learning about honeysuckle bonsai with all of you!

Sincerely,
Ryan Huston
Columbus Bonsai Society Board Member
Former Dan Robinson Bonsai Apprentice
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Found on the Web

Mid-repotting report: Japanese red pine. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/02/25/mid-repotting-report-japanese-red-pine/> This pine forest has been featured before in Jonas Blog. This time it shows some steps in repotting a forest planting.

Young pine work with John Eads. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/03/04/young-pine-work-with-john-eads/> evaluation, cutback and sacrifice Some early JBP work to set up the future. Coast Live Oak update. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/03/11/coast-live-oak-update-and-submission-tips-for-the-pacific-bonsai-expo/> A Cascade style Oak the is about two years away from show display. It will be interesting to see how this tree is tweaked for a major show in two years. Also, an announcement about the Purple Pot Society that is to support and inspire women and other underrepresented groups in Bonsai.

Pot Depth – Don't cut it close! <https://crataegus.com/2022/03/11/pot-depth-dont-cut-it-close/> Debunking the "pot depth should equal the trunk diameter" rule. What kind of tree, show or grow, style?

And our humor article for the month, My big hunka sugar(berry), by Adamaskwhy. <https://adamaskwhy.com/2022/02/02/my-big-hunka-sugarberry/> Hackberry is an Ohio native and I have a volunteer in my back yard. It is fast growing initially and I have seen them in town with 2 ½ foot trunks and over 60 feet high. The volunteer is getting potted up this year. It is about as thick as my index finger.

Bonsai Time Podcast <https://anchor.fm/bonsaitimepodcast> Two of our CBS Board members, Kevin Faris and Ryan Huston, have just launched the "Bonsai Time Podcast". Their first interview with American bonsai great Dan Robinson is available at the link above with stories from Dan's life and his 60+ year in bonsai. More episodes are planned with a focus on Ohio bonsai practitioners for this year so stay tuned!

Ken's World of Bonsai! <https://kensworldofbonsai.com/> Visits for sales are by APPOINTMENT ONLY for now! I will be offering some Bonsai Workshops here this year and also at other locations, Shows and clubs.

Monthly Care

With the wild swings in temperature and the intermittent rain, keep track of the soil moisture in your pots. The wind will dry things out as much as summer heat.

Watch for buds starting to move on trees stored outdoors. I have lilacs that are near to leafing out. Be prepared to repot or start work on them earlier rather than later. Pruning is ideal prior to the tree putting energy into branches that will be removed later on. Do it now and let the energy go to branches you plan on keeping.

For trees kept indoors or in a greenhouse, they have probably already started leafing out. I know some folks have been repotting and working on their greenhouse trees. My indoor tropicals are putting out new buds and entering an active growth stage after a few months hiatus. They are getting the same amount of light, especially the ones in the basement, but somehow there is a trigger that is sensed and responded to.

Have your pots ready, your soil prepared, and a plan for pruning and wiring. Ideally, you should go around and inventory your trees for the work to be done. Mark them as repot this, wire that, restyle and prune. Remember to only do one major insult to your tree at a time.

Coming Attractions

Our guest in April will be Will Baddeley, and you'll have two different opportunities to learn with this master carver. Will is regarded as one of the finest carver working in bonsai today. Based in the UK, we are lucky to get him to include Columbus on his spring tour in the US. On Sunday April 24th (one week later than our usual third Sunday meeting, delay due to Easter holiday) Will gives a demo on carving technique and style. We are encouraging members to bring an appropriate tree from their collection that could benefit from some carving, so Will has a variety of material to work with and present. Sorry, but due to time constraints and artists prerogative, not all submitted material may be worked on.

If you would like to guarantee that your tree stock gets worked on, you're in luck. Yume-en Nursery in Marysville will be hosting a workshop with Will one day prior to our meeting. That's Saturday April 23rd. See the Yume-en website or Facebook page for further info. [Editor: I could not locate these but I know they are out there.]

To see more about Will, check out his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/willbaddeleybonsai>

The May meeting will focus on deciduous styling as we welcome Sergio Cuan. Our plan at this time is a 10 AM workshop, followed by a demo as part of our regular meeting later in the afternoon. In addition, there will be an opportunity to be part of an advanced study group the day prior to the meeting. That's Saturday, May 14th. Allow the venue has not been confirmed, the study group will run from 10:AM till 4ish PM. Cost will be \$80, attendance limited to 8 people. To allow adequate individual time with Sergio, attendees should identify a primary and secondary tree. Sergio will work with all attendees on their primary tree before moving on to secondary trees. Additional trees (3rd, 4th, 5th) may be worked on as time permits and at the discretion of Sergio. Full details and sign up info will be posted on the CBS website when finalized.

Bonsai Here and Beyond the Outerbelt

Meetings are the third Sunday of the Month unless stated otherwise. Our schedule is back to meetings at Franklin Park on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 for general meetings, and 10:00 for scheduled workshops. Please stay tuned for new developments as we get short notice from FPC of location changes. Thanks for your understanding and patience!

There has been no communication on the "no club shows decision" so we have negotiated a different venue at Dawes Arboretum.

March 20 Its that time of year for Huth-A-Palooza STRARRING our very own Ken Huth. If you have never been to one, Ken brings an amazing amount of material priced to sell. Many kinds of Bare Root seedlings, up to established specimens.

Plus we will have a corner group covering repotting from start to finish if you have never done that. Ken may have some pots for his stuff, or bring your own and get a tree from Ken or BYOT. I am not sure about soil so bring some if you have it. Ken usually has good quality soil for central Ohio.

April 23 Yumi-en is hosting Will Baddeley for this Saturday workshop. Yumi-en is in Marysville.

April 24 **Note: this is the 4th Sunday.** Guest artist Will Baddeley, Nationaly recognized for natural carving. Workshop in morning and demo in afternoon. See coming attractions for details.

April 30 Arbor Day at Dawes Arboretum 11:00 to 3:00

May 14-15 All State Michigan Bonsai Show - Meyer Gardens, 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

May 15 Sergio Cuan workshop 10 AM, and a Demo/Lecture at the meeting. He has demoed for CBS before at one of our remote meetings in 2019. See coming attractions for details.

May 27-30 2022 Brussels Bonsai Rendezvous and Memphis Bonsai Society coordination of the next ABS Learning Seminars. Shuttles will run the entire weekend. This is still in the early planning stages and information may change.

June 19 Jim Doyle, Details pending.

July 9 Jack Wikle's 90 Birthday party and in person/virtual Auction of the balance of Jack's personal collection, tools and related items. All proceeds from the Auction will benefit the Jack Wikle Bonsai Legacy Fund for the Hidden Lake Garden bonsai collection. Donations to the fund are also accepted. www.JackWikleBonsaiLegacy.com

July 17 BYOT for general help and show preparation advice.

August 21 TBD – Picnic at Oakland? This is a great opportunity to wander their yard and find some great potensai. Also, BYOT for general help and show preparation advice.

September 23 Show Setup 3:00 at Dawes Arboretum, Tree drop off 6:00

Please note that this is the 4th weekend in September.

September 24-25 Jim Doyle, Chase Rosade - Special 50th CBS Show Guests

September 24 Show at Dawes Arboretum 10:00am – 5:00pm

September 25 Show 10 – 5, and Tear down/tree pickup at 5:00pm

October 16 TBD

November 12-13 Pacific Bonsai Expo, Bridge Yard event space, Oakland, California

November 20 Officer Elections, and something pertaining to late fall and early winter

December - TBD Club Dinner

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Golden Glow Barberry

Ficus benjamina



Juniperus chinensis

Membership Registration

Please fill out all information in the form. Including the address. If you want a club member to give you a ride, pick up and deliver your tree to the show, or water your trees while you are on vacation, we need your address to match you up with someone close by. The same goes for people willing to provide these services. In any case we must have your correct email for you to receive your newsletter. We get several people at the meetings each year wanting to know why they don't get the newsletter. Failure to provide a correct email is almost always the answer, and if you don't give us your phone or address, we can't contact you to ask why its bouncing back to us.

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Please include your phone number! I still get new members with no email or phone number. And we don't do dead trees and ink.



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