



# Iowa Bonsai Association Newsletter

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## From The Editor

Susan Daufeldt

It's almost March, buds are swelling and a bit of green is showing on the cherries and crab apples. It's time to report!

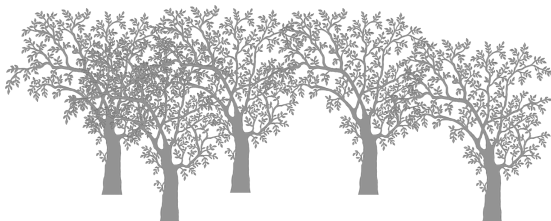
Spring shows are coming up fast. Both clubs have had their first meetings.

Please consider joining our national bonsai organization: The American Bonsai Society. Membership is not expensive and the benefits are many. Check out the ABS website for details at <https://www.absbonsai.org>.

I'm looking for Newsletter Staff. If you would be interested in joining the staff, please contact me. Help us report on local events and provide interesting content for the membership. There is so much going on in Iowa these days that one person can't get to every event! That's a good thing.

Please consider writing an article for the Newsletter. Remember that this is your club! If you have ideas, thoughts or comments, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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# IBA President's Report

Scott Allen

Dear IBA members and friends,

I hope you are all well and ready for spring work on your trees.

The IBA BOD is working on the 2023 programs and hopes to have them listed on the IBA website and Facebook page soon. Thanks to all who took the time to fill out the questioner. It really helps us to understand what our members are interested in learning so that we know what programs to schedule.

We mixed soil at the Feb 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and now have some gallon bags to sell at \$10 a bag. Akadama is available and we have a BUNCH of pumice so if you need some of that let us know.

Our next show is the Silhouette Show in Iowa City on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susan Daufeldt with any questions regarding this show. The Spring Show at the Greater Des Moines Botanical (GDMBG) April 22-23 during their Earth-day weekend. This show isn't as big as our fall show, but we do need trees so please plan to show one or two. We'll have a bizarre table at the Spring Show again, so if you're looking to unload some bonsai related stuff or looking to add to your bonsai collectibles here's another chance. Ten percent (10%) of all sales go back to the IBA.

The IBA BOD has one workshops confirmed for 2023 and are looking into a couple other possibilities.

Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> with Julian Tsai at my place; 9am -5pm; \$100. The IBA will provide lunch for all participants in the workshop. There is also silent observer option, at \$20 per individual, but lunch isn't provided for silent observers. If you want to register for the workshop contact me and I'll get you registered.

Hope to see you all soon!

*Scott Allen, IBA President*



# EIBA Report

Bill Englert

The Eastern Iowa Bonsai Association participated in the 2023 Winter Gardening Fair sponsored by the Linn County Master Gardeners. The event was held on February 18th at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha. The EIBA had display tables in the hallway with trees, brochures, soil samples, wire, and magazines. Attendance that day was great. There was a total of 475 people registered for classes. EIBA President John Clemens gave a class entitled "Bonsai - I Want One, Now What?" This class was a sell out. John had 30 interested bonsai people in attendance. There were many questions and lots of interest. Many of the participants visited our display tables after the class. Overall, the day was fantastic for the EIBA and the Master Gardeners of Linn County.

On February 28th, the EIBA held a two hour session of collecting dues and soil distribution at Pierson's Greenhouse on Ellis Blvd in Cedar Rapids. Current and prospective members had the opportunity to stop by, pay dues, pickup their 5 gallon bucket of soil, and visit with our board and other members. We had a good turnout and, so far, we have 15 paid members with 6 unable to attend, who said they will pay next month. We also discussed the yearly program and possible workshops that we are planning for the year. So far, we will be having a workday at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha in July. Members can bring their trees and we will help them with design and the mid-summer work that should be done. We will be having a workshop with Dave Kreutz on azaleas sometime this summer. It was a good day for EIBA.

The next EIBA Board Meeting will be held virtually on March 9th. at 7:00pm. If you wish to attend, contact one of the board members. Our March club meeting will be held on March 16th at 7:00pm. This meeting will take place at Pierson's Greenhouse on Ellis Blvd in Cedar Rapids. The topic for that meeting will be " Coming out of hibernation" and "Planning for the growing season."



*EIBA officers passed out soil and collected dues on February 25, 2023, at Peirson's Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. From left to right, EIBA Members Jeffe Flansburg and Tony Rose; EIBA Vice President Bill Englert; EIBA Treasurer Jim Rjtora (seated); EIBA Member Denny Molumby (or part of him, in any case!). Photo by Bill Englert.*

# Notice of Upcoming Events

Susan Daufeldt



***Iowa Bonsai Association  
Winter Silhouette and Flowering Tree Exhibit***

***Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm  
The Green House, 505 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA 52240***



## *Iowa Bonsai Association Spring Show & Sale*

*April 22, 2023*

*Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden*



2023 ABS Learning Seminars At the Denver  
Botanic Gardens  
June 8-11, 2023

Registration for the 2023 Learning Seminars  
opened on December 5. Make sure you  
register early to reserve your place in the  
workshops, many featuring collected material.  
More information and registration is available  
at <https://www.rmbonsai.org/copy-of-exhibition-gala>.

# Calendar of Events

Note: IBA Activities are also on the IBA website. Click on the "Calendar" Link.

- March 9, 2022, 7:00 pm (Thurs)* **EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.**
- March 16, 2023, 7pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting: Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.**
- March 18, 2023,  
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: TBD**
- March 25, 2023, 10am-3pm (Sat)** **IBA Satellite Location Winter Silhouette & Flowering Tree Show. The Green House, 505 E. Washington St., Iowa City, IA 52240. See page 7 for details about this terrific venue! Set up: 9 am**
- April 4, 2023, 6 pm (Tuesday)* **IBA Board Meeting for the purpose of preparing for the Spring Show. Scott Allen's Home.**
- April 13, 2022, 7:00 pm (Thurs)* **EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.**
- April 15, 2023 (Saturday)** **Jennifer Price Work-study Group at Susan Daufeldt's home.**
- April 15, 2023,  
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- April 20, 2023, 7pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting: Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.**
- April 22, 2023, 10am-2pm (Sat)** **IBA Spring Show and Sale (NO IBA Satellite Meeting) at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden).**
- May 11, 2022, 7:00 pm (Thurs)* **EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.**
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**May 20, 2023,  
9 am to 1pm (Sat)**

**IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: TBD**

**May 27, 2023,  
10am-2pm (Sat)**

**IBA Satellite Meeting and Open Study Group. Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, Hills, IA (Address for navigation purposes: Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, 5276 Oakcrest Hill Road Southeast, Riverside, IA 52327)**

## *Upcoming Winter Silhouette Exhibit*

We have been very fortunate to land an incredible venue for our first Winter Silhouette and Flowering Tree Show. The Green House, 505 E Washington St., Iowa City, IA 52240. This is a one day exhibition on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Set up is at 9 am. The Exhibit opens at 10 am and will close between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

All IBA and EIBA Members are welcome to exhibit trees. Because this is a winter silhouette show, this is the time to show case deciduous trees (so no conifers, please). Table coverings will NOT be supplied - we will have the tables shown in the picture below for setting up displays. If you want to use a table covering, please bring it. Exhibitors should bring labels providing information about their trees and any other display accessories, if desired. There will be no pipe and drape. This is an art gallery setting. For more information or to discuss particulars of your display, please contact me.

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*The Green House, 505 E Washington St., Iowa City, IA 52240. The primary indoor exhibit space.*

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## Timely Tips - March

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*Susan Daufeldt*

It's repotting season. It's also styling season. But not, if you please, at the same time! If you have trees in indoor winter storage, you should be watching for the buds on deciduous trees to start turning green. When the buds are green, it is time to repot. I'll be repotting a crab apple this afternoon and Fuji cherries tomorrow. Thankfully, it will be many weeks yet before trees in outdoor storage are ready for work. When trees begin to push in the spring and before bud-break, you can also do some light pruning if you didn't get to it in November. You may want to have some rooting hormone on hand so that you can take some cuttings. Andy Smith says that this is the best time for styling conifers.

As temperatures warm up, the trees are not the only ones waking up. Early spray for insects should be done before buds break.

As trees come out of dormancy and begin to grow, their water uptake increases. Be sure to pay attention to the changes and increase your watering accordingly.

Remember, once trees leaf out, they need as much light as possible, otherwise they will develop long

internodes and large leaves. In addition, trees that have leafed should not be exposed to freezing temperatures and, if you have repotted, they need to be kept out of the wind and should not be let to freeze even if they have not yet broken.

Pines and junipers can benefit from getting outside in the sun as soon as temperatures are above freezing, but should come back in if night time temperatures drop below freezing. If you are new to the Art, don't hesitate to seek help from experienced club members. That's what we are here for!



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## IBA February Meetings

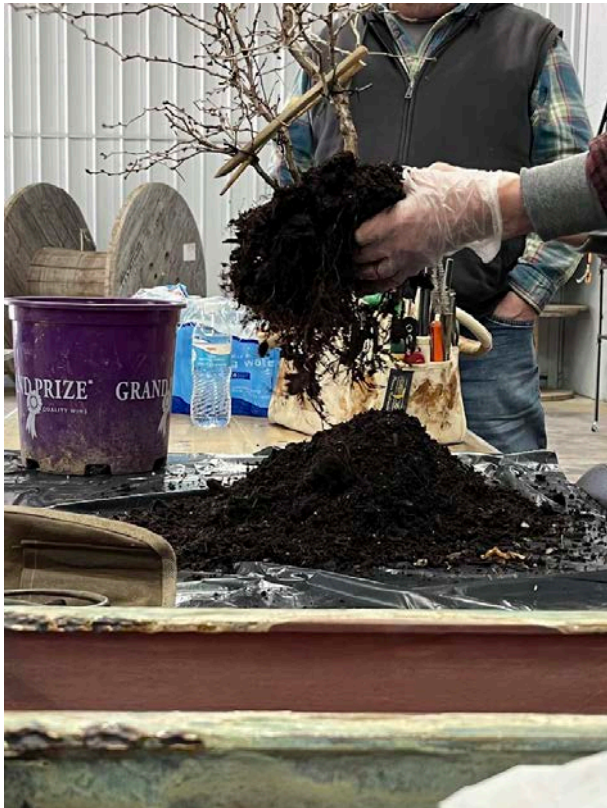
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*Susan Daufeldt*

In contrast of November, there was a Huge crowd at the February meeting at the Des Moines Botanical Garden. The room was packed for our first IBA meeting of 2023. Unfortunately, yours truly, battling with this horrendous allergy to juniper, failed to get photographs. I'm sorry! The meeting started out with a discussion, led by Ron Heinen, about the programs that the club members would like to see offered this year. This was efficient and very beneficial. Once we'd gone through the possibilities, work on the trees began. Members repotted some trees, pruned, styled and discussed others. The meeting ran the full length of time provided and everyone was extremely glad to usher in the beginning of the 2023 bonsai season.

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IBA's first Satellite meeting at Monarch Nursery in Hills, IA, was held on February 25, 2023. It was a small crowd, but we had a very good time. Tatum Hills, the nursery manager, had tables and chairs set up when we arrived and the nursery provided complementary bottled water. I brought a number of Fuji cherries, one of Ron Heinen's beautiful pots and the necessary supplies and equipment to put them together as a forest. Scott Allen drove over for the occasion and I was very blessed by his help and opinions as I work on this project. Tatum took some pictures of the process.



Above and above right, removing the soil from the roots of the Fuji cherries; left, the trees after the soil was removed; below, Scott Allen and Susan Daufeldt discuss which roots should be removed. Photos courtesy of Tatum Hills.



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In the foreground, Harvey Ireland, left, and Susan Daufeldt, right, discuss bonsai practice; in the background, Noah Buttler, left, and Scott Allen, right, converse. Photo courtesy of Tatum Hills.

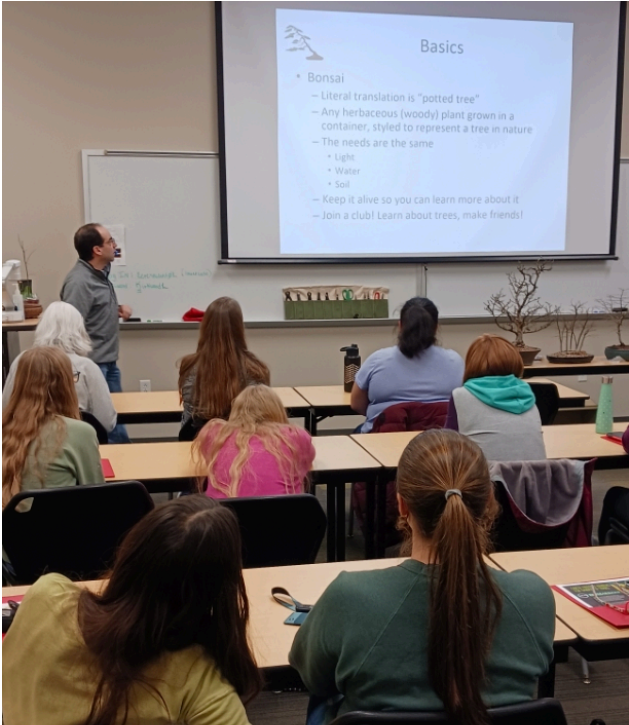


## Winter Gardening Fair



Above, the EIBA tables at the Winter Gardening Fair near Cedar Rapids. Photos by Bill Englert.

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Right, EIBA President John Clemens teaches a class on the basics of bonsai to interested attendees at the Winter Gardening Fair near Cedar Rapids on February, 18, 2023. Photos by Bill Englert.



Left, Chojubi quince, *Chaenomeles japonica*, on display at the Winter Gardening Fair Near Cedar Rapids, February 18, 2023. Photo by Bill Englert.

*Video Link - Highly Recommended*



**Highly Recommended for Anyone interested in native collected material:**

*The American Elm: A Naturalistic Legacy.*

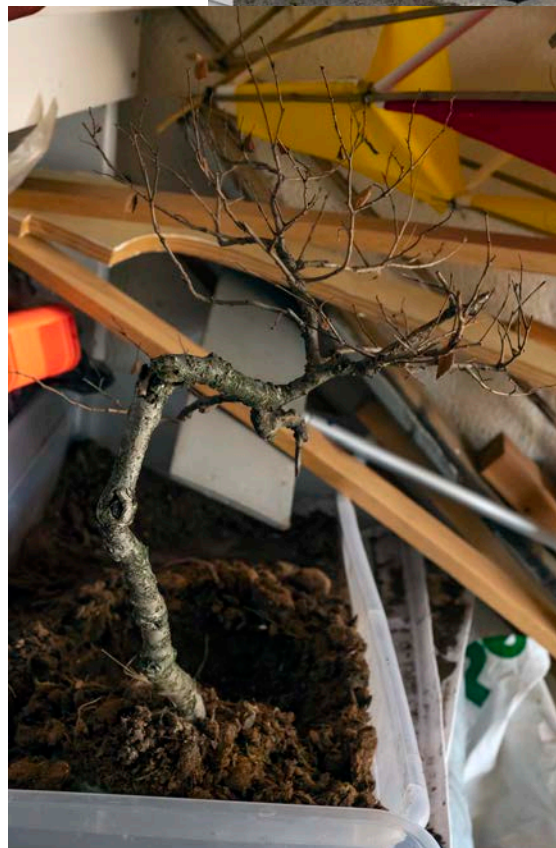
In this video by Appalachian Bonsai, Walter Joura styles, carves and repots a very large American Elm at the North Carolina Arboretum. This video is definitely worth the time. ([https://youtu.be/VKz\\_CFaMN8Y](https://youtu.be/VKz_CFaMN8Y))

Arthur Joura, curator of the North Carolina Arboretum Bonsai Collection. Photo by Rebecca Ayres.

# From the Members

Susan Daufeldt

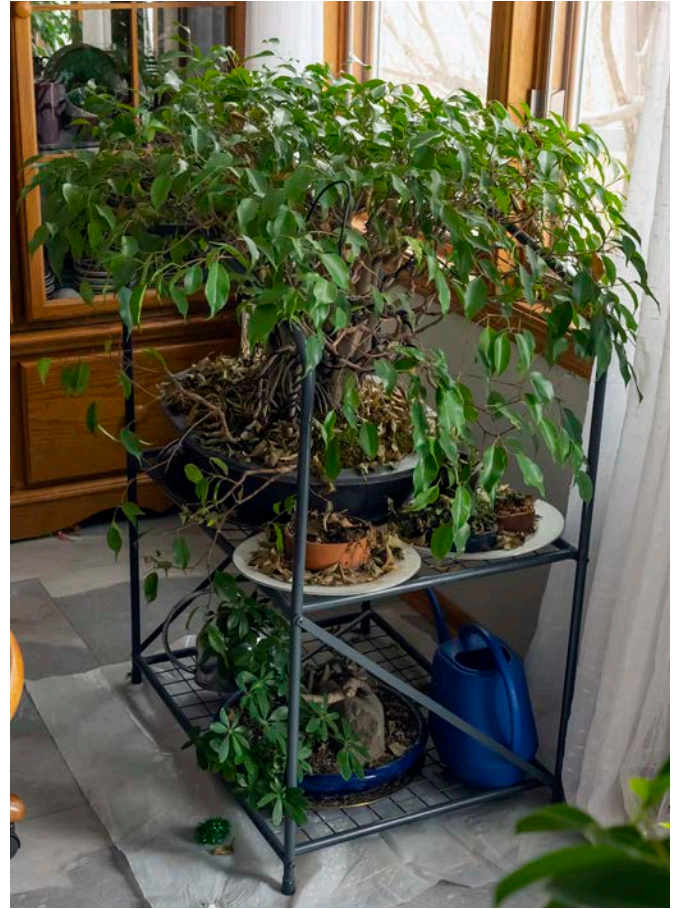
*Below and right, Dave Richmond's moss, companion plants and maples overwintering outside. Photos by Dave Richmond.*



*Left and far left, a shinpaku juniper and an elm overwintering, packed in mulch, in Dave Richmond's garage. Photos by Dave Richmond.*

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Above right and left, topicals and tropical companion plants over-wintering inside with southwest light. Photos by Dave Richmond.



## ***The 97th Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition - February 2023***

A number of Americans traveled to Japan for the 97th Kokufu Bonsai Exhibition - among them, William N. Valavanis of International Bonsai, Rochester, New York. For more pictures from the Kokufu visit (<https://valavanisbonsaiblog.com/2023/02/09/2023-97th-kokufu-bonsai-exhibition-part-1/>). Photos Courtesy of William N. Valavanis.



# Spring Inspiration

Susan Daufeldt



*A planting on wood at a garden in the Omiya Bonsai Village. Photo curtesy of William N. Valavanis.*



*Ume in flower at Shunk-en Bonsai Museum. Photo courtesy of William N Valavanis.*



Above, an accent planting at the Kokufu; below, at the Kokufu, this tree sold for \$750,000.00. Photos courtesy of William N. Valavanis.





# Bonsai Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** IBA T-Shirts – \$25.00 each. Unisex sizes m l xl xxl xxxl. We still have some of the new T-Shirts as well as some of the old ones. New shirts are \$25, the second generation shirts are \$20 and first generation shirts are \$15. All proceeds will help grow bonsai right here in Central Iowa. Contact Scott Allen



**FOR SALE:** Pumice 5 gallon bucket \$15 - bring your own buckets. Small and medium Double Red Line Akadama. The last pallet went fast, so let me or Tim know if you need any. Cost is \$50 for IBA Club Members and \$55 for nonmembers. Contact Scott Allen or Tim Peterson. Lava - Contact DaSu.



**FOR SALE:** DaSu Studio, [lowman@netins.net](mailto:lowman@netins.net)  
Has LOTS of Tropicals, new dwarf conifers and 128 new companion plants - many



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