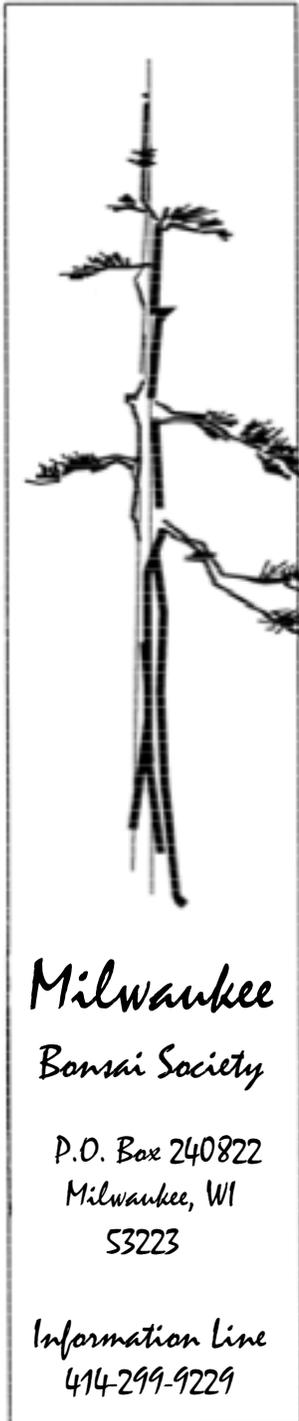


AUGUST 2012

Bonsai News



THE GREAT MBS AUCTION ***MEETING WILL BE ON THE MAIN FLOOR***

Bring anything you'd like to sell to the August 7 meeting. We'll be having a great auction interspersed with bonsai tips from club members. Here's what to do:

- Bring items to sell
- Get to Boerner BEFORE 6:45!!
- You will receive a small sheet to fill out for each item (name of item, your number [you will get this as you register], and the minimum \$ you will accept for the item)
- You will be directed where to put your items
- Hand your little sheets back to be used in the auction
 - After the auction, you will receive a check for your items MINUS a 10% donation to the club.

There will be a viewing until 7:15 at which time the first auction will begin.

Make sure to bring your checkbook or cash. There are bound to be lots of deals.

2012 Events

AUGUST

August 2-12 - State Fair

August 7 - Club Meeting

AUCTION!!

August 17-19 - Chicago Show

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4 - Club Meeting

Fall maintenance discussion

Sept 15 - Public Workshop

Sept 14-16 MBS Annual Show

OCTOBER

Oct 2 - Club Meeting

Hemlocks & spruce

NOVEMBER

No Tuesday Club Meeting

Sunday Nov 11 - 12:00 - 4:00

Winter Wrap-Up meeting /
Open workshop

DECEMBER

Dec 4 - Awards Banquet /

Holiday Celebration

at Meyer's Restaurant
75th and Forest Home

www.milwaukeebonsai.org

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Aug 7 - 6:30 pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens

President's Message

Greetings MBS members,

I hope the very hot dry weather has not over-stressed any of your trees. I have been watering much more than usual this year. My rain barrel has been empty for most of the summer.

Those of us who attended the MBS Picnic had a very good time. A big thank you to Don G for his hospitality again this year. If you didn't attend you should consider it for next year. Good time and great conversations, even bonsai talk.

Kris Z and I had a delightful day staffing the MBS exhibit at the Wauwatosa Garden Tour. It was hot but not as bad as last year. We talked with several people who were very interested in taking the public workshop in September. I also had a conversation with Mr. Kanavas from Kanavas Landscaping. His company provided cold water at each of the homes on the tour. I told him that MBS would be interested in obtaining desirable trees/shrubs that are removed during landscaping projects. He told me that because of liability concerns MBS would not be allowed to dig any material but could have anything that would be disposed of. I will follow up with him regarding this possibility. I also had a short conversation with Melinda Myers about supporting MBS and possibly establishing a working relationship with Stein's. I will follow up with this also.

Be aware that there are only a few open spots for the workshops during the Annual Exhibit. See the article in this issue regarding the Annual Exhibit. There is a need for volunteers to act as greeters, tree sitters, docents and to help set up and take down the exhibit this year. I will talk more about this at the August Meeting. Please be generous in making donations of material for raffles during the Annual Exhibit. Money brought in by the raffles allows us to do these exhibits.

See you at State Fair.

- *Steve*

EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

There is still space available to exhibit your tree(s) in the 2nd and 3rd shows at State Fair.

If you have a tree that is on this list:

http://www.uwgb.edu/biodiversity/herbarium/trees/tree_list01.htm

the 2nd show is the place for you. Our 2nd show is just for trees that are 'Rooted in Wisconsin' - the theme of the Horticulture building this year.

You may show any tree in the 3rd show. This is an excellent opportunity to present your tree to the public as well as get great comments from the judges.

*See the following page for more particulars.
Please contact Kris to exhibit:
262-512-1228
hagr8d@mac.com*

STATE FAIR 2012 - Are you interested in entering a tree at State Fair? If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. Please sign up at Club meetings or call 414-378-0782 to participate.



STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2012

Exhibit #1 (August 2 - August 4)
Exhibit #2 (August 5 - August 8)
Exhibit #3 (August 9 - August 12)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, Aug 1 from 6pm - 7pm
or bring to the Club meeting at Boerner on
Tuesday Aug 2

Pick up trees from **
Sunday, Aug 5 from 9am - 10am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **
Saturday, Aug 4 from 6pm - 7pm

Pick up trees from **
Thursday, Aug 9 from 9am - 10am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, Aug 8 from 6pm - 7pm
-- or bring to the Club meeting at Boerner on
Tuesday Aug 7 --

Pick up trees from **
Monday Aug, 13 from 9am - 10am

** Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry/Fashion Bug sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)

When checking in please bring:

- + your list of scientific names and common names,
- + the approximate age of the tree,

- + stand, accent, sketch of display, and the proposed style of tree.

It is also wise to mark all components of your display with your name.
(an address sticker is usually adequate)

Note: If the drop off/pick up schedule is not good for you, please make personal arrangements for your trees with someone who will care for them. YOU must alert the crew about these arrangements so trees will not be misdirected, lost or stolen.

Call or email

Kris at 262-512-1228, hagr8d@mac.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2012 State Fair committee.

For specific information as to whether your tree will qualify to be entered at State Fair, please go to:

http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general/hort/society_shows.pdf

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If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Steve by phone or email: 414-774-7714 or stephen.contney@att.net

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MBS42AE

I am so very impressed with our club members by their response to the Annual Exhibit Workshops with Peter Tea. In just 3 days, the Private sessions with Peter, one BYO workshop, and the priciest material provided workshop, the Japanese Red Pine, have sold out. At the time of this writing, there are only 6 workshop spots available. That means in 20 short days, this club has registered and paid for 30 workshop spots... WOW!

Any of you who want to register for a workshop, please remember that you have a few days to register before we announce the event to area bonsai clubs. Peter Tea has never been to the midwest before, so don't miss out on this opportunity to work with him, NOW, in your own town.

All other planning for our Annual Exhibit is going well. Our committee will meet again on July 28th to continue tying down all the details. Soon you will have the opportunity to help out your club by volunteering to take a shift or two as an Exhibit monitor, tree check-in attendant, or workshop helper. Or you might want to look over all that bonsai material you have and donate an item or two to the Benefit Drawing to be held at various times throughout the weekend. Or you might really want to help out your club by volunteering to help distribute posters and flyers in your area or community. We will be calling you soon.

The main thing that I wanted to share with you this month is all the evening activities that will be available to members to enhance your bonsai experience and education.

Thursday evening at BBG, Peter will lead a workshop on proper exhibit presentation and will also comment on your individual composition.

Friday evening, at the opening reception at BBG, Peter will critique the exhibit. Usually at

conventions, this event would carry a fee of \$10-15.

Saturday evening at BBG, Peter will discuss bonsai pots. Peter has a passion for unusual and unique bonsai pots and will help us learn about them and how to choose the best pots for each tree. Rumor has it that he will be bringing in Pots from Japan for sale. Bonsai Boon, Peter's teacher here in the US, shared with me that this is one of the ways an apprentice will earn money for their flight to and from Japan.

Monday evening, if we can arrange for a venue, Peter will present techniques for proper branch development. He will use one of the trees that will be available for raffle on the weekend, and help us learn what steps to take, early in the process, to create beautiful branch structure.

Check out www.milwaukeebonsai.org/42ae for more details. Click on "Free Member Workshops"

Any questions:

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42 annual exhibit
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EXHIBIT TREES
TREES IN TRAINING
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RAFFLES
BEGINNER WORKSHOP *
ARTIST WORKSHOP *
* PREREGISTRATION AND FEE
Friday 6-10 pm Reception & Critique
Saturday & Sunday 10-5 pm
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special guest **Peter TEA**

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Boerner Botanical Garden Education & Visitor Center 9400 Boerner Drive Hales Corners WI

ROOTED IN WISCONSIN

TAMARACK (Larch) - *Larix* native in Wisconsin

Larix is an unusual genus, one of the handful of deciduous conifers. Larix bears bright green to bluish-green needle-like leaves that turn yellow in autumn. It has tiny cones which are purplish on most Larix species. Larches are pioneer trees and will not grow properly in the shade.

In areas with suitable temperatures, Larch is quite popular as bonsai. It is recommended by its quickly thickening trunk, and its foliage, which is fresh, bright green in spring and lovely golden yellow in autumn. Unlike many conifers, Larix cones are small and seem in proportion to most sizes of bonsai.



Temperature: Larches are cold-weather trees. Most varieties encounter difficulty in regions warmer than zone 6, and some are hardy in areas as cold as zone 2. The colder and drier the climate, the more compact the needle growth will be.

Watering: Larch can be very sensitive to watering. Nursery grown trees must not ever be allowed to dry out, or to stand in water. Some larches grow naturally in boggy areas, and these have no problem remaining in water for days. They can eventually be trained to survive with less water, which is a good idea, as larches kept a bit dry develop shorter needles.

Feeding: Every two weeks during growth, stopping for 6 weeks in midsummer, for developmental growth. Mature larch bonsai are fed very little, again with the hope of keeping needle length reduced.

Pruning and wiring: Shorten the shoots during growth. The branches may also be pruned in autumn-winter, but always leave 2-3 buds on a branch. Wire from late spring-autumn. Another tip reinforced by experience - do not wire before bud burst as this tends to damage or kill larch cambium. During the growth season, larch responds extremely well to wiring, and it is easy to position a branch exactly where it is wanted. Larches are often seen as formal and informal uprights, and in forest plantings, although they are suitable for all sizes and styles except broom.

Repotting: Larch repotting depends much on circumstance. Young, unrestrained larches grow quickly, although the foliage grows at a greater rate than the root ball. The rate of larch growth can be slowed considerably through bonsai techniques, and by reducing feeding frequency. Tomlinson recommends repotting often, even annually, due to strong root growth. Other sources recommend repotting every 2-4 years, and gradual reduction of the root mass. Repotting should be done in early to mid-spring, or late summer. The books recommend transplanting before bud burst, but American larch may be best repotted after the buds have opened slightly, forming tiny "shaving brushes." Eliminate unwanted branches to encourage rooting. Use fast-draining soil mix.



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Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday, August 7
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Webmaster - Pam W
PAB Board - Ron F, Anna S & Houston S



Wisconsin State Fair ...
Three guys exhibit bonsai.
We three. Wee tree. Wheeee!