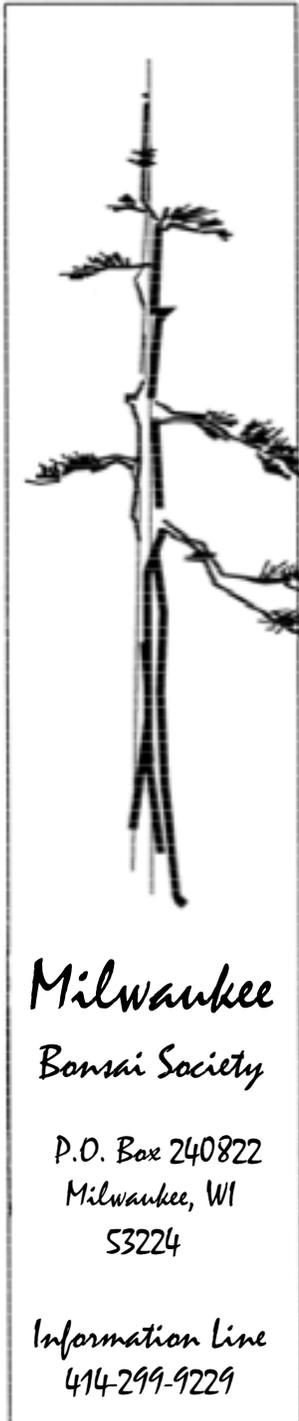


NOVEMBER 2012

Bonsai News



*Milwaukee
Bonsai Society*

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414-299-9229

*There will be no
Tuesday evening
meeting in
November.*

*Instead, please
join us on Sunday
November 11 from
11-3 for a
Winter Wrap up
open workshop at
Boerner. Bring a
tree (some trees)
to work on.*

*Folks from the
public workshop -
bundle up your
trees and bring
them to get them
checked out ... how
they are growing,
do you have any
concerns, etc.*

2012 Events

NOVEMBER

No Tuesday Club Meeting
Sunday Nov 11 - 11:00 - 3:00
Winter Wrap-Up meeting
Nov 16-18 - Holiday Folk Fair

DECEMBER

Dec 4 - Awards Banquet /
Holiday Celebration
at Meyer's Restaurant
74th and Forest Home

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**NO TUESDAY
EVENING CLUB
MEETINGS IN
JANUARY OR
FEBRUARY**

NEXT MEETING

Sunday Nov 11 - noon
Boerner Botanical Gardens

RENEW NOW!!!

President's Message

Happy Fall,

I again want to thank everyone who worked on or participated in the Annual Exhibit this year, especially the event chairman, Steve Ca. His vision and hard work in the past three years has taken the Annual Exhibit to new heights. (Please see article listing the award winners and feedback summary from the Exhibit.)

I also want to thank Jack D for an extremely interesting and informative demonstration on our Engleman Spruce at the last monthly meeting. Great job, Jack.

Officers elected to the 2013 term are as follows:

President, Stephen Co
First Vice-president, Judy S
Second Vice-president, Kris Z
Secretary, Ron F
Treasurer, Susan L
Director, Barbara S
And continuing their terms are:
Past president, Pam W
Director, John M
Director, Allen K

I speak for the membership to give a big round of applause to Greg P and Tony P who have completed their terms and welcome to the Executive Committee to Barbara S and Judy S.

MBS will have an exhibit at the Holiday Folk Fair again this year. Its a really great event if you have never been, great ethnic foods, dancing and exhibits. See related article in this newsletter.

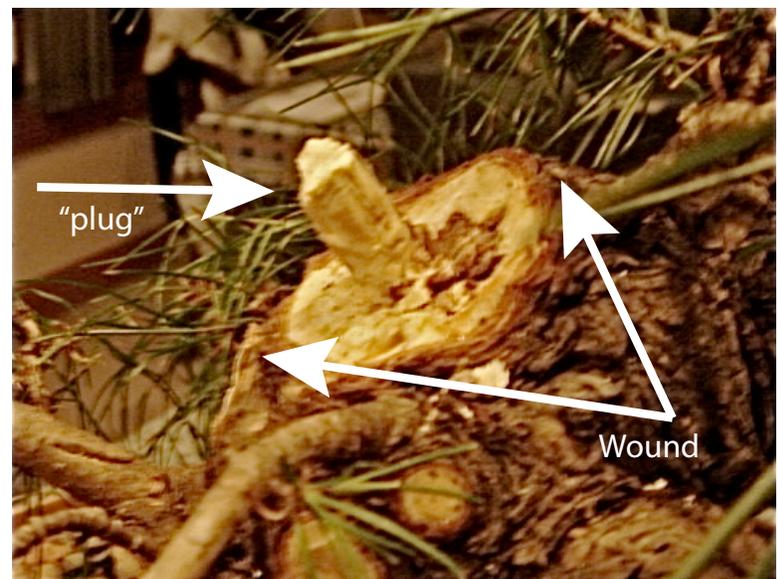
Save the date for the Annual MBS Holiday/ Awards dinner. This year our annual feast at Meyer's Restaurant, 4200 South 76th Street, will be Tuesday December 4 at 7pm.

If you would like to attend, please fill out the reservation form in this newsletter as per the instructions and bring it to the open workshop on November 11th or mail it early enough so that it is received no later than November 26th.

- *Steve*

Callus Formation Part 3 (Large Wounds on Conifers) Stephen Co

During our recent 42nd Annual Exhibit, I participated in a material provided workshop taught by Peter Tea. We learned a technique that was new to all of us, a method of handling a large wound that, according to Peter, promotes a faster callus formation. In essence, if you need to remove a large branch you don't just cut it off. You leave a dowel shaped "plug" in the center. (See illustration). The tree senses this "plug" and thinks that the branch is still there so that sap movement or traffic to the area is not reduced therefore promoting a faster callus formation. The wound should be covered with paste. Then as the callus forms near the plug you reduce the size of the plug and continue to do this till the callus completely covers the wound.



2012 Holiday Folk Fair

Stephen Co

The International Institute of Wisconsin will once again this year coordinate the Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park. The dates for the HFF this year are Friday November 16 through Sunday November 18. The HFF personnel are happy that we will be exhibiting again this year. If you are interested in exhibiting a tree, let me know by email (stephen.contney@att.net). Tree drop off will be at State Fair Park Convention Center from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday November 15 and pick up will be from 6pm to 7pm on Sunday November 18. There are still a few openings for tree sitters. Tickets to the HFF will be provided to volunteers but parking is not included, as always.

This is such a great event, especially on Friday when the kids come in by the busload. I also enjoy the variety of ethnic foods that are available. See you at the MBS Bonsai Exhibit at the Holiday Folk Fair.

Pine Needle removal

Dave Bogan

Evergreen needles change color in the fall, just like deciduous trees. To some this may seem like a problem, if they are not aware of this fact. Although most conifers are considered to be "evergreen", their needles don't live forever. What makes them evergreen is that their leaves / needles stay green for more than one year. Since new needles are added every year, there is always an overlap between green needles and those

that are due to fall. Older needles on the inside of ever-green trees are usually dropped each fall, after they turn yellow, brown or reddish tan in color. Pine trees can hold their needles for 2-5 or more years, depending on the species. Here are some common pines and the number of years they hold their needles:

Eastern white pine Scotch pine (2-4 yrs.)

Four Years: Austrian pine, Red pine

Three Years

Japanese Black pine (3-5 yrs.), Japanese Red pine, Japanese White pine Ponderosa pine

Five Years

Mugo pine



Natural needle drop occurs only on the inner needles; if entire branches or needles at the tips of branches are dying, then something else is happening.

With this in mind, in Bonsai, we generally remove last years or the previous years needles each year in order to open the tree up, allow more air and light in and along with candle pinching, it helps to encourage back budding on the branch. Pine maintenance is a very important factor in creating beautiful bonsai.

MBS42AE... post-postscript

Now that I've had a few weeks to recuperate and return to a life without running an Annual Exhibit, I've had some time to review the comments we received from members and visitors to the Exhibit... and in fact, I have not even officially congratulated the award winners. So I will now:

First, congratulations go to **Michelle Z** for winning the top award of Best Of Show for her Trident Maple. And as you are reading this post, her name is being engraved on our club Annual Exhibit Plaque. You all should see this tree right now... it is in full fall color of blazing red/orange. It is certainly a beautiful tree.

In the novice category, first place went to **Rocio S** for her Narrow Leaf Ficus, second place went to **Liza W** for her Logwood, and 3rd place went to **Judy S** for her Tiger Bark Ficus. In the intermediate category, awards went to **Judy H** for her first place Shimpaku Juniper, **Chris H** for his second place Juniper, and Pres. **Steve Co** for his third place Schefflera on a rock. And finally, in the advanced category, first place went to **Steve Ca**, for his Crabapple, second place went to **Pam W** for her impressive shohin composition, and third place went to **Houston S** for his beautiful Amur Maple.

In reference to these awards, I wanted to quote a paragraph from Peter Tea's critique of MBS42AE, as it relates to the judging process; *"I would also like to add that though I judged the show relative to the other trees in each category, it has its good and bad. The good is that the people that put a lot of effort in their trees were rewarded. The potential bad is that the members who won a prize may start to think that they don't need to learn as much because they are the top of the group. There are bigger and better bonsai out there and the winners should not forget that they should always be improving their bonsai skills. Perhaps mentioning this at a club meeting would be good. We should always be learning no matter what level we are at."* Insightful advice for us all!

And the final award was the Peoples Choice Award. This ribbon was awarded towards the end of the Exhibit after we tallied the almost 400 ballots. And as I announced in last months newsletter, **Ron F** won this ribbon for his Yew.

Congratulations again to all the winners and **Thank You to every club member** who took the time necessary to develop a tree through the entire year, prepare it properly for the exhibit, and actually bring it to BBG to enter it in our club's Annual Exhibit!

This year, we added two questions to the ballot sheet, and I was surprised that almost 100% of the voters chose to answer at least one of the questions, and very many answered both. Below is a sampling of some of these comments:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE EXHIBIT?

77 road signs
49 posters, flyers, bookmarks
47 through members
45 lobby poster, tree on table, display case
41 Milwaukee Journal
40 through a friend
21 various on line sources

HOW COULD WE IMPROVE THIS EXHIBIT?

- 74 Don't change anything!
(a few in particular... "impossible, perfection is difficult to improve on, awesome")
- 15 more trees (come on members... the public is asking for more trees!)
- 13 asked for more info... like a display on how a tree gets from a plant to a bonsai
- 8 wanted more advertising
- 4 asked for voting in all 3 categories... they said it was too hard to pick just 1

We had about 29 members at the Thursday evening free workshop, 40 at the free pot workshop and surprisingly 27 at the Monday evening branch development free workshop. These free evening workshops went over very well for our members, though they really added to the length of our guest artist's day.

Thanks again to my entire committee; Steve Co, John M, Ron F, Rocio and Jorge, and to the three 'first time' committee members, Anna S, Barbara S, and Scott K. This Exhibit worked because of all your involvement, and of course by all the membership entering trees, buying raffle tickets, taking workshops, and just plain being around for all the fun and learning. **YOU have made your 42nd Annual Exhibit a huge success.**

Steve Carini
Chairperson
MBS42AE

Bonsai Bucks

Following is a list of members who received Bonsai Bucks for volunteering at MBS events (including last year's Folk Fair). If you feel you received BB that are not listed here, please contact hagr8d@mac.com to get your BB updated.

Use these Bonsai Bucks towards your Holiday Party. \$3 for each BB. With 6 BB you receive a complimentary dinner!!

See the next page for the reservation form.

Aleto, D	1	Goetzke, B	8	Luedke, R	2	Rossette, J	2
Basich, P	2	Gralinski, D	4	Majewski, N	1	Saybe, R	3
Bills, J	4	Gumieny, D	1	Menzel, J	3	Schmidt, J	2
Carini, S	19	Helminiak, R	2	Molling, J	2	Schordje, L	1
Contney, S	40	Hughes, J	4	Moore, J	20	Sher, J	14
DeBeneditto, M	4	Judy, K	3	Nemec, J	6	Sorensen, T	4
Douthitt, J	1	Judy, P	1	Niemiec, J	5	Stadnicka, A	8
Fortmann, R	13	Kopitzke, R	2	Nold, M	1	Sweet, B	8
		Kosarek, A	11	Pavlik, S	1	Tollefson, P	1
		Krueger, K	1	Plicka, T	19	Wall, T	5
		Krueger, S	3	Plichta, R	3	Woythal, P	14
		Lindell, S	16	Polack, G	11	Ziemann, K	21
						Zimmer, M	2

HOLIDAY PARTY 2012

Our annual Holiday party will again be at Meyer's restaurant at 74th and Forest Home. It's a festive occasion and folks always have a great time. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a BONSAI RELATED wrapped gift as a contribution for our door prizes. Please fill out the reservation form below and bring it with a check to the **November 11, SUNDAY AFTERNOON meeting** or send to our mailbox:

MBS P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224

Date: Tuesday December 4, 2012
Time: 6:00-7:00 cash bar
7:00 Family Style Dinner
Place: Meyer's Restaurant (74th and Forest Home)
Price: \$18 per person

Reservations must be
**RECEIVED by MONDAY
NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

**REMEMBER: EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER,
YOU MUST FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM !!!**

..... HOLIDAY PARTY Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Phone # (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

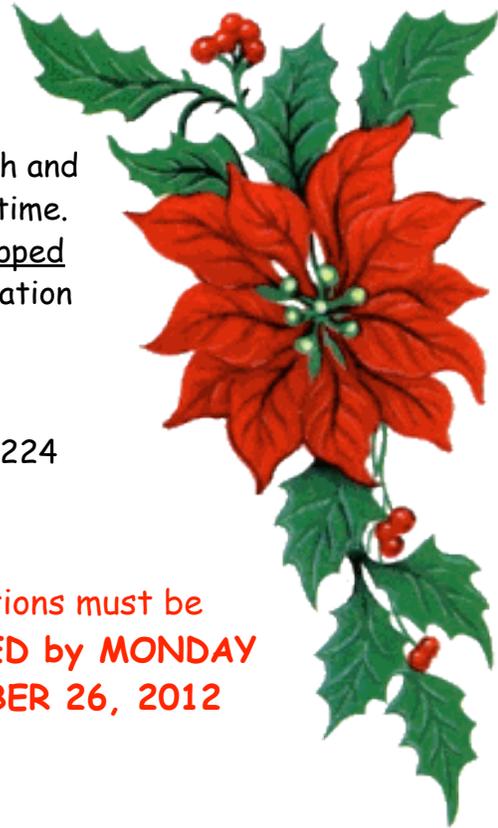
Number of dinners _____ @ \$18 each = \$ _____

- Buddy Bucks _____ @ \$3 each = - (\$ _____)

Check # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS).
Bring check to November meeting or
send to the P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

Reservations must be **RECEIVED** by
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2012



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Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2012 Membership Application

Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Membership Type

New or Renewal:

- Individual 1 year \$25 Individual 2 years \$48 Individual 3 years \$70
 Family 1 year \$35 Family 2 years \$68 Family 3 years \$100

Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)

Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

- Events Administration Other (let us know your interest)
 Fundraising Newsletter production
 Tree Exhibiting/Sitting Volunteer coordination

Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Mail to:

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Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS
Sunday November 11, 2012
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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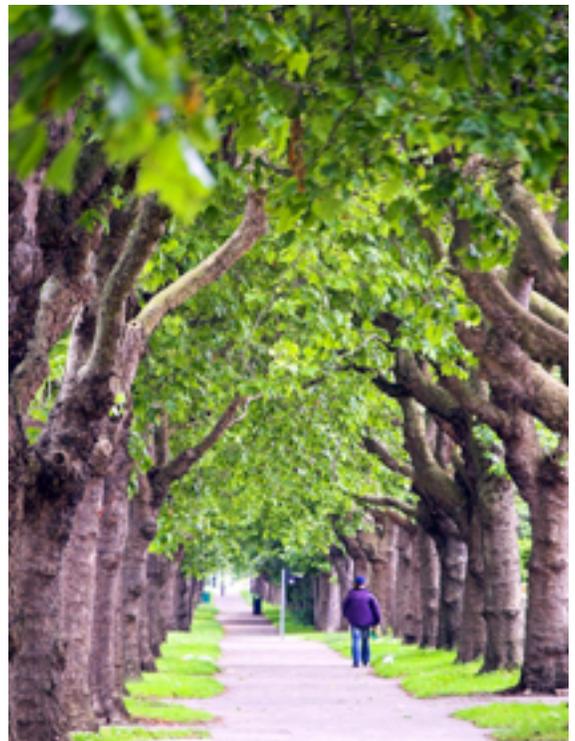
Congratulations to new 2013 board members,
Judy S and Barbara S.

2012 MBS OFFICERS

President	Steve Con.
First VP	Tony P
Second VP	Kris Z
Secretary	Ron F
Treasurer	Susan L
Director	John M
Director	Greg P
Director	Allen K
Past Pres.	Pam W

Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z
Webmaster - Pam W
PAB Board - Rob P, Anna S & Houston S



*It does not matter how slowly you go,
as long as you do not stop.
- Confucius*