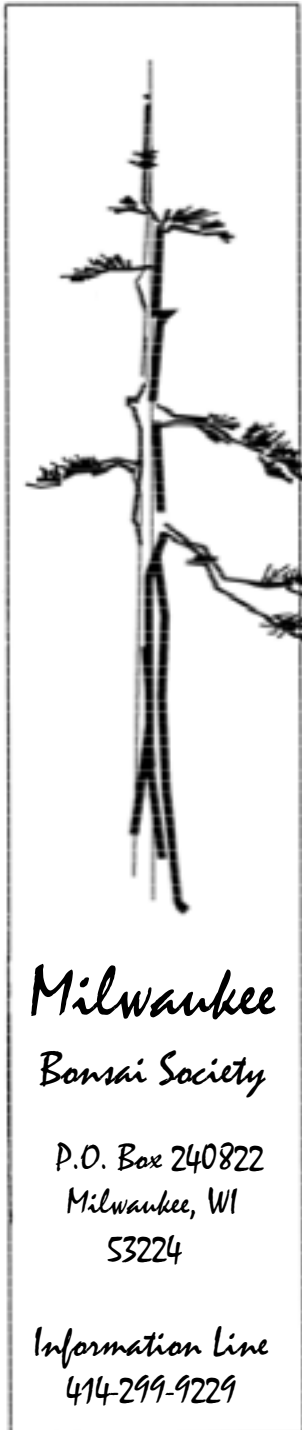


OCTOBER 2013

Bonsai News



OCTOBER MEETING

MBS won the bid on this shimpaku at the 2010 MABA convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was styled by Andy Smith. Since then, it has been dewired (every branch had wire on it). It came in a 15-20 gallon plastic pot (took up the entire back section of a PT cruiser!!!) It was repotted in the spring of 2012 into a cedar box built by Steve Ca. Now, with some ideas from Kathy Shaner, we will move forward in designing this massive tree! Ron F, who has been caring for the tree, will share his ideas (and Kathy's) about where this tree can go.

BEWARE!!

Lots of slashing will occur.



2013 Events

OCTOBER

Oct 1 - Society Meeting

work night on Society's
LARGE shimpaku

Oct 6 (Sun) - Open workshop

fall clean-up 10-2

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 - Society Meeting

work on quince

Nov 10 (Sun) - Open workshop

10-2

Nov 22-24 - Folk Fair Exhibit

DECEMBER

Dec 3 - Society Holiday Party

and Awards Banquet -

Meyer's Restaurant

www.milwaukeebonsai.org



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Oct 1 - 7:00 pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens

REMEMBER

Come to the society
meetings at 6:00 for social
time and to get advice on
trees you bring.

President's Message

Wow, what a weekend!!! From our honored guest artist Kathy Shaner, to the wonderful banquet, and Jack D's extremely generous offer, our 43rd Annual Exhibit was absolutely spectacular. Pam W. deserves a round of applause for chairing a very successful event this year and the same for all the volunteers that made the event possible. Thank you to everyone who exhibited this year and congratulations to all the ribbon winners. The vendors were great, the raffles were fun and helped the bottom line and the workshops were fantastic.

This was my first opportunity to work with Kathy and it was a very informative experience. She is an exceptional teacher and I would not hesitate to work with her again. MBS was honored to have had Kathy as our guest artist this year. I think we did a good job in demonstrating to her that we can put on a successful exhibit, are easy to work with, dedicated and a fun group.

Bartollota Catering deserves a tip of the hat for a wonderful banquet. The venue was perfect for a small group and the food was a home run. We will definitely do it again next year. If you didn't attend this year you really missed a good time.

Jack D. What can I say? His generosity is overwhelming! At the reception on Friday evening he announced a challenge grant that would match funds up to \$50,000 donated by MBS members by the end of the year to help achieve our shared vision of a bonsai collection in the greater Milwaukee area!!! In the first 48 hours we collected a few dollars less than \$20,000!!! Jack has been in contact with the Linden Sculpture Garden in Brown Deer and their Board of Directors to explore the idea of a "living sculpture" area in the gardens and their initial response was very positive. All of this has come about in a very short period of time and it is now up to us to show them what MBS can do

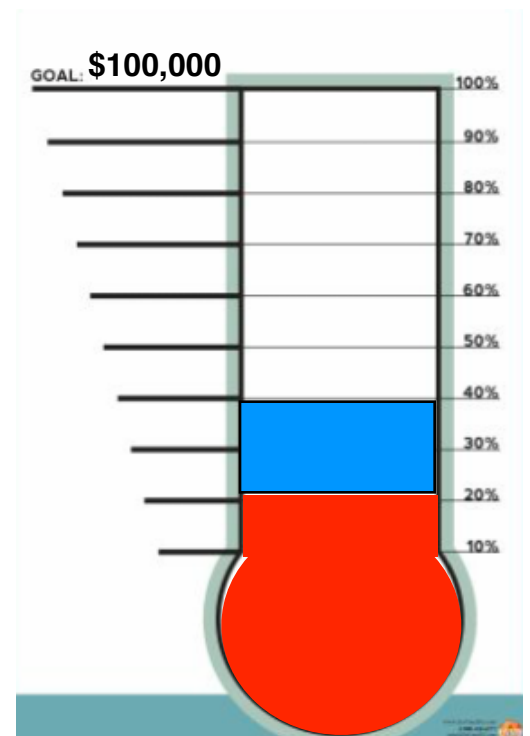
and prove to them that a bonsai collection would be an asset to the Linden Sculpture Garden.

Now is the opportune time for MBS membership to take a very large step forward to meet our \$50,000 goal by the end of this year allowing us to take full advantage of Jack's challenge grant. \$100,000 will go a long way towards establishing our shared vision of a bonsai collection in the greater Milwaukee area. If you are able to make a donation please fill out the contribution information sheet (included in this issue) and mail along with your check to the address on the information sheet

Thank you to everyone who has donated money so far and those who have offered trees from their personal collections (including Kathy Shaner).

Steve

\$100,000 by December 31, 2013!!



Challenge Grant

Getting ready for Peter Tea

After seeing the beautiful trees that were on display at the Annual Show, many members are excited to improve their skills and knowledge of bonsai by participating in the Peter Tea Master's Classes. These classes are for MBS members who are serious about bonsai and will make a 3 year commitment to study with Peter.

Peter will be coming in 3 times per year from 2014 - 2016.

The 2014 dates are:

the weekends of

May 3-4

June 28-29

November 8-9

Please check your calendar now to write in these dates. If you cannot make one of the sessions, you would need to find a member of the other class(es) to trade their day with you. If you cannot make any of the days, you will not be reimbursed your fees for that day as the fees are based on 8 (or fewer) in the class. You cannot give your class space to a person not in one of the classes.

The cost for the 2014 classes will vary slightly depending on how many participants there are per class (i.e. a class with 6 people will pay more than a class with 8 people). Depending on how many members sign up, we may have 2 or 3 days of classes. Tentatively the costs will be around \$500 for the year

2014 which includes Peter's fees, airfare and expenses, apron and room rental.

Private sessions are also available. Cost \$450/day for 1 person (paid directly to Peter). \$600 for 2-6 people. You must be a member of a class to sign up for a private lesson. Also, there will be an additional fee to help cover transportation charges. Please check off on the reservation form if you are interested.

Some requirements from Peter:

"I do ask that each member of the study group has a good set of aluminum and copper wire. For aluminum, they should each have sizes .5, 1.0, 1.5, 1.7 (optional but useful) 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5mm. For copper (annealed), they should have sizes 6 (for big branches-if necessary), 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 gauge.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required when you sign up. The remainder of the fees for 2014 must be paid by March 15, 2014. (The exact amount will be determined once we know how many people are in each class). Please fill in the reservation form below and bring to the October meeting or mail to:

MBS

P.O. Box 240822

Milwaukee, WI 53224

PETER TEA RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Home phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____ cell phone # _____

Ability level (circle one) novice intermediate advanced

I wish to participate in the Peter Tea Master's Class. I include a non-refundable check for \$50 which will go toward my fees for the class. By signing below, I have read the above guidelines of the class and agree to follow them.

Signature _____ check # or cash _____

_____ I am interested in taking a private session with Peter. (This just shows interest. There is no commitment at this time.)

Congratulations to this year's Annual Exhibit award winners...

Show Committee

Chair

Pam Woythal,

Committee

Pat Basich

Steve Contney

Ron Fortmann

Judy Hughes

Susan Lindell

John Moore

Judy Schmidt

Anna Stadnicka

Barbara Sweet

Michelle Zimmer

BEST OF SHOW



**Advanced
1st place**

Shimpaku

Jean S



**Advanced
2nd Place
Japanese Wisteria
Allen K**



**Advanced
3rd Place
Chinese Elm / Boston Ivy / Japanese Maple
Jack D**

Sponsors/Vendors

Ancient Art Bonsai

BC Bonsai

Charlotte Fung Miller

John Menzel

Karen Schuman

Tony Plicka

Business Donors

Bogans Bonsai

Bruegger's Bagels

Brussel's Bonsai

Cass Bonsai Gardens

China One Restaurant

Consumer Beverage Center

Designing style

Golden Arrow Bonsai

International Bonsai Arboretum

Leo Schordje Orchids

Meehan's Miniatures

Nature's Way Nursery

Sara Rayner's Pottery

Stone Creek Coffee

Wildwood Gardens

Wisconsin Athletic Club

Individual Donors

Steve Carini

Jack Douthitt

Ron Fortmann

Dennis Gralinski

Judy & Chris Hughes

Ken & Pauline Judy

Kathy Kopdlowski

Susan Lindell

Rita Luedke

Houston Sanders

Janice Schley

Judy Schmidt

Jean Sher

Anna Stadnicka

Barb Sweet

Pam Woythal

Kris Ziemann

INTERMEDIATE



1st Place
Willow Leaf Ficus
Jorge R



2nd Place
Blue Rug Juniper
Greg P



3rd Place
Ponderosa Pine
Teri W

NOVICE



1st Place
Grape
Rocio S



2nd Place
Brazilian Raintree
Liza W



3rd Place
Japanese White Pine
Joe V

70th Annual Holiday Folk Fair

The next opportunity for members to show a tree this year is at the 70th Annual Holiday Folk Fair. Since this is a landmark year for HFF, local public television will be taping the entire event with the goal of producing a documentary. MBS will be there so we want to be sure to be a part of that documentary. We can do this by having an interesting display. Tree sitters are asked to bring trees to work on during their session. We can set up a "trees in training" area like State Fair so sitters won't need to carry their trees in and out just to work on. Tree sitters sign up will begin at the next meeting. Our future participation at the HFF looks bright. Al D., from the International Institute, would like very much to have a public workshop during the 71st HFF next year. This is a great idea and would be a benefit to our Society.

Contribution Information Sheet

A Challenge Grant has been made to the members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society by Jack Douthitt

Jack will match every dollar contributed by an MBS member to the
Public Bonsai Collection Fund
between now and December 31, 2013
up to a total of
\$50,000

So, contribute today and help make the
Public Bonsai Collection a reality

**Milwaukee Bonsai Society is a 501 (3) (c) organization...
your donations are tax deductible**

Please make all checks payable to The Milwaukee Bonsai Society. (Please note on the check that it is for the Public Bonsai Collection Fund) and give to an MBS Officer or Director with this completed sheet. Or mail to:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society
P.O. Box 240822
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Attached is my check dated _____ in the amount of \$_____

Name_____

Street address_____

City_____ State and zip code_____

Telephone number_____

Email address_____

Thank You for your Generosity



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday October 1, 2013
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

**Slate for
2014 MBS OFFICERS**

President	Greg P
First VP	Judy S
Second VP	Susan L
Secretary	Allen K
Treasurer	Barb S
Director	Anna S
Director	John M
Director	Teri W
Past Pres.	Steve Co

The election will take place at the
October club meeting.

Other Club Functions:

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



*Autumn birds flocking
Dipping and weaving as one
Ballet in the sky*

- Joe N