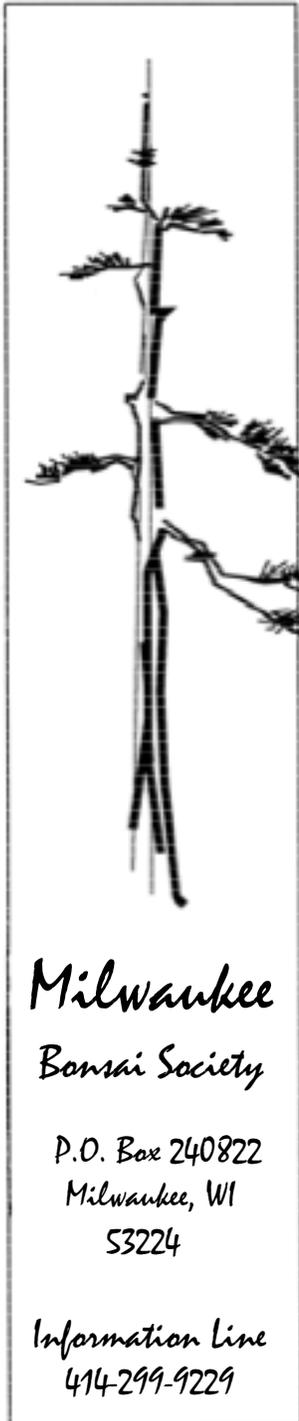


DECEMBER 2014

# Bonsai News



***NO Tuesday night  
meeting in December***

### **ANDY IS COMING!!!**

Our first Tuesday night meeting of 2015 will feature Andy Smith - known for his collecting of Ponderosa Pines and other high mountain species. As many of you might know, we will be offering two workshops with Andy limited to 6 people each... Sunday March 1 and Monday March 2 from 9-12 at Boerner. The cost is \$75 per person. Contact Judy S if you are interested.

[schmidtjm@aol.com](mailto:schmidtjm@aol.com)

Andy would like to work on Ponderosas, white pines, Mughos and Spruce. If you have a tree (or trees) already, you are set to sign up. If you are in need of a tree, Steve Co will be driving out to Deadwood SD to purchase trees for MBS and would be happy to bring a tree back for you. You can go to Andy's website

[www.goldenarrowbonsai.com](http://www.goldenarrowbonsai.com) to purchase a tree. He will hold it for Steve to pick up.

**Andy will give a 10% discount for trees that Steve brings back!!**

### **DECEMBER 2014**

No Society Meeting

### **2015**

#### **JANUARY**

No Society Meeting

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb 3 - no Society meeting

Feb 8 (Sunday) - Winter Silhouette show at the Domes 9-4

Feb 15 (Sunday) - Kick off meeting / open workshop at Boerner

Feb 21 (Saturday) - Novice Class #1 at Boerner

#### **MARCH**

Mar 1-2 - workshops with Andy Smith

Mar 3 - Society Meeting  
Andy Smith guest artist

**\*Members only**

### **Time is of the essence**

as Steve will be leaving Saturday November 29. Please contact Steve if you wish him to pick up your tree.

414-405-0788

[stephen.contney@att.net](mailto:stephen.contney@att.net)

**SEE PAGE 2 for more details\*\***

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday Feb 15 - 10:00am**  
Boerner Botanical Gardens

# President's Message

"Thank You!"

As I wrap up an incredibly fulfilling year, I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard on behalf of MBS. You've made my first year as President so easy!

I want to express my gratitude to the executive committee members who have helped keep MBS one of the best organizations for Bonsai in the country. Our success is tied to our ability to offer excellent programs. Sometimes, we as members take for granted the guest artists, workshops and classes put on by MBS. But it would not be possible without the hard work and organizational skills of the executive committee and all of our volunteers.

I also want to thank our members for participating in the programs. You've made them a success. Without your support, we could not fill the workshops and we would not be able to continue bringing world-class bonsai artists to Milwaukee.

Next year should be even better, thanks to the establishment of The Excellence in Bonsai Program in memory of Anna Stadnicka, former Society and Executive Committee member. The Program is funded through the generosity of her sister Katarzyna ,of Krakow Poland, in memory of Anna. This support will allow us to bring to Milwaukee, a series of the very best artists from the bonsai community around the world. Thanks to Steve Co. for working so hard to make this possible.

We are also moving forward with the establishment of a Public Collection in the Milwaukee area. Plans are in the works, and we will keep everyone updated on progress. If all goes well, we could break ground late next year. Thanks to Jack D and Michelle Z for leading the charge that is making this happen sooner than anyone expected.

This year has been an amazing and humbling experience for me. Thank You!

I can't wait for next year!

*Greg*

## **\*\*ORDERING A TREE FOR THE ANDY SMITH WORKSHOP\*\***

1. Contact Judy S to save your place in the workshop
2. Contact Andy Smith to order your tree - 10% discount
3. Contact Steve Con for him to pick up your tree

## **CONGRATULATIONS to the officers of the 2015 Executive Committee**

President	Greg P
First VP	Kris Z
Second VP	Judy S
Secretary	Julie McN
Treasurer	Barbara S
Director	Teri W
Director	John Men
Director	Susan L
Past Pres.	Steve Con

and thank you to outgoing EC member Steve Carini

## **Things I must have know, but forgot...**

Sometimes you hear something (maybe even multiple times), but it just doesn't sink in. Here are two tidbits worth repeating:

- When talking about the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 principle... it doesn't necessarily mean that the lowest branch must be 1/3 the way up the trunk. If you have foliage hanging down, the lowest point can be 1/3 up the trunk.
- Wiring gives curve to the branches, pruning gives angle.

# Excellence in Bonsai Program Update



The first guest artist for this series will be Mauro Stemberger. Mr. Stemberger is receiving rave reviews in Europe. He will be in the US in April next year and has graciously agreed to add Milwaukee to his itinerary. At the May 5<sup>th</sup> Society meeting he will work on a 100 year old Ponderosa Pine collected by Andy Smith in 2012.

May 6 and 7 workshops with Mr. Stemberger are in the planning stage at this time. Registration forms for these workshops will be available on our website by the end of the year.

Mauro was born in 1978 in Feltre, Italy, which is still his home. Please visit his extensive website, [italianbonsaidream.com](http://italianbonsaidream.com), for more information, including a biography.



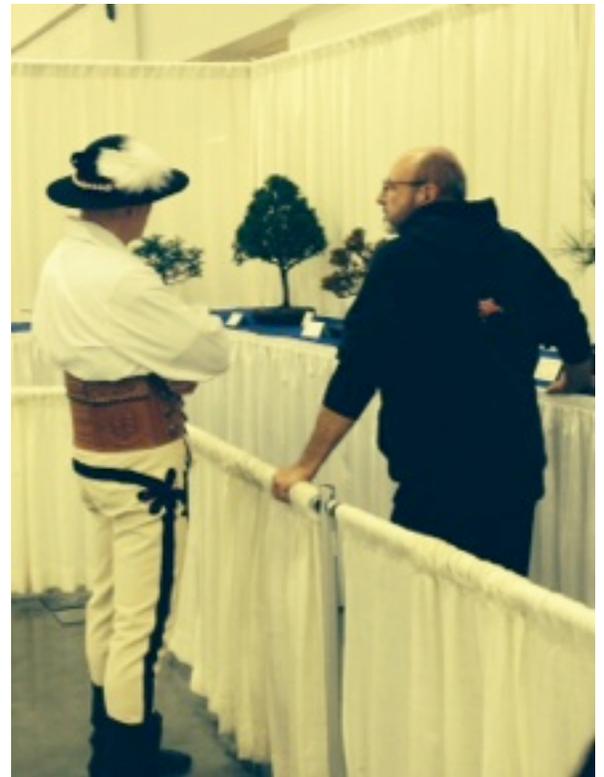
# A DAY AT THE FAIR - Folk Fair, that is

The Blue Team (Mahone Bonsai Club) is the only Middle School Bonsai (that we know of) in the country!! They spent Friday at Folk Fair sharing their knowledge with other students and adults.



A presentation of T-Shirts to Al Durtka (President and CEO of the International Institute of Wisconsin which puts on Folk Fair) and his wife, Sharon.





# Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation - Update

*We are making excellent progress in establishing a public bonsai garden in Milwaukee. The generous donations last year demonstrated the great support by the bonsai community of our efforts. We are hopeful that next year will bring us even closer to our goal.*

*As many of you know, students from the UWM School of Architecture under the guidance of Kyle Talbott, a member of MBS, have been working on the design of a bonsai garden at Lynden Sculpture Garden. Although we do not anticipate that any of their designs will be the final design of the bonsai garden, they have already inspired us to think “outside the box” which has resulted in many new and fresh ideas for a bonsai garden.*

*You are invited to view  
the exciting work  
of the  
UWM Architectural Students'*

## **DESIGNS FOR A BONSAI GARDEN AT LYNDEN SCULPTURE GARDEN**

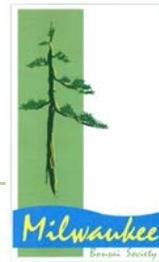
*2145 West Brown Deer Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53217*

*on  
December 13, 2014  
12 noon until 3pm.*

*There is no entry fee for you to view the exhibit  
and visit the Garden on this date*

# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2015 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 \$30

Individual 2 years \$57

Individual 3 years \$84

Family 1 year \$42

Family 2 years \$81

Family 3 years \$120

*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:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

P.O. Box 240822

Milwaukee, WI 53224

### 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  
Saturday February 15, 2015  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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### Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z  
Webmaster - Pam W  
Director of Children's Education - Jean S  
PAB Board - Rob P, Ron F & Houston S



Early snows blew in  
Blanketing unsuspecting  
outdoor woodland waifs

*Photo by Jean S*

- K Ziemann