

Milwaukee, WI 53224

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NEXT MEETING Sunday Mar 3 - 6:45 pm Boerner Botanical Gardens Andy Smith is coming!! We are all anxiously awaiting Andy Smith from Golden Arrow Bonsai in South Dakota. Andy has graciously donated a beautiful Ponderosa Pine that he will be styling at our Society Meeting. He will begin with a short Power Point presentation.

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There may be a few openings in his workshops on Sunday and Monday. Please call Judy S at 414-529-2973 if you would be interested in participating. A ponderosa or other high mountain tree would be best for Andy to work with. 2015

MARCH 2015

MARCH Mar 1–2 (Sun/Mon) – workshops with Andy Smith\*

Mar 3 – Society Meeting Andy Smith guest artist Mar 7 (Sat)– Novice Class #2\* Mar 21 (Sat)–Novice Class #3\* Mar 27–30 – Advanced classes #1 with Peter Tea\*

## APRIL

Apr 7 - Society Meeting Group Slash / Tool Sharpening Apr 11 (Sat)- Novice Class #4\* Apr 12 (Sunday) - Repotting Workshop 10-1

## MAY

May 2 – Children's workshop (grades 1–5) at Lynden 9:00 – 12:00 May 3–Intermediate Class #1\* **May 5 Society Meeting** Guest Artist – Mauro Stemberger May 6–7 – Mauro Stemberger workshops May 8 (Friday) National Public Gardens day at Boerner May 29–31 Peter Tea Classes #2 \* **\*Members only** 

# President's Message

Greetings Everyone!

We have several excellent bonsai artists coming to Milwaukee this year. First is Andy Smith. He will be here for the March MBS Meeting on March 3rd. He will also be available for workshops the Sunday and Monday before the meeting. Andy will be styling a Ponderosa Pine he graciously donated to the club, during the Tuesday night meeting, don't miss this demo.

In May the Intermediate Class begins. Now that you are making progress on your bonsai journey think about continuing your education with Intermediate Classes. You will be building on your understanding of bonsai styles, practices and techniques. Gain skills in design concepts and build friendships with classmates. Registered class participants only. See the Intermediate Class Flyer for details and registration.

We are also having our first international bonsai artist for the Excellence in Bonsai program Mauro Stemberger world famous Italian artist will be here for the May general meeting.

These are just a few of the high points this year. Keep reading the newsletter for new events and coming attractions.

Greg

The February 15 Kick-off Meeting was a great success. With a Hawaiian theme and plenty of munchies, music and punch, participants were involved in sharpening tools (with Jack D on the whetstone and Michelle Z on the waterstone) and a special technique of cleaning pots with moisturizing cream was demonstated by Houston S. The mystery pot exchange was a big hit! We had raffles and each member received a special MBS pen. A warm and friendly outing for those who braved the cold!

# Intermediate Class anyone?

For those who have not yet taken the Intermediate Class, please check the website for the printable form: http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/Newsletters/Intermediate\_Class\_Flyer.pdf

**Classes begin May 3!** 

Another successful Silhouette Exhibit was presented at the Domes February 8. Added to the striking trees on display was a children's corner where they could draw bonsai and touch all sort of bonsai items. This area was a great hit for the young ones and their parents! Thanks to Jean S and the Mahone kids for putting this together.



Click here to see a wonderful video of the recent Bonsai Exhibit - the Noelanders Trophy 2015 (Marc Noelanders is the president of the Bonsai Association Belgium). Around 4:18 is a tree exhibited by Mauro Stemberger who will be our guest artist in May.

http://ofbonsai.org/galleries/videos/bonsai-exhibition-at-the-noelanders-trophy-2015



Mauro will do the initial design on a very large

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society proudly presents Mauro Stemberger as the first artist sponsored by the Excellence in Bonsai Program on Tuesday evening May 5, 2015 in the multi media room at Boerner Botanical Garden. Mauro has earned a worldwide reputation for his bonsai artistry.



and old Ponderosa Pine collected by Andy Smith in 2012.

The tree to the right is one of Mauro's award winners! If you would like to see more of Mauro's trees visit his website italianbonsaidream.com





MASAHIKO KIMURA EXCELLENCE AWARD 2013

The Excellence in Bonsai Program is supported by a generous gift from the estate of Anna Stadnicka through her sister Katarzyna.

# Workshops with Mauro Stemberger

Bring your own material workshops with Mauro Stemberger will be on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 8th. The 8 am to 4 pm workshops will take place at Boerner Botanical Garden with the Wed workshop in the Grandparents Room and the Thurs workshop in the Garden House. Participation will be limited to 8 each day on a first come first serve basis by postmark or payment. See registration form in this issue. Registrations will be accepted as of the March meeting.



### Contact Information

| Name            |  |
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| Street Address  |  |
| City ST Zip     |  |
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| Please chec | ck the appropriate information below  |
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| Choice      | In the first column please indicate your 1st and second choice for day. Workshop registration is on a first come first serve basis by postmark and/or payment and is limited to 8 per workshop. |
|             | Wednesday May 6th, 2015, 8am-4pm Grandparents Room at BBG   |
|             | Thursday May 7th, 2014 8am-4pm Garden House at BBG  |

### Payment / Fee

The fee for the bring your own material workshop is \$100

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

Bring to the March meeting or send to:

MBS 542 Pleasant View St Wauwatosa, WI 53223

(if sending be sure that it is received before May 5th to ensure your spot, all open slots will be offered at the end of the meeting on May 5th)



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Next Meeting of MBS Tuesday March 3, 2015 Boerner Botanical Gardens 9400 Boerner Dr Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Other Club Functions: Newsletter - <u>Kris Z</u> Webmaster - <u>Pam W</u> Director of Children's Education - Jean S PAB Board - Rob P, Ron F & Houston S



In British usage, This wire can wrap up haiku: Aluminium.