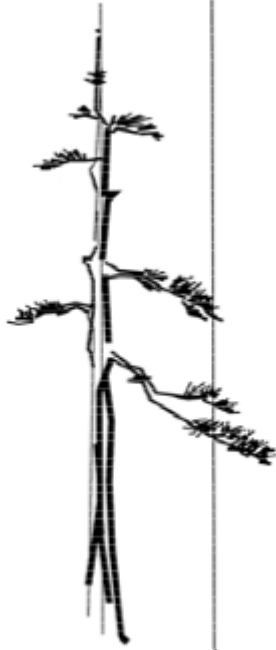


BONSAI NEWS

July 2015



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Bonsai Society
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July MBS meeting Tropicals and Exotics

July is the best time to work on your tropicals, especially repotting. Houston S and Kris Z will be sharing ideas on their tropicals and exotics. Things you might want to know: How do tropicals and exotics differ from hardier trees in growth and styling? How do you grow these trees from small material into bonsai?

Also, questions will be fielded from the audience, so bring along any questions you have.

- **If you have an unusual tropical (no ficus, please) we encourage you to bring it to the meeting for display.**

Some Ficus Retusa Tiger Bark will be available for purchase at \$30. Very healthy, good looking trees from Florida.

Folks who took the Beginner Workshop last September, remember that there is a repotting session for you (and anyone else who wants help repotting) at Boerner Saturday July 25 from 9-12. Beginners bring your trees and pots, all else will be provided for you. Anyone else wishing to repot, please bring all of your own materials (soil, pots, wire, etc).

July

July 7 **Society Meeting**—Tropicals
July 11-Wauwatosa Exhibit 9-4
July 18-Intermediate Class #3*
July 25-Repotting Workshop 9-12

August

Aug 7 **Society Meeting**—Set up for display
Aug 6-16-State Fair Exhibit
Aug 14-16 Chicago Exhibit

September

Sept 1 **Society Meeting**—Jin/Shari
Sept 12-Fall Beginner Workshop
Sept 18-20-Annual Exhibit-**TED MATSON**

***Members Only**

Next Meeting

**July 7, 2015
6:45pm**

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

President's Message

July is tropical trees month. The Tuesday night meeting is discussions on tropical trees. Then on the 25th of July we have an Open Workshop for tropical tree repotting. Bring your trees to be reported and enjoy the company of other bonsai enthusiasts. Everyone is welcome.

State Fair is in AUG. Have you signed up to tree sit yet? If you haven't, Steve Co. will be calling you! Don't say you are not knowledgeable enough. You know more than the general public and you will learn even more by doing it. Also it's a good time for beginners and novice to enter a tree in a show. Remember that the trees shown during the Fair are judged. You get a written critique, the judge's opinion on what to do to make your bonsai better. This is valuable information on how you can improve your tree. So, it is to your advantage to show a tree at State Fair and get insight on how to make your tree a winner. State Fair starts AUG. 6th this year. It's a good way for novice and beginners to get to know what it's like to enter a judged show.

-Greg

Ancient Arts Bonsai has 1# packages of both the Systemic Fungicide and Insecticide that Peter Tea recommended for bonsai use. They will be available at the July meeting or contact Ron at 262-490-8733 or aabonsai.com

Peter Tea at the June MBS meeting



Photo courtesy of Jean S

Folks who took the Beginner Workshop in September 2014, remember that there is a repotting session for you at Boerner on Saturday July 25 from 9-12. Please bring your trees and pots, all else will be provided for you.

STATE FAIR 2015 - 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 414-529-2973 to participate.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 6-16

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2015

Exhibit #1 (August 6 - August 8)
Exhibit #2 (August 9 - August 12)
Exhibit #3 (August 13 - August 16)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, August 5 from 6pm - 6:30pm OR
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 4

Pick up trees from **
Sunday, Aug 9 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **
Saturday, Aug 8 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **
Thursday, Aug 13 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, Aug 12 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **
Monday Aug, 17 from 9am - 9:30am

** 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.

HAVING A PICTURE OF YOUR SET-UP IS RECOMMENDED!!

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

Susan at 414-744-2808, angus77@att.net

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2015 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_info/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

Bonsai Conventions

By Pam W

Bonsai Conventions give bonsai enthusiasts the opportunity to participate in bonsai activities. The educational workshops and demonstrations at bonsai gatherings are substantive and interesting. The programs are varied in location, content and skill level. You can participate in one or more workshops geared for beginner, intermediate, or advanced ability. Many workshops include bonsai material.

Participants are a group of people who have a passion for bonsai, learning and a sense of adventure. Programs and participants promote a friendly and social atmosphere from registration to the closing of the convention. You'll be surprised how quickly you make new friends.

A convention lasts two to three nights, usually starting on a Thursday afternoon with registration, and ending on Sunday after lunch. Many meals are provided and there could be 3 or 4 hours of demonstrations each day.

Workshops are usually held on Friday morning and afternoon. They consist of small groups usually around 8 and the instructor. The workshop fee is in addition to the symposium and is determined by the cost of material if provided and the visiting instructor. Early evenings often include field trips or social activities.

Bonsai Conventions are usually hosted by a member club or organization and provide unique programs developed by their members, and are open for all enthusiastic learners regardless of previous bonsai experience. In addition, most Bonsai Conventions are governed by their own members, and have members leading some of the workshops.

So why bring this up? MABA 2015 this coming July 10 is a great opportunity to attend your first convention. Several of us are planning to attend. Check out the link at www.maba2015.com and ask questions at the July meeting.



Mid-America
Bonsai Alliance



Convention Dates: July 10-12, 2015

AUGUST
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BONSAI SWAP MEET

10am - 3pm



**Grace Lutheran Church
3030 W. Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee**

Come and visit with friends, swap out bonsai items, buy new material,,,,,,sell your extra bonsai , pots, or any related bonsai items.-----outside or inside set ups, bring a table and lawn chair if outside. Clean out your extra pots, soil, tools, too many of same type of tree? Swap or sell for something you like better. Let's take some time to get to know others. Share good stories and advice. Good place for those getting started to stock up on material/supplies at a bargain. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE,!!

For more info call (262) 245-6465

Not a MBS sponsored event



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Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday July 7, 2015
Boerner Botanical Gardens
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Photo by Jean S

Tropical breezes
The proud ginkgo plant stands tall
On a moon lit night
-Michael J