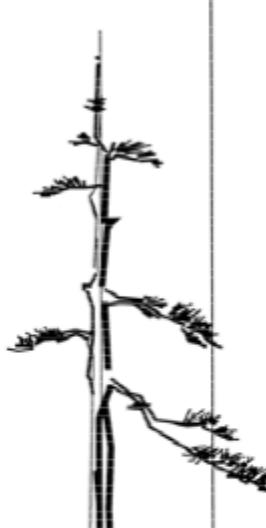


BONSAI NEWS

August 2017



Milwaukee
Bonsai Society
PO Box 240822
Milwaukee Wi
53224

Information Line
414-299-9229

Next Meeting

Aug 1 2017
6:45pm

Boerner Botanical
Gardens

August Meeting

Here's a chance for you to get ideas (or refresh your memory) on how to display your tree(s) for State Fair and our Annual Exhibit. Steve C, a very talented bonsai artist, will be on hand to demonstrate how to put together a display.

Assembling a display is much more than just styling your tree. It's the complete composition that makes a stunning presentation. Many of you know Steve C through participation in the Intermediate class.

Please join us at our August meeting to get energized to display your tree.

August

- August 1—**MBS meeting**
August 3-13—WI State Fair
August 18-20—Chicago Exhibit
August 26—Intermediate Class #5*
August 26—Bonsai Basics #1*

September

- Sept 5—**MBS meeting**-Rich's Fox Willow
Sept 9—Beginner Workshop
Sept 23—Bonsai Basics #2*

October

- Oct 3—**MBS meeting**-Elms
Oct 13-15—Annual Exhibit
Oct 21—Bonsai Basics #3*
Oct 28—Bonsai Basics #4*

November

- Nov 7—**MBS meeting**-Winter Storage & Slab Making
Nov 3-7—Peter Tea Classes #3*
Nov 17-19—Folk Fair

*Open to MBS members only



President's Message August 2017

I've recently returned from the Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (**MABA**) meeting. Since I was the only person from the Milwaukee area to attend, I can tell everyone that you missed some great bonsai workshops with exceptional material. I took two workshops with **Matt Reel**. He has apprenticed in Japan and it shows. He knows the horticulture of the trees as well as bonsai design. He is a patient and even-tempered teacher and I came home with trees that have had a great start to their lives as bonsai.

Matt will be our guest artist for our October 2017 Annual Exhibit. He loves to work with junipers and we have them for a material provided workshop. We will also have a BYO deciduous workshop as well as a BYO conifer workshop. Since I'm still working on my twisted juniper, I will definitely be signing up for the BYO conifer workshop. Don't miss getting a spot.

Speaking of both our Annual Exhibit and MABA, **MBS will be hosting MABA** in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of our Annual Exhibit in 2020. You certainly can't be concerned about the drive to MABA then. We will be looking for people to help organize, so please consider stepping up.

At our August meeting, Steve Ca. will present tips on preparing your tree for display. This will be most important for displaying your tree at the Annual Exhibit, but also timely because this is State Fair time. Even if you have heard this information before, it's always good to review the details.

For those of you who have your tree entered in the first State Fair Exhibit, you may bring your tree to the Tuesday night meeting and it will be transported to State Fair on Thursday morning. For everyone else, please see the write up later in the newsletter for details on the drop off and pick up of your trees. Remember, trees will be judged within your experience group. Novices will compete against novices for ribbons. We have great judges who will give you thoughtful suggestions on how to improve your tree. Please, sign up and enter a tree. The judges will be kind in their critique so don't be scared away.

Judy



STATE FAIR 2017 - 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, email or call Melissa J missyuc2@yahoo.com (414-350-5924) to participate.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2017

Exhibit #1 (August 3 - August 5)
Exhibit #2 (August 6 - August 9)
Exhibit #3 (August 10 - August 13)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **

Wednesday, August 2 from 6pm - 6:30pm OR
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 1

Pick up trees from **

Sunday, Aug 6 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **

Saturday, Aug 5 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **

Thursday, Aug 10 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **

Wednesday, Aug 9 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **

Monday Aug, 14 from 9am - 9:30am

** Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 3-13

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 for exhibiting trees

Melissa J (414-350-5924) or

missyuc2@yahoo.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2017 State Fair committee.

*** If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Rob P by phone or email: 414-453-7317 rstylingcourt@yahoo.com

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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Below is the slate of candidates for the
2018 Executive Committee:

President-Melissa J	1st VP-Bryan L
2nd VP-Kris Z	Secretary-Leo S
Treasurer-Wally V	Director-Rob P
Director-Phil R	Director-??

A vote will be taken at the *October* meeting
to elect your 2018 officers

MBS member on Big Bend Rd in Waukesha does not drive and is hoping to find a ride to the Tuesday evening meetings.

Please call Delores at 262-408-2833 if you could help.



A big THANKS to Melissa J and her husband, Michael, for the outstanding grilling job they did at the picnic on Saturday the 22nd.

By the way, our picnic / swap meet was a great success. Lots of DEALS on pots, trees, books, stands, etc.

Are you reluctant to show your tree at State Fair 'cuz you think it's not good enough? Don't worry about that. State Fair is a jumping off point to putting together your first display. We have 3 different judges who will give their viewpoints on how to improve your tree. These comments are priceless. Just entering your tree for comments is a great learning experience. Show #1 - Judge Jennifer Price (International Judge). Show #2 - Judge - Chris Baker (curator of the Chicago Botanic Garden Bonsai). Show #3 - Judge - Phil Mahliot (member of Prairie State - Bonsai) These 3 judges have previously judged at State Fair and give very constructive comments. Jennifer said she would be happy to stick around if you would like one on one information about your tree

No matter what experience level you are in the wonderful world of bonsai,
there's always room to work on your basic skills.
So, MBS is offering ...

Bonsai Basics

Prerequisite: Novice class or like training

Participants must have:
tools
pots
wire
a deciduous tree
a conifer - If you don't have one, we'll find
one at the nursery crawl
a tropical tree (optional)

Class #1 (Saturday August 26, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring with wire branches
Tool sharpening
cut paste...
Homework

Please bring to the July picnic or August
meeting or mail to:
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
P.O. Box 240822
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Class #2 (Saturday September 23, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring with dead trees
Pot cleaning
fertilizer / pest control / soil
Homework

Class #3 (Saturday October 21, 9-4)
field trip to nursery
cleaning out a tree
pruning (not leaving knobs...)
watering system
Homework

Class #4 (Saturday October 28, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring on conifers
wiring with copper wire
miscellaneous
wrap up

Fee: \$75

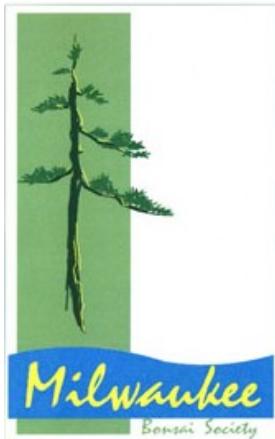
Limit of 6 students

Bonsai Basics Class

Name _____ Contact # _____

Email _____

Experience level: Novice Intermediate \$75 Fee enclosed check # _____



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Aug 1, 2017 at 6:45 pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

2017 MBS OFFICERS

President	<u>Judy S</u>
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Director	<u>Rob P</u>
Director	<u>Penny T</u>
Director	<u>Melissa J</u>
Past Pres.	<u>Greg P</u>

Other Club Functions

Newsletter	<u>Melissa J</u>
Webmaster	<u>Pam W</u>
Director of Children's Education—Jean S	
PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Jean S	



Bright balloons cluster
Like Tootsie Pops in Julys
Popcorn scented air.

~Dale Gregory Cozart