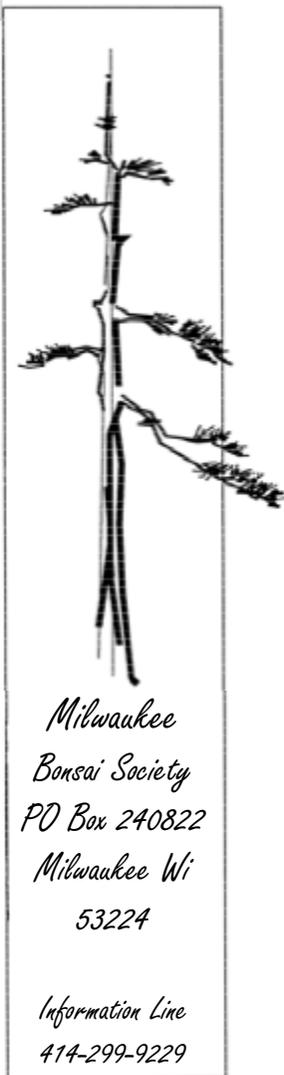


BONSAI NEWS

November 2017



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November Meeting

As promised we will have 102 small junipers to be given away. We'll ask that you take 2 - one small, one a little bigger. Again, first come, first to pick.

We want your comments on the questions that appear later in this issue. This information will be used to make MABA 2020 / 50th Annual Exhibit / 5th year of the Excellence in Bonsai program the best convention we can produce.

A topic for the upcoming winter season... What do you do to store your trees so they will survive our crazy winters? We have covered this subject before, but this time we'll have show and tell. Come to see what members use to heat their storage spaces. Learn tricks that will make storage easier. Come with any questions you may have about winter storage

Next Meeting
Nov 7, 2017
6:45pm
Boerner Botanical
Gardens

November

Nov 7—**MBS meeting**-Winter Storage

Nov 3-7—Peter Tea Classes #3*

Nov 17-19—Folk Fair

December

Nothing scheduled

January

Nothing scheduled

February

TBD-Repotting Workshop

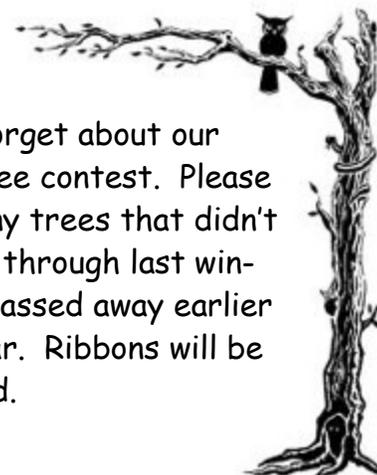
March

Mar 6—**MBS meeting**

April

April 3—**MBS meeting**

*Open to MBS members only



Don't forget about our dead tree contest. Please bring any trees that didn't make it through last winter or passed away earlier this year. Ribbons will be awarded.

President's Message November 2017

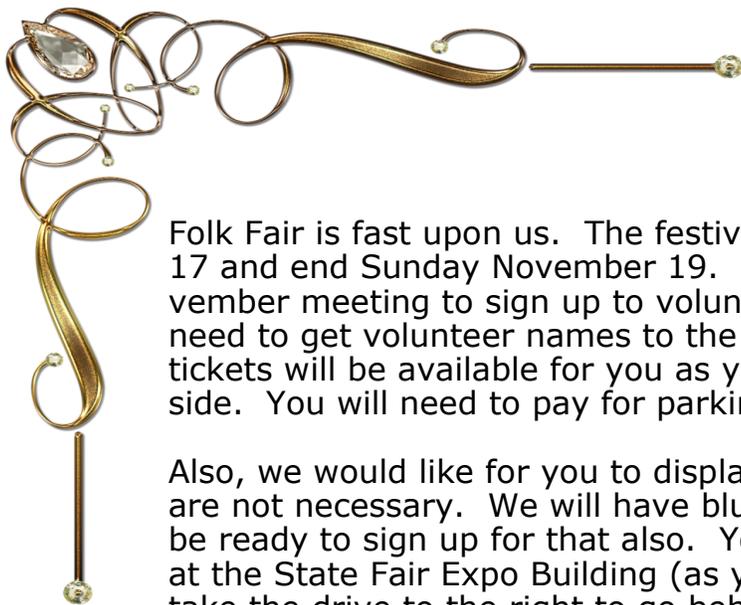
As my tenure as MBS President winds down, I can be assured that the society is in good hands after the October election. The 2018 Executive Committee is made up of dedicated, hardworking people who are enthusiastic about bonsai and making MBS one of the top bonsai organizations in the country. I'm asking all MBS members to remember that the strength of the organization is based on the contributions of all of its members and I thank each and every one of you who have participated in helping MBS work as well as it does. Please continue to step up and assist in our activities.

Thanks to our volunteers, we have just finished a great Annual Exhibit. I want to thank Kris Z. for organizing all of the events with the help of her co-chairs. Many hours have gone into planning and executing the many details necessary to bring the exhibit, vendors, workshops, demonstration and banquet together for everyone's enjoyment. At our November meeting, we will be asking the attendees about their thoughts and desires for the 2020 Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention that will be held in Milwaukee. Think about what you liked about our 2017 Annual Exhibit and expand your ideas to a regional level.

After our November meeting, our last event of the year will be the Holiday Folk Fair. Please step up and volunteer to "man" the exhibit booth and seriously consider displaying a tree. The only judging will be by the visitors for their favorite tree.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our last meeting of the year.

Judy



Folk Fair is fast upon us. The festivities begin Friday morning November 17 and end Sunday November 19. Please bring your calendar to the November meeting to sign up to volunteer for the colorful occasion. We need to get volunteer names to the Folk Fair ASAP so that your FREE tickets will be available for you as you enter the Expo building on its west side. You will need to pay for parking.

Also, we would like for you to display a tree. Stands and accents plants are not necessary. We will have blue fabric beneath each tree. Please be ready to sign up for that also. You would need to drop your tree off at the State Fair Expo Building (as you face the west side of the building take the drive to the right to go behind the building) on Thursday evening November 16 between 5 and 7:30.

This is an incredibly fun time for all who participate. Lots of cultural activities, great food and for those who are there at 2:30 Friday afternoon - a naturalization ceremony for over 200 individuals!!

Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) in 2020 will be held in Milwaukee and MBS is hosting the convention in conjunction with the 50th Annual Exhibit and the 5th year of the Excellence in Bonsai program. In order to have the best event possible we are asking for your input. At the November meeting we will spend some time gathering responses to the below questions. Please think about your answers and come to the meeting prepared to share your opinions.



Why would you travel to a convention?

What has prevented you from going to a convention in the past?

If you could see and work with any artist worldwide, artist from the US, regional artist who would you like to see?

What type of material would you be interested in taking a workshop if material was provided?

How much would you be willing to spend on a material provided workshop?

Would you stay overnight at the hotel that the convention is held at for at least one night?

Two nights?

Would you attend a banquet at the convention?

What kind of demonstrations would you be interested in seeing?

Any vendors that you would really like to see at the convention?

Any topics you would be interested in listening to a speaker explain or demonstrate?

Would you be interested in helping during the convention in any number of different tasks?

Would you consider showing a tree?

Would you be interested in the detail planning of the convention?

Annual Exhibit
October 13-15, 2017
Judge: Matt Reel



Best in Show
Eastern White Cedar-Pam W (O)



People's Choice
Yew-Kris Z (O)

Blue
Tiger Bark Ficus-Bonnie P (N)



Blue
Cork Bark Elm Seikei -Kris Z (O)



Blue
Natal Plum-Irene H (I)

Annual Exhibit
October 13-15, 2017
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Red
Shimpaku Juniper-Brian S (O)



Red
Ginkgo-Rob P (I)



Red
Kingsville Boxwood-Kyle T (N)



Yellow
Willow Leaf Ficus-Kevin S (I)



Yellow
Hinoki Cypress-Pam W (O)



Yellow
Kingsville Boxwood-John H (N)

Suiseki Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Garden

All of the bonsai now on exhibit at Lynden will be put into their winter storage early in November. Rather than let the pavilion sit empty all winter we are going to install a **Winter Suiseki Exhibit**.

The stones will be placed on the pedestals that we used for the bonsai. There will be no dai's or display tables, just the stones. If you want to put one in a suiban that will be possible. They will not be anchored to the pedestals and they will be sitting out in the weather all winter.

The pavilion will be locked at all times. The only time it will be opened is when there is a special event at Lynden. (Think Winter Festival!) There will be attendants when the exhibit is open. When the exhibit is closed, people will still be able to look through the gates and see the stones. A description sheet will be available at the front desk.

We have room for 18 – 20 stones depending upon size.

If you would like to display one of your stones in the **Winter Suiseki Exhibit** please email Jack at jack.douthitt@gmail.com



Confusing Tree Characteristics

By Pam W

Plant kingdom consists of thousands of different and very diverse characteristics. The plants are categorized based on these characteristics. Deciduous and evergreen are two opposite types of trees. They are categorized based on the pattern and seasonality of foliage growth. Plants in between deciduous and evergreen are known as semi deciduous.

People often think of deciduous trees and coniferous trees as opposites. They are not. The two terms actually refer to different characteristics of a tree. The term deciduous describes the nature of a tree's leaves, while coniferous refers to how a tree produces its seeds. While most trees fall into one or the other category, there are a few that resist classification as such and are members of both categories. A number of terms are often used as synonyms for deciduous and coniferous, such as broadleaf and evergreen, when they do not mean the same thing.

Let's explore these characteristics.

Deciduous refer to trees, which seasonally shed leaves in the fall and go dormant during cold weather. When the weather warms, deciduous trees produce new leaves. Although most deciduous trees are broadleaf trees, this is not always the case. Some trees with needles are also deciduous trees.

Evergreen is totally in contrast to deciduous. As the name evergreen describes, evergreen tree's foliage persists throughout the year. Although there is no seasonal leaf shed, old leaves of evergreen trees are replaced by new grown once with the ageing of those trees. Often, tropical rainforests are considered as evergreen forests.

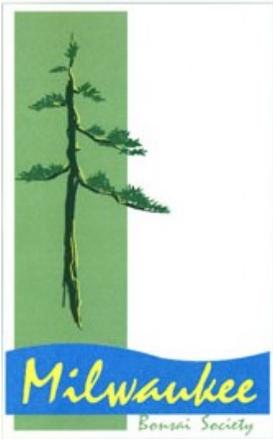
Coniferous trees are any trees that reproduces via cones. A coniferous tree is often referred to as evergreens, and the name is associated with trees that have needles instead of broad, flat leaves. Although this is true in many cases, it isn't always true.

Deciduous Conifer trees refer to a conifer tree that is also deciduous. Some, such as larch and tamarack (*Larix* spp.), have needles and cones but also lose their leaves in the fall. The pond cypress (*Taxodium ascendens*) is also a deciduous coniferous tree.

Evergreen Broadleaf refer to evergreen trees that are neither coniferous or deciduous. Rhododendron (*Rhododendron* spp.) have broad, flat leaves that remain green all year. The mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) is another evergreen broadleaf tree. Flowering trees are also known as broadleaved trees.

Semi-evergreen plants such as *Cotoneaster horizontalis* and *Hydrangea quercifolia*, drop their leaves in cold winters but keep them if it is mild. Beech and hornbeam trees retain their old dead leaves until the following spring.

While this may shed some light on characteristics of trees there are always more confusing exceptions. Like azaleas which may be either deciduous or evergreen. Hope this sheds some light into characteristics.



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Yellowing leaves play
their own crackling game of tag
loosed by the harsh wind.

~Mary Tuner