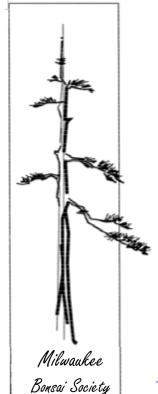
# **BONSAI NEWS**

August 2019



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Information Line

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August Meeting

Group Slash

Are you ready for some fun? Are you tired of not being able to work on your trees?

Then come on down to the August meeting on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> for a group slash exercise.

We will be breaking up into 6 groups to work on trees that will then be auctioned off.

Each group will work together to find the front, decide on what style the tree should be then style it.

When everyone is done, if time permits, we will have a discussion to go over why the particular style was chosen, why the front was chosen and how each group worked as a team to complete the initial tree styling.

Next Meeting Aug 6, 2019 6:45 pm Boerner Botanical Gardens



### **August**

Aug 1-11—State Fair
Aug 6 — *MBS meeting*Group slash
Aug 10–Intermediate Class (A)\*
Aug 11-Intermediate Class (B)\*

### **September**

Sept 3 — **MBS meeting**—State
Fair Winners
Sept 7—Beginner Workshop
Sept 7—Jennifer Price Workshop\*
Sept 28-29—Annual Exhibit
With Tyler Sherrod

### October

Oct 1 — **MBS meeting**Member's 1st trees

#### November

Nov 5 — **MBS meeting** Seasonal tree care Nov 22-24 — Folk Fair

### **December**

No meeting

### January

No Meeting

\*Open to MBS members only

### President's Message August 2019

August already! The year is just flying by. Pretty soon we will be putting our trees away for the season. 2019 will be gone before any of us realizes it. Before the summer slips by we still have time to enjoy a few more months of growing season. Let's all take advantage of the nice weather while we have it.

With the warm weather we have State Fair to think about also. There is still time to sign up to tree sit at the fair. Contact Erich B if you are interested in helping.

Our August meeting should be a lot of fun. We will be having a group slash. We will split up into 6 teams and work on a tree. Designing a tree within a group should be fun to watch as well as to be a part of. I hope everyone can make it to the meeting and take part in this activity.

September's meeting will bring Phil Maliot back along with the winning trees from State Fair. Phil will talk to us about what he looks for in a winning tree. This should be an interesting meeting bringing some insight into one judge's opinion as to what makes an award winning tree.

September also brings our Annual Exhibit. Tyler Sherrod will be our guest this year and promises to be an exciting weekend of workshops, a demo, vendors and raffles. If you have items you would like to donate to the raffle please contact me and I will work with you to get your items. We couldn't have a successful raffle without dona

tions from our members. Please consider making a donation to benefit the club.

This past month MBS held the annual picnic at Grace Lutheran Church. The event was well attended, with many people selling items and many more browsing and buying. The food was delicious and the company was great. The weather was very warm, but at least we were able to hold the event in the A/C! Take a look at some of the pictures from the picnic later in this newsletter.

Election time is quickly approaching. If you or someone you know would like to be a member of the Executive Committee, please contact Rick W or Erich B for more information. This year we will need one director, a secretary, a treasurer and a president. If you would like to know more about any of these positions talk to any one of the board members. We can all help explain the various board positions to anyone who would like to know more.

For everyone who is wondering, my juniper is still alive. There was a scare earlier in the month when it got some brown tips on the branches. I'm happy to say that the brown has not spread or gotten worse so I am hopeful that the little tree isn't dying.

Stay cool in this hot humid weather,

Melissa J

Snnniiiffff.......you smell that? Smells like cream puffs, corn on the cob, brats and every kind of deep fried food you can imagine! State Fair is right around the corner and we are still in need of volunteers to tree sit. We have almost 40 shifts still open. Even if you can only fill one shift it would be greatly appreciated. Planning on going to the fair anyway? Maybe you can do the early shift from 9-1:30 and have your party meet you at the exhibit. It would be a great time to talk about the trees with them and YOU get into the fair for free. Think of what you can use that extra money for. Cotton candy. A hot dog. Deep fried bacon. A ride on the huge Ferris wheel. And don't forget about the bonsai bucks you earn for volunteering. I hear that there are going to be lots of great raffle items at this years annual exhibit and you can use your bonsai bucks to buy the raffle tickets. Last year some of the items included in the raffle were tools, pots, trees and books. There were even some really cool rocks.

To see what is still available and to sign up, you can go to milwaukeebonsai.org then click on The Latest at the top of the page. Scroll down until you see the State Fair Sign Up link or just click on the link below. If you are not very computer savvy, you can give me a call and I can help get you signed up. My number is 262-989-0875. I'm available weekdays after 6pm and any time on weekends.

### EventBrite link

Thank you again to all that have already signed up and to those that will be.

Erich Broemser 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Volunteers needed to tend ficus trees until the Beginner Workshop on September

7. Please contact <u>ha-gr8d@mac.com</u>







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### **Annual Exhibit Tree Exhibitors**

Be on the lookout around August 15th for a special email giving you the information as to how to enter your tree in this year's Annual Exhibit.



If you signed up as a volunteer in the State Fair exhibit before July 20 and have not yet received your State Fair tickets, please email <a href="mailto:ha-gr8d@mac.com">ha-gr8d@mac.com</a> or come to the August 6 Tuesday night meeting.

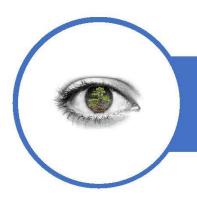


The Annual Exhibit Raffle Committee is looking for donations for this year's raffles. Any items, big or small, help make the raffle become successful. The money brought in benefits all members by allowing the club to bring in artists for meetings, for example.

Please consider donating any bonsai related items you are no longer using to the raffle. Also, think about asking your favorite restaurant for a gift card that can be part of the raffle.

Bring items to either the August or September meeting or contact Melissa J to arrange for pick up (missyuc2@yahoo.com, 414-350-5924)





## MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020

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THROUGH BONSAI

### **MABA**

The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) is an organization made up of local bonsai clubs and societies from nine Midwest U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

### **MBS**

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS) mission is to create a rich and diverse community through its inspiring bonsai exhibits, education, and community engagement.

### **FRANÇOIS JEKER**

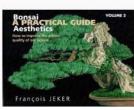


#### INTRODUCTION

On June 25-28, 2020, Bonsai artists and MABA members are heading to Milwaukee, WI for the MABA/Milwaukee Convention! In part to see headlining artist François Jeker from France or any of the other eight artists. (More articles coming!)

Creator of seven bonsai schools around the world, François Jeker is the author of six books devoted to this art.







He has also received numerous international awards for his trees and is regularly invited to give demonstrations at world conventions.

François Jeker is bringing his theory on the aesthetics of bonsai and advanced technique for the work of dead wood to our region. MABA Milwaukee 2020 is inviting all of us to participate and experience bonsai from this amazing artist. Mr. Jeker promises clear, concrete and useful information and advice. Particular emphasis is placed on respect for the tree, the relevance of the project, the work plan, the aesthetics, the perfecting of technical gestures, especially for dead wood work.

Because of his legendary passion for juniper, MABA Milwaukee 2020 is offering one material provided workshop with 30 years old prebonsai juniper. This material is a mainstay as material for the New Talent Competition.

To keep all of François Jeker workshops affordable for participants, Mid-America Bonsai Alliance is picking up all travel, hotel and meal expenses for this great artist. Take advantage of this opportunity, see a demonstration and take one of his three workshops.

## 2019 MBS Annual Picnic

























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