# **BONSAI NEWS**

### March, 2020



#### March

March 3 — **MBS meeting** Tie in demo & Chris Baker-Saikei demo March 14 —Novice Class #3\* March 27-30 — Advance Class w/Peter Tea\*

### April

April 4 —Novice Class #4\* April 5-Intermediate Class #1\* April 7 — **MBS meeting** Fertilizing: Chemical vs Organic April 26-Intermediate Class #2\*

### May

May 2 —Novice Class #5\* May 5 — **MBS meeting** BYO Repotting Workshop May 9-10 Chicago Exhibit May 24-Intermediate Class #3\*

### June

June 2 — **MBS meeting** Group Slash June 26-28—MABA\*

\*Open to MBS members only

Next Meeting March 3, 2020 6 pm Boerner Botanical Gardens

Information Line 414–299–9229

### President's Message March 2020

## **Bonsai Friends**

I got back into bonsai 6 years ago. The first time that I was a member I was one of many who are in for a year and then don't sign up again. I did start making some friends back in 1976, and even had a date with the daughter of one of the members, but I was a one and done member. My first tree died and I just didn't seem to have enough time.

This time I'm all in. I have 30 some trees that are coming along and more that are farther behind. I like to have a full relationship with my trees. To me that means, as much as possible, own it through the full transition period with the tree. Own it from bush or tall tree to the shorter and smaller root ball "tray tree". I have seeds, seedlings and cuttings under lights that will be bonsai some day.

I like many aspects of being in MBS. The trees are so cool but that's just the start. The friendships are the best. The executive committee is trying to make more time before the start of the meeting to let you make friends. I encourage all of you to spend more time doing this and to take it to the next level. Talk to anyone about how your trees are doing this winter and what your plans are for the summer. Exchange phone numbers and set up times for coffee or lunch with fellow members. We all have a great starting conversation with bonsai. After that you may find many other similar interests. Have a full relationship with your trees and your fellow members.

Like with a bonsai, the friendships can last a life time.

My Newest Baby

Make sure to check Eventbrite for all the latest classes and workshops offered.

Make your own bonsai pot is the next class we have; the class will be held March 8th & 15th at Cream City Clay. The cost is \$66. Follow the link to register. Only 4 spots are left!









After the Annual Exhibit winners were published in the newsletter it was brought to our attention that that people's choice winner was mistakenly omitted from the edition. The MBS newsletter staff is sorry for this oversight.

### Annual Exhibit-People's Choice Award winner: Rita Luedke



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The Steve and Brian Show is back in March!

Brian S and Steve C will be back again to continue a bit further down the rabbit hole of repotting. This short demo will focus on tying a tree into a pot... so that it actually stays put.

This process is an easy one when you employ a few of the skills that Brian and Steve teach in the Intermediate class. It can be a bit confusing when a novice member begins this process. Some bonsai pots have one drainage hole, and others have 2-4 holes. Some trees come out of their old pot with tons of roots and others have a very few stringy threads for roots. HELP!

Come to this month's club meeting on March 3rd, at BBG, at 6:00 (NOTE THE EARLY START TIME) for an informative and of course entertaining presentation from Brian and Steve on "Tie in" techniques. Again this demo is aimed at new and novice members but open to everyone. It will be a short 40 - 60 minute demo before the regular meeting and artist presentation with Chris Baker.



## MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020

WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER THROUGH BONSAI

### INTRODUCTION

On June 25-28, 2020, Bonsai artists and MABA members are heading to MABA/Milwaukee Convention! <u>Read</u> <u>more</u>.

### **ARTIST / WORKSHOPS**

Beginner friendly artist will help you get started. <u>Read More.</u> One of the most enticing events of any bonsai convention should be the workshop and material opportunities. <u>Read More.</u>

### **REASONS TO ATTEND**

Learn from the best is the first of 10 reasons to attend MABA Milwaukee regional convention. <u>Read More</u>.

### PLANNING

Book your accommodations, purchase registration and Plan your daily activities. <u>Read More</u>.

### EXPAND YOUR COLLECTION

The 2020 convention will feature a Thursday evening reception dedicated to the vendors. <u>Read More</u>

### **EXHIBIT**

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will be hosting an innovative, world class MABA exhibit. There will be written critiques by the headlining artists.



Awards will be presented at the Saturday night banquet. MABA/Milwaukee 2020 will be awarding the following prestigious awards:

- One Professional
- One Best of Show award along with a check for \$500.
- Two Novice along with a check for \$50 each.
- Four Open along with a check for \$100 each.
- One MABA award for Best Indigenous grown tree.
- One American Bonsai Society (ABS) Award of Merit for the best native American Tree.

We would like to invite you to display your bonsai tree. Submit a separate Tree Application form, at least one photograph, and \$35 application fee for each tree to be considered for the juried exhibit. Two trees may be entered:

http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/maba/docs/RegistrationTree Packet.pdf



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Next MBS meeting will be March 3, 2020 at 6 pm Boerner Botanical Gardens 9400 Boerner Dr Hales Corners, WI 53130

### 2020 MBS OFFICERS

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Blanketed in snow Trees bedded— bonsai joy waits Wakening in May ~Joe N