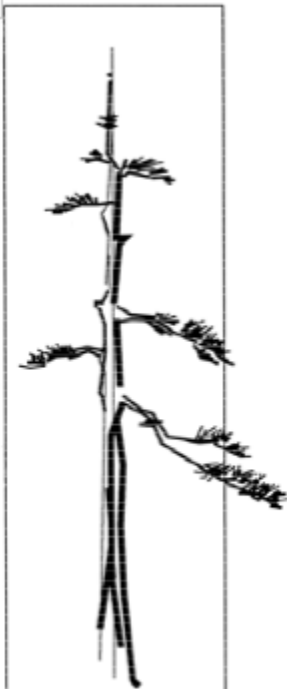


BONSAI NEWS

March, 2020



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May meeting

You all know better than most why this meeting is canceled. There is a world-wide virus going around. Just like a plant of yours with red spider mites or scales the treatment is to treat and isolate.

We will keep you updated about future events and meetings.

Bryan L. and your EC
Committee



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*

July

July 7 — MBS picnic/meeting

Yamadori talk

On Hold Until Further Notice

**Next Meeting
TBD**

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

*Open to MBS members only

President's Message May 2020

I read a short comment in Time Magazine the other day. It was entitled Advice for Earthlings. Dr. Sheyna Gifford spent a full year on a simulated mars base in lockdown with five other people and learned a few things about living in isolation. One tip for getting through this strange new time:



“When in doubt, assume the best in others”

I think we should all do this in these stressful times. If you are out for your big trip to get more groceries and you see someone texting while driving, give them a break maybe it is an emergency text. Turn the other cheek. When you pull behind them at the next stop light and they are too busy texting again, when the light turns green, that is the time to throw your beer at them.

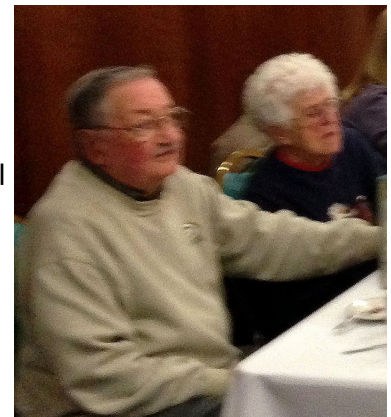


Bonsai takes patience and sometimes you run out.

Jerry Niemiec MBS Member

By Pam W.

An early leader for MBS, Jerry served in 2006 as an MBS board member for 3 years. Each year since then he continued to serve in some capacity to MBS, including several donations to ensure the Bonsai Collection at Lynden Sculpture Garden came to fruition and sustaining. Jerry studied with Ted Matson during much of his bonsai career. It was his special relationship with Ted and Anna Stadnicka that brought him to be an initial member of the three-person Excellence in Bonsai Program committee which was established to provide all members of MBS with world class opportunities for excellence in bonsai.



Jerry passed on April 15, 2020 at the age of 89. Jerry was often seen with his friend Genevieve volunteering and attending MBS events quick with a story and a laugh. I remember Jerry as the guy who brought crocheted dish cloths that his church volunteers made because he knew I like them. As a bonsai enthusiast he was best known for his Trident Maple which had won him several ribbons throughout the years at State Fair. He was also known, as Jack D. said “as a man who enjoyed bonsai and had a ready smile”.



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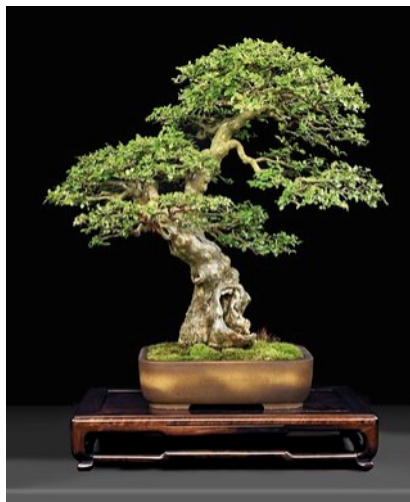
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News about the Bonsai Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Garden

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Lynden is closed through the month of May. Which means that the bonsai exhibit is also closed until the end of May. Most of the museums in Lynden's category have already closed their doors through June, and Lynden is seriously considering doing the same. So, it could conceivably be the first of July before the bonsai exhibit will be open. Obviously, the trees have to be cared for, whether or not Lynden is open, and we are working on plans for that. Stay healthy and keep your bonsai happy during this trying time!





MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020

WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER
THROUGH BONSAI

CHALLENGES

As the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak continues to develop, our mission is to put people first! [Read More.](#)

ARTIST / WORKSHOPS

Beginner friendly artist will help you get started. [Read More.](#)
One of the most enticing events of any bonsai convention should be the workshop and material opportunities. [Read More.](#)

PLANNING

Learn from the Best is the first of 10 reasons to attend MABA Milwaukee regional convention. [Read More.](#)
Book your accommodations, purchase registration and Plan your daily activities. [Read More.](#)

VENDORS / EXHIBIT

The 2020 convention will feature a Thursday evening reception dedicated to the vendors. [Read More](#)
And an innovative, world class MABA exhibit. [Read More](#)

UPDATES FOR COVID-19

As you may have guessed, having our Convention this June is not in the best interest of our participants. We want to do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible from this pandemic. Therefore, we are postponing the MABA/Milwaukee 2020 Convention.

The MABA Milwaukee Convention committee is currently developing a plan for rescheduling the event in 2021 with the **same artists and vendors**. The tentative re-schedule date will be **June 10 - 13, 2021**. Please hold this date.

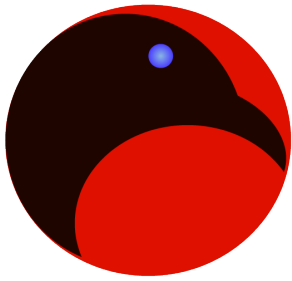
The MABA committee, vendors, artists and hotel are all working on the details and will have more information in May. We understand that you made a financial commitment to this convention and want to respect that. We will provide your options in May.

IN THE MEANTIME

Our commitment remains to you during this time of uncertainty.

- Be well. Stay safe.
- Plan ahead and pick up one of Francois Jeker's [books](#) and get familiar with his deadwood mastery and Bonsai Aesthetics.
- Updates on MABA/Milwaukee 2020 will continue. Visit [MABA/Milwaukee 2020](#) to help you stay informed of the updated plans.
- Explore Milwaukee at [Encyclopedia of MKE](#). This project by UW-Milwaukee explains ins and outs of Milwaukee, from the obvious to the obscure.

We're right there with you, daydreaming of connecting with people and experiencing bonsai. And while the timing isn't ready just yet, we want you to be ready to visit when it is.



Leadership: Need each Other

Quiet Crow Bonsai is a collection of articles, essays, and views for bonsai artist, devotees and supporters. www.QuietCrowBonsai.com.

This article was written in 2014 for my website. However true it was then is certainly relevant now. While in the last paragraph I mention to attend meetings; replace that with engage with your board, offer them thank and most of all offer help.

Our executive committee and board of directors have no idea how a project or event is going to turn out. Someone may get sick or injured. The economy crashes. They take a big risk to be creative in a demonstration and fail miserably, in public. Because these events are unpredictable, uncertainty, fear, and doubt are inevitable parts of building our organization's body of work. Managing fear and uncertainty is core to thriving and surviving in this environment. While it is normal for people to be afraid about the unknown, the key is to keep moving forward by focusing on the future. In order to develop resilience in the face of fear and uncertainty, we need our membership.

In order for our board to build a complete and successful body of work (see previous article at QuietCrowBonsai.com), we must surround our board with peers, mentors and advocates who will push them to do their very best work. This requires leadership building, a key skill for any organization's success. Here is a list of skills we as members can offer our leaders:

Hold your board accountable: When we as members take an interest in a crazy idea, a different way to present at a meeting, we can step in and send e-mail check-ins about the project. Let the board know what you did or did not like. Knowing that members are investing time in your clubs success makes the board feel extra motivated to get the project done or build something new and stronger.

Challenge your board's thinking: You want people in your club who will help you to think in new and different ways. Someone to offer a unique perspective on the project and takes the time to offer detailed comments. Offer feedback, ask why and why not.

Balance your board's strengths: Chances are, if you have tremendous strengths in one area (strategic thinking, graphic design, teaching, tax accounting), you also have noteworthy weaknesses in other areas. Offer help where you can. Take on writing one article, cleaning up after a meeting, design a poster.

Remind the board of their true path: Friends remind you that no matter how dark the current moment appears, there is a better day ahead. People who have been members for a while know the club very well and have a unique perspective about the board's patterns and its true mission.

Motivate your board: Refuse to let your board do anything less than their best work. Send an email if you see something or have feedback. Attend meetings and most of all offer help.

We all need each other.



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~Patricia L Cisco