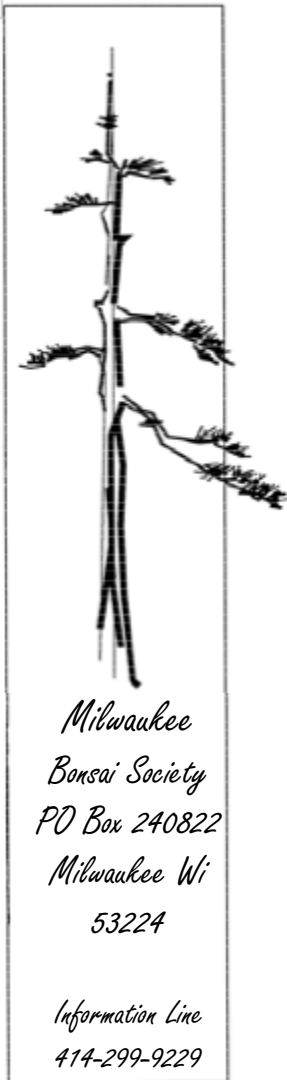


BONSAI NEWS

August 2020



MBS Picnic-July 25th

I have no jokes, no funny stories and no silly cartoons to share. I am sad and frustrated to tell you that the picnic is **cancelled**.

The state has an increase in people who are testing positive to COVID and an increase in percentage of those being tested being positive. If that wasn't enough it will be 90* on Saturday with a lot of humidity.

Sorry, maybe we can do something in late August or September.

July

July 25-Picnic (10am-7pm)
Whitnall Park
8831 N Root River Parkway,
Greendale

*Open to MBS members only

Further Notice
Further Activities On Hold Until

Next Meeting

TBD



How to Find a Bonsai Buddy

by Pam W

Finding that special bonsai buddy (or buddies) isn't anything you can place on Craig's List. Like any relationship worth developing, only the proper combination of time and place will lead to collaboration. Like bonsai, part of the challenge lies in the patience it takes to wait for the right artist to enter our lives. Of course, while being patient, it wouldn't hurt to speed the process along by meeting many bonsai enthusiasts.

Here are a few tips to help open doors, and invite the right bonsai buff to come inside.

1. **Offer assistance wherever needed, and whenever possible.** Everyone doing bonsai is new, even those who have been in it since before the club's beginning. Lending someone a hand when you find yourself in a position to do so is not only kind, but will most likely be remembered later. Maybe even join a committee to meet others.
2. **Praise deserving work with an article.** The power of praise doesn't dim as we continue through life. Let us know that we are doing things the way they should be done. When we reference someone's work in a short article or post we are sending them a chance to discover our praise same as sending them an invitation.
3. **Send complimentary emails to bonsai club members you respect.** Like praising someone's work, an email is an invitation. The difference lies in their privacy. Email allows us to be more direct about our praise, and honest about the things that we might like to ask our potential buddy.
4. **Ask for assistance from other bonsai artist and take note of their response.** If we approach an artist for assistance, and they seem unwilling or hesitant, it might be a sign that they aren't able to help. We can never assume to know what is on another's plate, and must never be pushy. If it doesn't seem like a good fit, it probably isn't.
5. **When interacting with another bonsai buddy, look for common ground as you seek potential chemistry and like mindedness.** Email can open a floodgate of conversation. If you notice threads of common pinging your inbox, it is prudent that you follow through. Try to gauge the background of your potential bonsai buddy, and determine what you have in common. The more fluid the communication, the more likely the relationship.

Having a bonsai buddy is an excellent strategy, but one that cannot, and should not be forced. Being mindful of what surrounds you, and reading between the lines, is the best way to turn your budding interest in bonsai into studying with buddies.



MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020NE

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RE-FOCUS

On June 10-13, 2021, Bonsai artists and MABA members are heading to MABA/Milwaukee Convention! [Read more.](#)

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues, our commitment remains to you. [Read More.](#)

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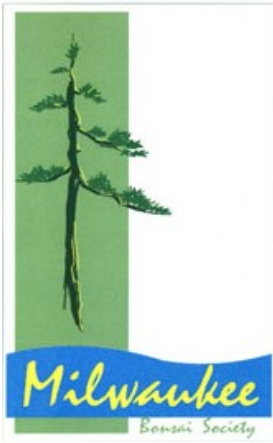
The 2020 convention will feature a Thursday evening reception dedicated to the vendors. [Read More](#)
And an innovative, world class MABA exhibit. [Read More](#)
MABA 2020ne is trying something new for a convention, [Read More](#)

FOCUS ON DEMONSTRATIONS

François Jeker: Because of his expertise in carving deadwood, bonsai artist Mr. Jeker has selected a good size collected Spruce for his demonstration on Saturday, June 12, 2021. In the bonsai world, François is best known for his work on dead wood. He is undoubtedly one of the foremost experts, if not the foremost expert, in the field of dead wood. He is also always willing to share his methods and techniques with others, and has already given lectures and demonstrations in Europe, North and South America, South Africa, even in the Caribbean. Mr. Jeker is not only a complete bonsai artist, but also a teacher and author of several books, including a two-part practical guide on bonsai aesthetics, and a book about the dead wood in bonsai. These facts all make for a great demonstration on American collected spruce with a world class artist.

Ted Matson: On Friday, June 11, 2021, bonsai artist Mr. Matson has arranged a very special demonstration to celebrate with us. He has prepared seven zelkovas over the last seven years from original cuttings to make a perfect forest planting. These trees have been repotted and their root zone restructured in anticipation of it going on the slab. They are all less than a foot tall and less than 1 inch in diameter to make a diminutive forest. To highlight the zelkovas, Ted has kept a piece of granite from the Trinity Alps, located in far, far northern California that was collected by his friend while doing a bonsai tour up the west coast about 20 years ago. Get excited about this demonstration.

Mark Fields, Todd Schlafer and Jennifer Price: For our entertainment on Friday night, the demonstration will feature three artists, each selecting their own material to demonstrate their skills and entertainment showmanship. Each has selected material that they selected for their workshops. Mark has found a nice *Juniperus chinensis* 'Itoigawa' (Itoigawa Shimpaku), Todd has selected one of his own collected trees and Jennifer has selected one of the Shore Pines for her demonstration. These selections will make a great All Conifer Demo Wars.



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