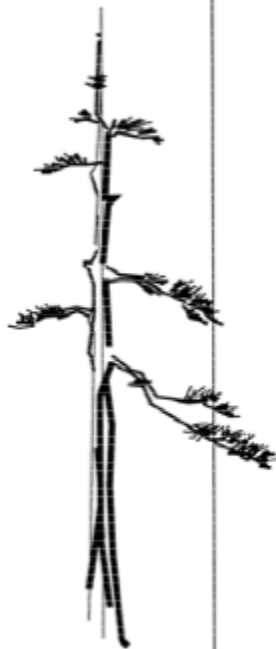


# BONSAI NEWS

January, 2021



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
PO Box 240822  
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**Next Meeting**

**TBD**

## **I'm optimistic about 2021**

We have the vaccine coming out and the sun will come up every day. MBS will be contacting a few artists to tell them that we will be interested in having them when the time is right. Boerner Visitor center still isn't open for the public but in time it will be.

We are working on tentative plans for an annual exhibit in the fall. We have some possible places to have it and are checking in to it. One of the exciting ideas is to have it at Lynden sculpture gardens out on the patio. We will see if that can happen.

Everyone please check to see if you are paid up for 2021. You can pay your dues on line through this [link](#) on Eventbrite. Thanks to all and stay warm.

~Bryan L.

**January**

**February**

**Further Activities On Hold**

## **“So Don’t Delay.... Renew Today”**

By Pam W.

We are very lucky to have many distinguish bonsai enthusiast in our club. We have just a wealth of knowledge available at meetings, workshops, and just generally available to us. Jack Douthitt, Steve Carini, Ron Fortmann, Pam Woythal are just a few names of members with a boatload of experience. We also have a new generation of bonsai enthusiast like Brian Susler and Keven Stoeveken. Brian 's presentation on Soji (winter clean-up) via Zoom was great. Who can forget Jack's presentation on what he has learned in the last 40 years when we were able to meet in person?

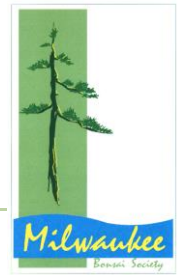
A reminder, despite the continuing economic conditions and COVID distancing, our membership has held firm. In fact, we are looking forward to increasing our Club membership this year. What this means is that you are more likely to mingle with bonsai enthusiast, to make new friends, and to enjoy the glorious activities we have planned. So don't delay.... Renew today.

Renew by Mail: <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/docs/YC/MembershipApplication.pdf>

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### 2021 Membership Application

#### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
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#### Membership Type

New or Renewal:

Individual 1 year \$35       Individual 2 years \$62       Individual 3 years \$89  
 Family 1 year \$47       Family 2 years \$86       Family 3 years \$125

*Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)*

#### Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

Events       Administration       Other (let us know your interest)  
 Fundraising       Newsletter production  
 Tree Exhibiting/Sitting       Volunteer coordination

#### Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

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#### Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.

## MBS meeting, December 1, 2020

The December 1st MBS meeting took place via ZOOM; a first for the club. The virtual format seemed to work well as over 30 members took part in the meeting. A panel of members had various topics prepared to discuss and teach the rest of us about.

The topics ranged from how Bonne P chopped her ficus down as a experiment and the progress it has made in growing back to Jack D's insect control tips. Steve C and Brian S had very informative segments on spraying prior to winter and Soji, respectively.

The evening ended with a decision to have another ZOOM meeting after the holidays and new volunteers were asked to fill the panel. The next meeting will be communicated to everyone via email and in the newsletter. If you did not attend this first meeting, plan to give the 2nd a try.



## **HOMEMADE PESTICIDE SPRAY**

**Fill a gallon jug with water and add one (1) or two (2) tablespoons of dishwashing detergent and one (1) tablespoon of vegetable oil (or Neem oil). Shake up the gallon jug to mix the ingredients.**

**Pour this solution into a spray bottle and just before using, add 1 to 2 two caps full of rubbing alcohol and spray immediately. The alcohol will evaporate, so if you do not use the full bottle of spray, add the same amount of rubbing alcohol again next time you are going to use the solution. You can store this soap/oil solution in the gallon jug for months on end. It does not seem to go bad.**

**Spray on plants covering all leaf and stem surfaces. You may have to spray from three to four times at intervals of three days. I have eliminated almost any kind of pest that has attacked my trees, including scale.**

**I do not wash off the spray and have seen no adverse reaction to the trees from this mixture.**





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~A.K. FINCH