# **BONSAI NEWS**

February, 2021



Milwaukee Bonsai Society PO Box 240822 Milwaukee Wi 53224

# Upcoming meetings

There are a number of ZOOM meetings planned for the first Tuesday of the month for the next few months, each starting at 6:30pm.

February 2nd we have Mark Fields talking about wiring and pulling needles on black pines, followed by our members Jasek, Rob and Erick, if we have time.

In March, Mauro Stemberger will join us and then our members Tasha and Callen, if time permits.

Meeting invites will be sent out prior to the meeting dates.
Check your email for the ZOOM invitation.

# **February**

Feb 2 — ZOOM meeting Mark Fields-black pines

#### March

March 2 — ZOOM meeting Mauro Stemberger

# **April**

April 6 — ZOOM meeting

# May

May 4 — ZOOM meeting Michael Hagedorn

#### June

June 1 — ZOOM meeting

# **August**

Aug 27-29 Annual Exhibit Lynden Sculpture Gardens

# **Next Meeting**

Feb 2, 2021 ZOOM 6:30pm





We are now having Meetings on Zoom.

Please download Zoom through this link: <a href="https://zoom.us/download">https://zoom.us/download</a> to your computer. You will then get a link sent to you in an email closer to the meeting date. The main thing that you will have to do when you get on Zoom is to turn on your camera (Video) button.

Questions will be typed into the chat box and I will ask them of the speaker. This helps to keep things under control.





The Newsletter will now have a new publish date of the middle of the month instead of the traditional end of the month. The Executive Committee believes this earlier date will allow everyone a chance to better plan for meetings. If you would like to contribute anything to the newsletter the new deadline date is the 13th of the month. Send all submissions to Melissa J at: Missyuc2@yahoo.com



# We are planning on an Annual Exhibit!!!!!!!

Here is the plan: It will be at Lynden Sculpture Gardens, this will be an outdoor event under a big 30x60 foot tent and we will set up on Friday, August 27th, then have the Exhibit on Saturday and part of Sunday. We plan on judging and having workshops as normal. The workshops will be indoors. We might have a social on Friday night if we have the time.



We will keep you informed as it takes shape.

#### Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation News

Jack D.

The Milwaukee Bonsai Collection, exhibited at Lynden Sculpture Garden, is owned and maintained by the Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation (MBF). Normally, the bonsai exhibit is open to the public from mid-May through Halloween, depending upon the weather. However, in 2020, it did not open at all because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The MBF Board of Directors has made a firm commitment to reopen the exhibit in 2021.

The Foundation was approached by the science teacher at Atwater Elementary School in Shorewood about the possibility of teaching a bonsai class that would last the full length of the spring term. The class would consist of 60 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Bryan L. and Michelle Z, in a collaboration between MBF and the Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS), are working with the teacher to develop a lesson plan that can be taught primarily by remote learning. They hope to include lectures, demonstrations, styling of individual trees and eventually transplanting them into ceramic pots. It is anticipated that a final outdoor display of student work will be presented in June on the school grounds. If you have experience teaching remotely or are willing to help with the outdoor, socially distanced transplanting which will happen in early May, please contact Bryan L. or Michelle Z

Michelle Zimmer has been named as Curator of the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection. Michelle has been a member of MBS since 1989 and has studied bonsai under many of the world's leading bonsai artists. She has also worked, as a volunteer, on the Bonsai Collection at the Chicago Botanic Garden for several years. She replaces Jack Douthitt who has retired from the position.

MBF has received a generous donation from the estate of Janice Schley. Jan was an enthusiastic member of MBS and a passionate supporter of MBF. She was an energetic volunteer for the bonsai exhibit at Lynden, and loved to discuss the bonsai with exhibit visitors. Jan, with her ready smile and eager attitude, is greatly missed. A plaque honoring her generosity will be placed in the exhibit area.

At the December 2020 Board meeting, MBF welcomed Teri W. and Rob P. as new Directors, and Bryan L. who, as President of MBS, is an *ex officio* member.



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# **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

## **2021 Membership Application**

| <b>Contact Information</b>   |                         |                                   |
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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  |                                   |
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| Payment  |                         |                                   |
| Please make your check or money order payable to: <b>Milwaukee Bonsai Society</b> Mail to:                       |                         |                                   |
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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.



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Next MBS meeting will be February 2, 2021, 6:30 Via ZOOM



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