BONSAI NEWS

September 2022

Milwaukee Bonsai Society PO Box 240822 Milwaukee Wi 53224

Upcoming meeting

The September meeting promises to be very interesting indeed.

Brian S and Steve C are going to demonstrate techniques for planning and styling a deciduous tree. The most exciting part is that they will be doing this on a member's tree!

Members can submit a picture of their deciduous trees to Brian and Steve and one or possibly 2 trees will be picked for the session.

Rest assured, the tree's owner will be involved in all the decisions that are made and Steve won't let Brian cut all the branches off.

Next Meeting

September 3, 9am At Boerner Botanical Gardens Read more about the meeting further in the newsletter.

September

Sept 3 — Wire a tree Deciduous trees

October

October 1 — Wire a tree Conifers

November

November 5 — Fall work, cutback, shoot selection

December December 3 — Club meeting

January

January 7 — Club meeting

February

February 4 — Club meeting

March March 4 — Club meeting

April April 1 — Club meeting

May May 6 — Club meeting

*Open to MBS Members Only

President's Message

Well, here we are. A lot of great bonsai events are behind us, MABA, State Fair, ABS in Chicago and wrapping up with our Annual Exhibit. I hope to see all of you there as we have a lot planned this year, food trucks, craft beer vendor, bring your own tree workshops, Satski azalea presentation, book signing, raf-fles, demo tree auction, local bonsai vendors and the usual shenanigans. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

I can't thank all of the volunteers enough for all the work you do to make our events successful. I can't wait for our volunteer dinner in October for members that have put in 20 or more hours this year.

Speaking of volunteering, if you need a few more hours to get to the 20, we are looking for volunteers to help teach the beginner class on Saturday, Sept 26 from 9am-12pm at Boerner. I encourage everyone to teach this class. It is a lot of fun getting to know new members and helping them style their new, and a lot of times first, bonsai tree. You don't have to be an expert to help. If you went through the beginner class then you can teach a beginner. You already know more than they do. If you would like to help with the beginner class, just shoot me an email <u>eab659@outlook.com</u> or you can text or call me at 262-989-0875.

Thank You,

Erich President





Annual Exhibit 2022

Visit the Milwaukee Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit August 27-28 @ Lynden Sculpture Gardens Besides beautiful trees, what is at the exhibit?

Fabulous raffle prizes



2021 Green Bay Packers Team football

Bonsaí pots galore

Jim Doyle

<u>A great guest artíst</u>



Food and beverages

Saturday





Sunday



Trees



2 tickets to a

Mílwaukee Brewers game



Design Plan and structural wiring for a Deciduous tree:

To be presented by Brian S and Steve C

Late summer and early fall is the perfect time to wire and style a deciduous tree. The reason for that is in fall, the tree stores up sugars and starches. These nutrients are stored in the root mass to support winter hardiness. This happens through the tree transitioning into a vascular growth phase of development. During this period, there is increased fluid moving up and down the vascular system of the tree. The movement of water and nutrients up the trunk and branches to the foliage, and sugars and starches moving down to the roots is the healing force that allows for wiring and bending your trees... **right now**.

So this is how Brian and Steve plan to demo this process!

We would like to offer to **one or two club members**, the opportunity to have **your tree wired and styled** at a club meeting. Brian and Steve will walk through the process from base to tip. They will decide on a front, plan out how the tree needs to be wired, apply wire and make some bends. Then they will speak about fine wiring needed to complete the design and discuss post styling care.

Please look over your trees and consider which one you would like to bring to the meeting for styling. Brian and Steve will look over all the possible trees offered by members and pick the best 1 (or possibly 2) trees that they feel will be the best for teaching important bonsai evaluation skills, and will best offer techniques to demonstrate in a 90 minute meeting format.

If you are considering bringing a tree, **please send Brian and Steve a photo** of the tree so they can get an idea of what they are in for. This would also be an opportunity for them to rule out any tree that might not be a good teaching prospect or one that may require more time to evaluate and design. Of course this is optional but could save you the effort of hauling an inappropriate tree to the meeting. Your tree does not need to be in a bonsai pot for this exercise.

Don't worry... Steve will control Brian from cutting all the branches off your tree and Brian will be sure Steve makes a decision in less than an hour. No seriously... we mean that you will to-tally be involved in any decisions they make.

Please send any photos to:

Brian at: <u>nightowlbonsai@gmail.com</u> Steve at: <u>wenrenbonsai@me.com</u>



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See our updated Website: aabonsai.com Email – <u>aabonsai@charter.net</u> Phone – 262-490-8733

There are many pictures and some videos that Bryan L took from MABA at the below links:

https://youtu.be/QZmKQR5f8n8

https://youtu.be/MSUVISUNYMA

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The Golden Chopstick Award

Congratulations to Pam W for her work above and beyond at the MABA/ Milwaukee 202Two Convention. She was on the original team with Ron F and Kris Z starting in September of 2017. Her responsibilities included artists, fundraising, raffles, the website, a member of the exhibit team and, in my opinion, the most time consuming - statistician - keeping us on track with the budget, projections, and updating us (MBS and the MABA board) with the most current information. Thanks again, Pam!!

The Gold Chopstick Award has only been presented one other time. That was to Jean S who received it for her volunteer work above and beyond that of other non-Executive Committee members in the club.





Suthin Sukosolvisit working on a Juniper Bonsai from the Collection

The Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation is pleased to announce that Suthin Sukosolvisit has accepted the position of "Artistic Director" for the Bonsai Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Garden. Suthin has been a supporter of the Collection since its early conception, and was one of the first non-resident artists to donate a tree to the Collection. Suthin is recognized as one of the premier bonsai artists in the country and the Foundation is very pleased to have his continued input into the health and beauty of the Collection.

Suthin will act as a resource to the Curator of the Collection, Michelle Zimmer, and also return to Milwaukee annually to work, with the Exhibit Volunteers, on the bonsai in the Collection.

François Jeker's 'golden' installation at Lynden

A question was asked as to why there were square pieces of gold on the rock that François applied to the rock at Lynden. Here is his answer...

As in my paintings, there are natural shapes and geometric shapes.

In the Japanese garden it is the same.

The trees have natural shapes and on the ground there are square or rectangular cobblestones.

For a Japanese, they represent the man who lives in harmony with nature.

General Meeting-August 6th 2022























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Next MBS meeting will be September 3, 2022 @ 9am Boerner Botanical Gardens

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The roots, so shallow On my weeping fig, I dream At night it dances.

~Udo Pastil