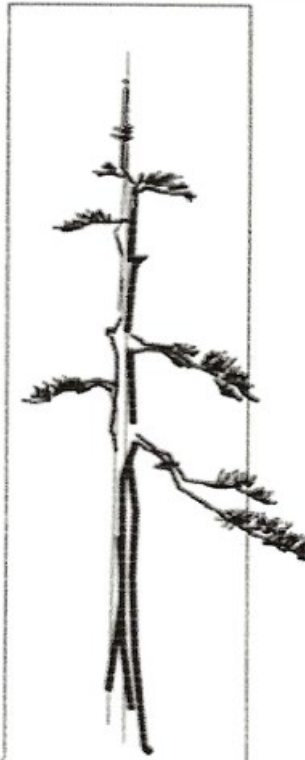


BONSAI NEWS

January 2023



Milwaukee
Bonsai Society
PO Box 240822
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Next Meeting
January 7, 2023
9 am
Boerner
Botanical

Upcoming Meeting

Main Topic-Bonsai Terminology

OK, don't immediately tune out, let me explain. First read the article "*Setting the Foundation for 2023*" within this newsletter. Now that you have read the article, this will hopefully make sense. In the coming months at each meeting there will be presenters providing information to build your bonsai knowledge. Since several presenters this year study with the same teacher they speak a common language.

The purpose of the January topic is to familiarize you with terms that will likely be repeated multiple times in the coming months and years.

Novice Topic-Securing your Tree in its Container

Steve and Brain will discuss why it is important to properly secure your tree and how this can be accomplished.

Meeting Schedule

January

January 7 – Bonsai Terms/
Securing a tree

January 14 – Workshop-
Making a pot for a forest*

February

February 4 – Root over Rock/
Tools

February 11 – Workshop –
How do I start to show my
Trees*

February 18 – Novice Class #1*

February 26 – Silhouette Show

March

March 4 – Guest Artist-Rick
Garcia/
Repot basics

March 4 – Workshop-Azalea
Critique & Discussion*

March 5 – Workshop-Azalea Spring
Maintenance*

March 11 – Novice Class #2*

March 18 – Workshop-Root-over-
Rock*

March 25 – Novice Class #3*

*Open to MBS members only

President's Message

Happy Holidays Everyone,

Well, another year is soon to pass and looking forward to next year; the club has a lot going on. The full schedule is done but we may have some changes and additions as we go. You will see that we are trying something a little different at the monthly meetings by offering two topics rather than just one. I encourage you all to take a look and see what's going on.

We are also very excited to welcome Bjorn Bjorholm as our guest artist and judge for our annual exhibit which will be at Lynden Sculpture Garden again. If you don't know who Bjorn is, you can look him up on YouTube. We will be posting his bio as we get closer to the annual exhibit.

As usual, we will be asking for volunteers for many of our events and will be posting our needs and sign-up links soon.

Thank you,

Erich
President

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SETTING THE FOUNDATION FOR 2023

During most of 2022 the Education Committee (Judy Schmidt, Steve Carini, John Nate, Ron Fortmann) have been busy at work preparing a list of subjects that could be used at meetings to further everyone's education.

It is the committee's hope that the subjects selected will be of interest to all of our members, regardless of your current level of knowledge or experience in the bonsai hobby.

The Executive Board has approved the Education Committee's plan with some minor adjustments and has tasked our committee to continue to map out a multi-year plan to draw from in the future.

The first thing the Education Committee prepared in 2022, was a set of guidelines of what knowledge and skills one should hold when considering what level one would classify oneself, a Novice; Intermediate; or Advanced. That information is currently available on the club's website.

The main change coming in 2023, is there will be a Main topic at each meeting that will use the bulk of the meeting time. There will also be a shorter session (less than an hour) during our meeting time that will be focused on helping newer members build their skills on basic foundational information and techniques, a review of these subjects may also be useful to those with more experience. The choices of subjects were chosen to be presented in months when those techniques or information could be put to immediate practice with your trees at home. There may be workshops or demonstrations scheduled in the weeks or months after the initial presentation to help members solidify these techniques and practices.

During 2022 meetings, the club has been recording those meetings and working on having that digital content available to members, again on the club's website. More information on that as the details are worked out and when and how that content will be able to be accessed.

So to summarize there are a number of members working hard to make the Milwaukee Bonsai Society a club that is fully and completely vested in educating our membership. The actions that will be taken in 2023 are intended to take each of us further in our individual bonsai journey.

I hope each of you are willing to be part of this journey. If you have suggestions or concerns regarding the path taken, please talk to any of the Education Committee or Executive Board members so that your comments can be reviewed and considered.

Ron Fortmann

MBS Making a Pot for a Forest Class

Come and join us in a class to make a 15" pot for a forest. Maybe you have wanted a forest but didn't want to spend the big bucks for the pot or the money for the trees. Now with these two events at MBS you can get both things.

- Saturday January 14th, Bryan will teach you the process of making a 15" oval pot. You will be supplied with rolled out clay to make the base of the pot, the walls of the pot and feet. Your pot can be whatever height wall that you want and you can design it how you like. Smooth and simple, organic or anything you can think of. You will be taught a good method for making a large pot, you will be told how to slowly dry the pot, detail the pot and flip it over to put feet on your pot. There will be a very detailed hand out for you describing what you will learn in class and what you will need to do at home to finish up your pot. Your pot can be glazed in earthy tones or in flat green shade. More instructions will be coming.

Price \$50.00 Register on [Eventbrite](#)

Urban-dori Dig

- April 1st, after our monthly meeting you can join us to dig up burning bushes to fill your forest and for other styles. Members from 3 other bonsai clubs have been invited to join us. More information to come. There are more than 1,000 of them in the woods.

Price free!!! More information to follow

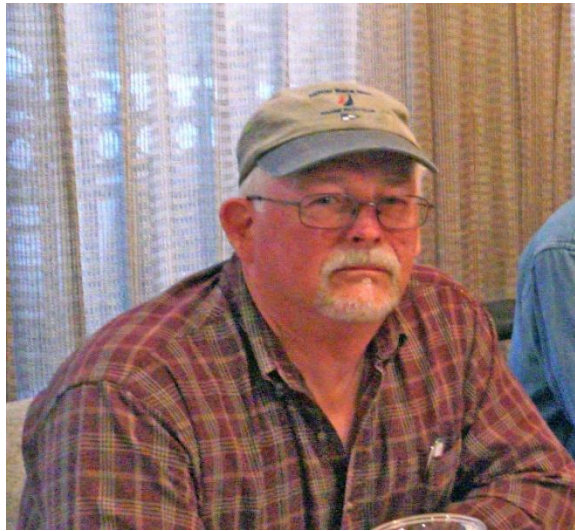


Get Inspired Get Reading

by PAM W

Keeping track of books and information has been a long-known part of being a librarian. Stereotypically quiet and introverted, bespectacled and mousy, they perform an admirable and important job, but let's be honest, Greg R. does not fit the role, right?

Well, like people in our MBS community he can be extraordinary, protecting the light of knowledge, organizing information and making it available for us. Greg created a complete inventory of MBS books and an index to four periodicals with information contained in each magazine.



How will this help you?

You can now download these indices to search a topic you want to know more about. You then pick a magazine or book, let Greg know and he will have it ready for you at the next meeting. Just email

gwrhbo@gmail.com

Greg is essentially keeping the shelves filled with **Inspiration**.

He also asks that if anyone has items (books or periodicals) that are not in the library and they are willing to donate, he will gladly accept them and add them to our listings.

There's no doubt that people who read books are some of the best people in the world. They are well read, harbingers of information, teach techniques learned in books and much more. Be a reader and search the inventory and indices:

1. [MBS Library Book Inventory](#)
2. [MBS Library Magazine – Bonsai Magazine - The Official Publication of Bonsai Clubs International](#)
3. [MBS Library Magazine – Bonsai Today](#)
4. [MBS Library Magazine – International Bonsai](#)
5. [MBS Library Magazine – Journal of the American Bonsai Society](#)

Overwintering 'tropicals'

The following method has been working out for me for years. First see photo:



The set up was pretty easy to make. 2 x 4's and plywood. Plastic sleds, fluorescent lighting, timers and pea gravel.

When the trees first come in I set the timer for 8 hours of light. That continues until January. One hour is added in January. One hour is added each month after that. No fertilizer is used until about March or April. I have never lost a tree using this method.

I am downsizing, so I have sleds, fluorescent lights and timers available - nothing more than \$5 each. If interested, contact Kris hagr8d@mac.com.

Bumper crop of Natal plums this year - 17! ~Kris Z



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Cold crystalline clouds
Sparkling snowflakes slowly swirl
Winter wonderland

~Jan Allison