



Annual Club Show

At the next meeting in June, we will feature an exhibition of club members' trees. All members are invited to bring in their trees for display and judging. If you have never done this before, it is a good opportunity to "get your feet wet."

Following are a few tips for preparing trees for show:

- Trees should look their best, spotlessly clean and in good health
- Remove any debris on the soil surface, and pick out any weeds or dead moss with a tweezers
- Snip off any long shoots which may spoil the outline or profile of the tree
- Trunks and branches can be cleaned with a toothbrush. There should be no visible algae on trees
- Rub down unglazed pots with fine steel wool or sandpaper to remove blemishes and lime scale. Finally rub the surface with light oil (not too much) for an attractive finish
- Wash glazed pots
- Suitable display stands or accent plants are a nice addition, but not required for the club show

Our goal is to learn more about the art of bonsai, so don't be shy. Bring in your trees, learn from the judge's remarks and enjoy the show!

May Nursery Crawl Report

It was overcast with rain on the way, but about a dozen enthusiastic bonsai-ists gathered at Minors Garden Center for the nursery crawl 9 a.m. on Saturday May 11. Led by Joe Nemeč, Brian Palevac and Tony Plicka, the participants had a delightful morning checking out the extensive greenery at Minors. As we were leaving, raindrops were falling on our heads.

Total damage:

\$426.36! Thanks,

Tony, for helping us out

with your discount! Some gathered afterwards for lunch and reveled in their purchases and what to do next as the rain really came down! (See pictures inside, we filled five carts with plants!)

What to do next was suggested by Joe. With all those wonderful bonsai prospects, what's a novice to do? Joe suggested having a pruning party. Arrangements were quickly made and on the next Saturday, May 18, the novice class and others got together again to prune and prune and prune. Jean Sher offered her home for the party. Thanks, Jeannie! What a wonderful series of events for the beginner. It's something you'll not want to miss in the future. Be on the lookout for information on next year's novice classes.

Thanks to the following people giving of their time at the novice classes, the public workshop and the nursery crawl:

- 5 Buddy Bucks:
Scott Hurula
- 4 Buddy Bucks:
Jack Douthitt
Joe Nemeč
- 2 Buddy Bucks:
Tony Plicka
Jean Sher
Kris Ziemann



Photos & story by Kris Ziemann

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1 Buddy Buck:
 Ken Hahn
 Jeff Eigenberger
 Erskine Tucker
 Houston Sanders

The club appreciates your efforts!

Travel Far?

How far do you travel to reach our club meetings each month? If you come quite a distance, mark your mileage down when you leave home for our June meeting. The person who travels the farthest will receive a small gift of appreciation from the club (offer good for June meeting only).



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Calendar of Events

June 14-16 Asian Moon Festival

June 27-30 ABS Milwaukee 2002 -
 Symposium

July 2 Club Meeting - Recap of
 Symposium. Preparation for
 State Fair

July 6 Bonsai refinement workshop
 with Jack Douthitt

— July 13
 August 1-3 Bonsai Exhibit at State Fair

August 6 Club Meeting - Dead tree
 contest, white elephant sale

Sept. 3 Monthly Meeting - Root over
 rock with Martha Meehan

Sept. 7 Martha Meehan Workshop

Sept. 14-15 Boerner Botanical Gardens
 show

October 1 Club Meeting - Arborist come-
 dian show with Michael Yanni

Nov. 5 Club Meeting - Wintering with
 Houston Sanders

Dec. 3 Holiday Party



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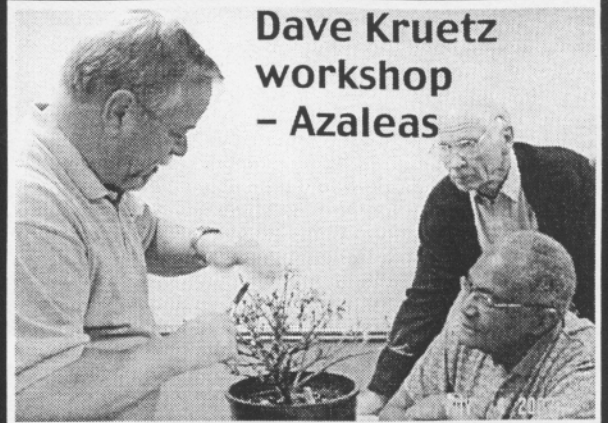
MBS Meetings and Information Line:

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Avenue, Franklin, WI 53232. The phone number there is (414) 425-8550; Fax (414) 425-6992. Call the MBS Voice Mail/Message System at (414) 299-9229 to learn about upcoming events and meeting times. To contact the club via email: mbs@asapnet.net Look for us on the web at: <http://www.asapnet.net/milwaukee-bonsai/index.html>

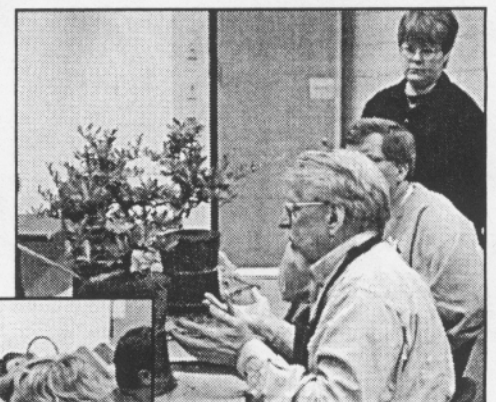
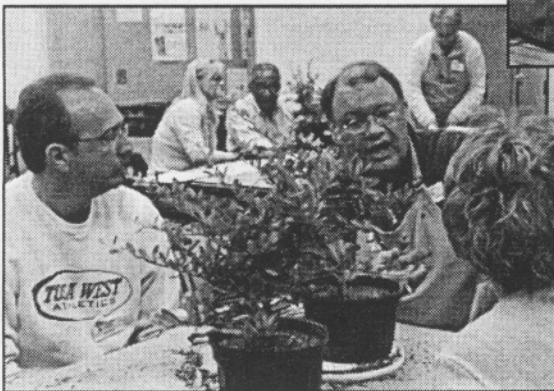
The Nursery Crawl



Dave Kruetz workshop - Azaleas



Recent Public Workshop



Tony Plicka, Scott Hurula, Erskine Tucker, Jack Douthitt, Houston Sanders, and Ken Hahn explaining the basics of bonsai to workshop participants.



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*Next Meeting of MBS
June 4, 2002
7 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center*

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*In just days, it seems
first dandelions button
down my neighbor's lawn*

~ Mary Turner

