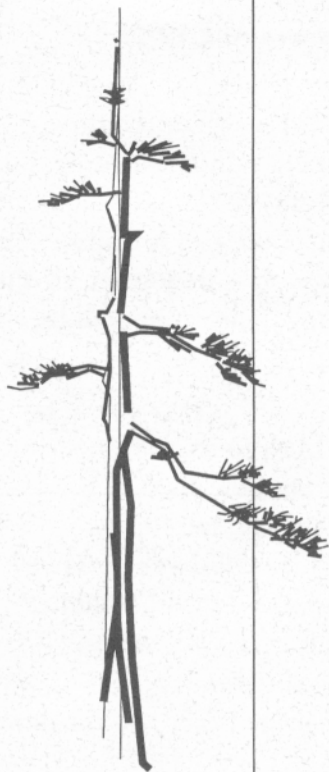


BONSAI NEWS



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August Meeting

Our August meeting will feature Randy Clark and "phoenix graft" bonsai. The Japanese call these "Tanuki" bonsai. The word "tanuki" translates from the Japanese as badger, an animal, which is regarded as vicious and aggressive in our country. In Japan, however, the badger is regarded as a sneaky trickster. One popular Japanese folk tale tells of a "tanuki" that disguises himself as a Buddha priest and visits each house in the village tricking the residents into giving him free food and money. So in Japan the word "tanuki" has come to mean "something that is not as it appears to be." So a "phoenix graft" marries a young tree with a piece of very old driftwood to give the appearance of a very old bonsai. The final bonsai is "something that is not as it appears to be."

Randy, is from Charlotte, North Carolina where he owns the "Bonsai Learning Center" bonsai nursery. For his demonstration and for the workshop he is furnishing shimpaku junipers that will be "married" to pieces of driftwood that are coming from Andy Smith in Deadwood, S. Dakota. Randy is also doing a workshop on Saturday, August 2nd from 8 a.m until noon. Randy has warned me that the workshop might run past the allotted four hours, so please allow some extra time early in the afternoon for the workshop. The workshop is limited to eight people and there are still a couple of

openings. The cost is only \$100, which is less than the cost of the material used. So you get a bargain, learn a new technique and also have a lot of fun in the process. Please call Kris Ziemann at 262-512-1228 if you want to sign up for this workshop.

President's Message

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the July meeting. From all reports, Tim did an excellent job and everyone had a good time. Both workshops were full and the material was outstanding. One comment, from a strictly personal basis, about maintaining your Kingsville boxwoods. An article in our July newsletter presented the Kingsville as an indoor plant, which is what I had been told before I obtained my first Kingsville. I treated it as an indoor plant for a couple of years while it slowly weakened and finally died. Several years later, 1991 to be exact, I bought another one and have treated it as an outdoor plant ever since. It receives the same winter protection as all of my other outdoor trees. It has responded well to this treatment and today is healthy and vibrant. I mention this to illustrate that each of us has to determine for ourselves how to maintain our bonsai. The microclimate of our own growing area has an effect. The maintenance schedules that we use also have an effect on how our trees grow. So take all the advice that you get, consider the source, and then make your own decisions about how to grow your trees.

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The State Fair is rapidly coming upon us. I know of no other club in the country that has staged an eleven-day bonsai exhibit. It is a huge event for us to attempt, but with the guidance of the State Fair Committee and the help of our club members we are going to make it into a roaring success. Just like we did the 2002 Convention. Why? Because of the time and effort that you club members are willing to put into these events! My hat is off to all of you.

We did not know at the time that we set our schedule for the visiting artists for 2003, that we were going to be doing the eleven days of the State Fair. Therefore our next meeting, with visiting artist, Randy Clark, will fall right in the middle of the State Fair. So it is a tight schedule for the early part of the month. Actually it is a busy schedule for the entire month of August because...

The third weekend of August 15th, 16th & 17th is the Mid American Bonsai Exhibit at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Chicago. They will have several hundred bonsai on display from several states. Plus they will have several demonstrations and workshops. And they have a number of vendors, which just may have that pot that you are looking for or that tool that you need. So if you have not gone previously, make this the year of your first trip to see the show. It is worth it. Admission is free with a charge for parking.

State Fair...

Here's the "Scoop"

Houston Sanders

The Wisconsin State Fair bonsai exhibit has been expanded this year to extend for the full length of the fair, July 31 thru Aug. 10. This presents a lot of new challenges, but also a wonderful opportunity to introduce our club and our art to thousands of people. Almost EVERYTHING will have to be changed from the way it has always been done. We will actually be conducting THREE exhibits this year, and each will be a separately judged show, with its own judge, ribbons and awards, and "BEST OF SHOW" prize.

The dates for the shows will be:

Show 1: Thurs., July 31 to Sat., Aug 2

Show 2: Sun., Aug. 3 to Wed., Aug. 6

Show 3: Thurs., Aug 7 to Sun., Aug 10

Hopefully, all club members who intend to exhibit trees have already signed up for one of the three shows. If any club members have not signed up, but still intend to exhibit trees, please call Jack Douthitt (414-228-9628). At this time, there is still space for additional trees in each show. It is important for the club to know in advance how many trees will be exhibited!

One great new development in this year's state fair exhibit is opportunity for MBS to share responsibilities with other clubs around the state. It is supposed to be a STATE fair y'know! For two of the three shows, other clubs will be the primary sponsors, with MBS providing help with volunteers and logistics support. The first show will be sponsored by the Madison Bonsai Club, and will be judged by Scott Clark of Chicago. The second show will be sponsored by our club, and judged by Mary Ellestad of Madison. The judge for the third show is Dahn Lindstrom of Joliet, IL, and the show will be sponsored by Fox Valley Bonsai Society.

TREE DELIVERY:

Access to the fairgrounds has been restricted due to security concerns. A delivery pass will be required to bring trees to the fairgrounds. For this reason, trees will be checked in at Grace Lutheran Church the evening before each show, and picked up at the church the day after each show. Trees will be transported between the church and the show by MBS volunteers with delivery passes. If you cannot be available to pick up your tree at the scheduled time, arrangements can be made to "board" your tree - talk to Tony Plicka when you check in your tree. Tree registration and pick-ups will be held at Grace Lutheran Church at the following times:

Show 1:

Check-In: Wed., July 30, 6PM - 8PM

Check-Out: Sun., Aug. 3, 9AM - 11AM

Show 2:

Check-In: Sat., Aug 2, 6PM - 8PM

Check-Out: Thurs., Aug. 7, 9AM - 11AM

Show 3:

Check-In: Wed., Aug. 6, 6PM - 8PM

Check-Out: Sat., Aug. 11, 9AM - 11AM

TREE SITTING

Many club members have signed up for tree sitting during the exhibition. Entrance to the fair will be provided for volunteers, but parking is your own responsibility. We suggest that club members take advantage of the Watertown Plank Park and Ride lot at Watertown Plank and Hwy. 94. The fair has provided us a limited number of tickets, and we do not have enough for everyone. For this reason, volunteers for the morning shift are asked to come to the Watertown Plank Park and Ride lot and access the fair via the club van (Look for Tony Plicka). Volunteers for later shifts will be mailed tickets. In the event that volunteers cannot make it at their scheduled time, or have problems gaining access to the fair, please call the Exhibit area at (414) 588-8701, or call Sharon Schmidt at (414) 803-7120. Volunteers should receive a letter reminding them of the time at which they are scheduled to tree sit and providing tickets or instructions to get into the fair.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to exhibit trees and care for the exhibit.

Election of Officers for 2004

The process has started for the election of Officers and Directors for the year of 2004. Ron Fortmann, Mary Turner and Ken Hahn are the Nominating Committee for 2004. All of the officers, President, First and Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer have to be newly elected. In addition, one Director at Large must be elected. (Somewhere in the past the elections got off the track and we were electing three new Directors each year. The by-laws clearly state that only one Director is to be elected each year and they are to serve a three year term.) The following article describes the duties of each Officer or Director for your information. Make your recommendations to Ron, Mary or Ken.

Club Officers' Responsibilities

In order to give you a better understanding of what each board member's "job" entails, a job description of each position is presented here. The nominating committee is already looking for people to fill these positions. Please consider running for office this year.

The president will:

1. preside at monthly club and board meetings
2. coordinate activities of all other board members and committee chairpersons
3. make an appearance at MBS sponsored functions or send a representative

The 1st vice-president will:

1. be in charge of the activities at the monthly meetings
2. set up workshops with bonsai masters
3. preside at monthly club and/or board meetings if the president cannot
4. coordinate public workshops
5. coordinate novice classes

The 2nd vice-president will coordinate:

1. Home Show
2. Asian Moon Festival
3. Wauwatosa Beautification Day
4. State Fair
5. Boerner - September show
6. Holiday Folk Fair

The secretary will:

1. attend board meetings to take notes and distribute minutes from the last meeting
2. handle club correspondence

The treasurer will:

1. handle club finances
2. have written report for the monthly board meetings

The directors at large (3) will attend board meetings. Their input is valued. They have voting rights.

Again, please do consider becoming a board member for 2004. We have great get-togethers once a month!

Public Workshop

We will be having our annual "Public Workshop" on August 23. The State Fair always provides us with a lot of people that want to try their hand at bonsai.

So we put on a public workshop that gives them the opportunity to try it. Since we are doing eleven days at the Fair, this workshop might have a lot of people in it. We will need a lot of help from the more experienced club members. So put the date on your calendar. Sign up sheets will be available at the August meeting.

Buddy Bucks

What are they, anyway??

Buddy Bucks are points that you can accumulate when helping out at a function such as State Fair, Asian Moon, etc. Each 3-4 hour session earns you one Buddy Buck. Each Buddy Buck counts for \$3 towards the Holiday party in December. Earn 5 Buddy Bucks and your dinner and delightful evening of entertainment are paid for.

Many thanks to the following people who shared their expertise and donated their time to help out at this year's NOVICE CLASSES:

1 Buddy Buck

Ron Fortmann, Sharon Schmidt, Pam Woythal, Scott Hurula, Allen Koszarek, Ken Hahn, Tony Plicka

2 Buddy Bucks

Erskine Tucker, Joe Nemeck, Jim Toepfer, Jack Douthitt

4 Buddy Bucks

Jean Sher, Kris Ziemann

We didn't have time to include the buddy bucks for those who worked at last year's FOLK FAIR. So, counting towards this year's Holiday party are:

1 Buddy Buck

Mary Turner, Dick Butula, Joe Nemeck, Jerry Nemeck, Gen Molling, Erv Schenzel, Dorothy Schenzel, Yvonne Szatkowski, Tom Kerner, Kate Kerner, Jim Toepfer, Tony Plicka, Erskine Tucker, Russ Weiss, Delores Day

2 Buddy Bucks

Ron Fortmann

4 Buddy Bucks

Jack Douthitt

ASIAN MOON volunteers were:

1 Buddy Buck

Jack Douthitt, Joe Herbert, Darlene Shaginaw, Ken Hahn, Kris Ziemann, Delores Day, Melba Stockhausen, Ralph Stockhausen, Sharon Schmidt, Carol Butula, Houston Sanders, Russ Weiss and Allen Koszarek

WAUWATOSA GARDEN TOUR volunteers were:

1 Buddy Buck

Jean Sher, Kris Ziemann, Delores Day, Allen Koszarek

2 Buddy Bucks

Ken Hahn

Thanks again everyone!

(If we have missed your name, please do let us know!)

Wanted - Newsletter Editor

To start in January 2004. Must be reliable and well-organized. Basic computer skills required, with access to a computer with a good Word Processing program and/or Desktop Publishing software. Should have good spelling and proofing ability. The Club needs you! Please consider helping us out. Articles are generally written by various board members and submitted via e-mail to the editor. I (*Yvonne Szatkowski, current editor*) estimate that I spend approximately 4-6 hours each month assembling and producing the newsletter. Other club members assist with labeling, stamping and mailing. It has been fun, but I have been doing it for three years now, and it is time to step down. If you have any interest in serving the club in this capacity, please talk to Jack Douthitt, or me at one of the meetings coming up. I will be happy to get you started in any way that I can. You will learn a lot about bonsai and make some wonderful new friends in the process. Also, your Holiday meal is *free* at the end of every year!

Calendar of Events

- August 2 Randy Clark "Phoenix Graft" Workshop
- August 5 Club Meeting - Randy Clark "Phoenix Graft" Demonstration
- August 23 Fall Public Workshop
- Sept. 2 Club Meeting - Dead tree contest and white elephant sale
- Oct. 7 Club Meeting - Bonsai Critique
- Nov. 4 Club Meeting - Tool care & Power tool demo
- Nov. 21-23 Folk Fair
- Dec. 2 Holiday Party



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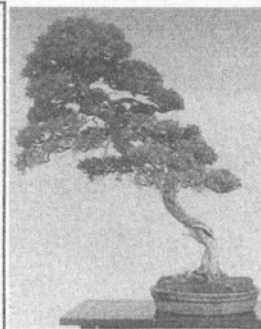
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The Milwaukee Bonsai Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 W. Oklahoma Avenue. Call the MBS Voice Mail/Message System at (414) 299-9229 to learn about upcoming events and meeting times. To contact the club via email: mbs@asapnet.net Look for us on the web at: <http://www.asapnet.net/milwaukee-bonsai/index.html>



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*Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday, August 5
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- Pam Woythal, *Director*
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- Ron Fortmann, *MABA Representative*
- Yvonne Szatkowski, *Newsletter Editor*



*Stone frog - silent, mute
Waterfall sounds,
splashing cool
But you do not hear.*

~ Joe Nemeec

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