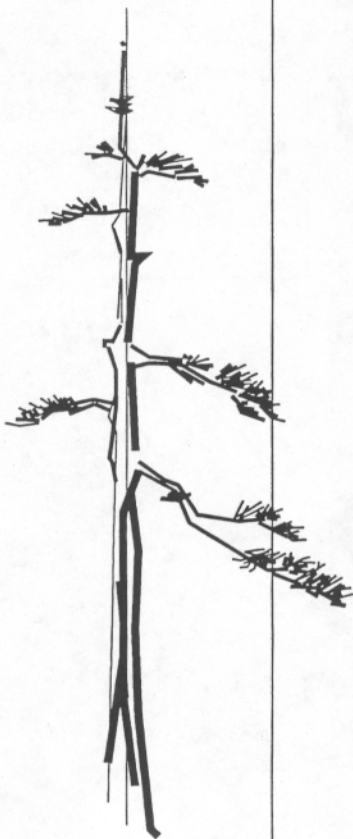


November 2005

# Bonsai News



*Milwaukee  
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## KRIS' KORNER

Greetings, all! What fabulous color is all around us this time of year. This is my favorite season, although it leaves me a bit melancholic. Nature provides us with a gorgeous display of colors ... a nip of chill in the warm autumn air. Numerous roadside stands pop up supplying us with pumpkins, apples, apple cider, gourds, etc. It's a very special time of year.

Yet, we all know that winter follows. Even though there's not a whole lot we can do with our bonsai for a few months (tropicals excluded), this is the perfect time to read some books, start a scrapbook of bonsai you have (from when you first got it, what you have done with it, etc), accumulate stands, pots, etc on the internet... Before you know it spring will be quickly upon us.

We have a power-packed schedule set up for 2006 including the MABA/ Milwaukee Convention in June 22 - 25, 2006. You'll be hearing lots about this in upcoming months. Put the date on your calendar. Even attending one day will be an experience!!

See you in November...

*Kris*

## November Meeting

Ever wonder where those slabs come from... you know the bases for those beautiful groves and forests? Bob Seele from Prairie State Bonsai will be showing us how he creates slabs from a cement concoction and forms that he has designed. Come, take notes!! It's a great winter project.

## December Holiday Party

Please see the information / reservation page elsewhere in the newsletter. Bring your reservation form with your check / cash to the November meeting. Remember, even if you have a complimentary dinner, **YOU MUST STILL FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM.** If you can't make it to the Nov. meeting, please contact Kris at [krisziemann@mac.com](mailto:krisziemann@mac.com) for alternative arrangements

## In Search Of...

In preparation for the MABA 2006 convention, we are starting our collection of plastic coffee "cans" for raffles. We're looking for the small plastic coffee cans with lids (like the 13 oz Folgers). We have never filled a large coffee can with tickets, and these will be much easier to store. If you have any (or have friends who have any) could you please bring them to a club meeting at church? Many thanks.



Kris sells yet another future masterpiece at the White Elephant Auction

## Editor's Message

by Houston Sanders

Once again fall has arrived. I didn't think it would make it this year! And it's time to look forward to one last blaze of color from our deciduous bonsai before they go to sleep for the winter. And, for some of us, it is also time to make indoor space for all of the non-hardy trees that we have accumulated. It wouldn't be so bad except that they get bigger - and hopefully better - each year. Even without acquiring more trees, the same old spaces will no longer hold the same trees. The wired branches intertwine and steal from each other's inadequate supply of indoor light. The trees that grew in 6-inch pots last year have expanded to 10-inch pots. I recently transplanted a former cutting into a new 19-inch pot!

As the trees have grown, so has my bonsai knowledge and experience. It's still kinda gnarled and twisted, but it's bigger! I can still remember being afraid to repot trees (with good reason!), wondering if my trees would grow new leaves in the spring, and hesitating to cut off or trim branches. Yet somehow, despite my best efforts to kill them, many (MOST!) of my trees have managed to survive. Some have even prospered... In part, this is due to the trees' surprising strength and resilience, but much of the credit goes to the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a great club that offers us access to information, materials & supplies, and opportunities to watch and work with bonsai masters. But most importantly, our club offers us the chance to share our art with others. As we wind up our year's activities and enter the long cold winter, think about the people that have helped you with your bonsai. Can you do the same for others? Our club has planned a great year of bonsai activities for 2006, including hosting a major convention. Anyone who is interested in helping will find many opportunities to contribute, regardless of your level of bonsai experience. Volunteers for club activities are always in short supply. How about inviting some friends along to club meetings? I would bet that every person in the club knows ten other people who are interested in bonsai but have never attended a meeting or class. Find ways to keep the club growing and healthy!



## Holiday Folk Fair 2005 by Jack Douthitt

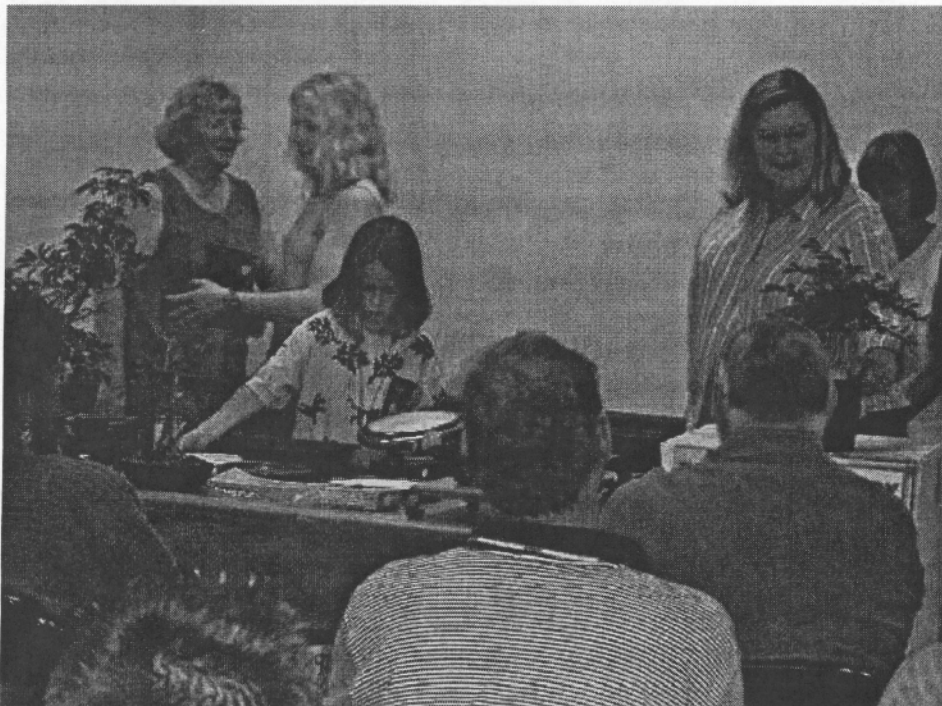
The 2005 Holiday Folk Fair is coming up on Friday November 18th through Sunday November 20th. This will be our third year to participate in this annual extravaganza. It is an annual affair sponsored by the International Institute of Wisconsin, and is a showcase for the many cultures that have a home in Wisconsin.

During the day on Friday, attendance is primarily young people of school age who are brought to the event from all over Wisconsin and northern Illinois. We need at least four or five tree sitters on Friday so that we are not overwhelmed by the visitors. Saturday and Sunday are not quite so hectic. On Friday when the students are there, they are given "passports" which they take to each of the cultural exhibits to be "stamped" with that culture's stamp. Many of them get all of the stamps. For the bonsai exhibit, we have cards with a description of one of the "five basic styles" (in 25 words or less) along with a small sketch. Each person has to draw a card from the pile and find a tree that matches that style before we will stamp his or her passport. Some of them get it right away and some have to look several times, but they all seem to enjoy it. And they learn something in the process. Everyone also has the opportunity to vote for his or her favorite, and that creates more interest.

We need trees and tree sitters for this event. Specifically we need to have trees representative of each of the five basic styles and a total of 23-24 trees. Trees must be brought to the Fair grounds on Thursday evening between 5 and 6 pm and picked up on Sunday evening between 7 and 8 pm. Tree sitters receive free admission to the Fair, but still have to pay for their parking. We encourage all who took a prize in the State Fair to show their trees. For tree sitters the schedule will be:

From 10 AM until 2 PM, from 2 PM until 6 PM, & from 6 PM until 10 PM on Friday and Saturday and from 10 AM until 1 PM, from 1 PM until 4 PM and from 4 PM until 7 PM on Sunday. Sign up sheets for trees and for tree sitters will be available at the November meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting but want to participate please call Jack at 414/228-9628 and let him know.

This is an excellent opportunity to share your enthusiasm with young people. And to see the excitement in their eyes when they realize what it is that they are seeing. Some are seeing bonsai for the very first time. Come and have some fun with us!!!



### Auction Follow-Up

The 1st MBS auction was exciting and well received by all. At the end, though, a few things didn't go home with the bidders. Could you check and see if maybe you picked up a square unglazed pot about 8" x 8" and a rectangular blue pot about 6" x 4"? Also double check if you bid on something, but found it missing.

Coordinating the White Elephant auction required tremendous effort by our club volunteers



## HOLIDAY PARTY 2005

Our annual Holiday party will again be at Meyer's restaurant at 74th and Forest Home. It's a festive occasion and folks always have a great time (family style dinner). In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a wrapped gift for our door prizes. Please fill out the reservation form below and bring it with a check to the November meeting or send to our mailbox: MBS P.O. Box 198, Brookfield, WI 53008-0198.

Date: Tuesday December 6, 2005  
Time: 6:00-7:00 cash bar  
7:00 Family Style Dinner  
Place: Meyer's Restaurant  
74th and Forest Home  
Price: \$15 per person

REMEMBER: EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER, YOU MUST FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM!!!

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**HOLIDAY PARTY Reservation Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Buddy Bucks \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3 each = - ( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS). Bring check to November meeting or send to the P.O. Box 198, Brookfield, WI 53008.

**Reservations must be RECEIVED by NOVEMBER 23, 2005**





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RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
7PM, Tuesday, Nov. 1  
Grace Lutheran Church  
3030 W. Oklahoma



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### MBS Board, 2005

- Kris Ziemann – President
- Scott Hurula – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Darlene Shaginaw – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Karen Kleineider – Treasurer
- Sharon Schmidt – Secretary
- Dr. Erskine Tucker – Board Member
- Joe Herbert – Board Member
- Allen Koszarek – Board Member
- Ron Fortmann – MABA Representative
- Jack Douthitt – Past President

### Other Club Functions:

- Houston Sanders – Newsletter Editor
- Melba Stockhausen - Distribution
- Pam Woythal – Webmaster
- Joe Nemecek - Librarian
- Mary Turner - membership chairperson
- Jean Sher - telephone response



*Autumn twilight, and  
earth is quiet with color:  
mist-folded silence*

- Mary Turner