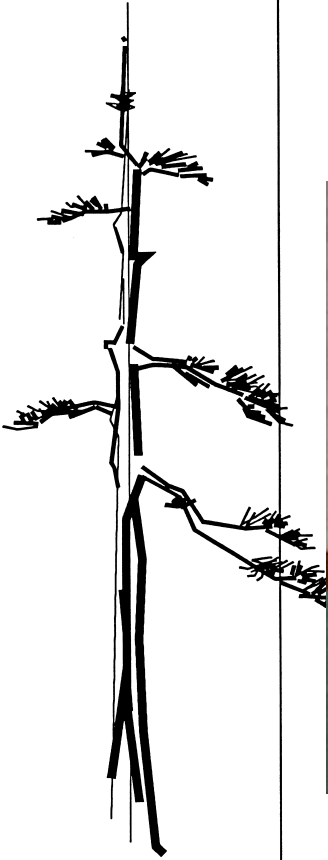


Bonsai News



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MABA Convention

Luis Vallejo created a three tree group using winged elms. Many more photos inside!
(photo by Jean Sher)

AUGUST MEETING – Slab Making

This is sure to be a fun, messy and interesting meeting. Members are encouraged to make some kind of a slab mould to bring and we will attempt to make bonsai slabs.

Some members are planning to cut apart old basketballs to form a crescent slab mould; some are busily carving moulds out of styrofoam. Bring your ideas, interesting mould and create an individual slab for your bonsai.

Please reserve your slab material by calling or emailing:

Jean Sher 414-979-0281 /
jsher@wi.rr.com before July 25th so we can be sure to have plenty of "slab muck" on hand. Don't miss this great meeting!

P.S. Wear old clothes and shoes if you are making a slab!!!

No JULY Newsletter

For those who were wondering, there was no newsletter for July. So you are now looking at the July/August newsletter, which was combined due to MABA convention burnout, and the need to get info out in early July regarding State Fair. Please accept the apologies of your newsletter staff for any shock or inconvenience this may have caused.

MBS Meetings and Information Line:

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.milwaukeebonsai.org>

KRIS' KORNER

Wow! What a tremendous event we had at the MABA convention. For those of you who participated, we hope you enjoyed the fruits of many, many months of planning. Workshops, demos, critiques... kept us busy from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. If you weren't able to make it this time, do try to make it to Indianapolis in 2008.

Our next 2 meetings should be quite a lot of fun. Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for more information!

See you soon.

Kris

Electronic Newsletter

All members are strongly encouraged to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically. For the few who are currently participating, this is working great! You get the electronic newsletter about a week earlier than the mailed version. Just send your e-mail address to your esteemed newsletter editor at: bonsaidiot@tds.net. You will be added to the distribution list. You will also continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

A Tip From a Master

(written by Mary Turner)

At our recent MABA 2006 Symposium, Roy Nagatoshi gave this advice during his boxwood workshop: Use a 50/50 blend of water and Lysol Disinfecting Cleaner to clean your cutting tools. This not only prevents plant disease, virus, and fungus from spreading tree-to-tree, but also fights dieback in tips and branches that you cut. Cutters and even saws should be rinsed, dried and oiled right before storage, but during the workshop, Roy constantly dipped tools into the container of the mix and then continued cutting. When asked why he used Lysol's "Lemon Breeze", he shrugged and said, "Dunno. It just smells good!"

2006 Club Events Calendar

August

Tuesday 1 – Club Meeting Slab Making
and Muck Party
Thurs-Mon 3-13 STATE FAIR SHOW

September

Tuesday 5 - Dead Tree Contest & White
Elephant Auction and Sale / Preparing for
Winter
Saturday 16 - AM Public Workshop
Saturday 30 - Master Class #1

October

Sunday 1 - Master Class #1
Tuesday 3 - Ted Matson / Discussion and
Critique / Master Class Exhibit with commentary

November

Tuesday 7 - Jin, Shari, Carving Demonstrations
and Phoenix graft Display
Friday 17-19 - Folk Fair Exhibit

December

Tuesday 5 - Holiday Party

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STATE FAIR 2006 (by Jean Sher)

The time has arrived to get trees ready for the State Fair Shows. Milwaukee Bonsai Society will be presenting all three shows this year due to difficulties for the Madison and Appleton clubs. We will miss their support and beautiful trees and hope that next year they will be able to participate again. Many people have signed up for presentation of trees, call Jean Sher (info below) if you would like to show your trees.

Contact Darlene Shaginaw (info below) about TREE SITTING opportunities. You can earn "Buddy Bucks" for volunteering!! Last call for tree entries for all three shows will be made at the club meeting Tuesday, August 1st. (Trees for the first show can be delivered to the Show #1 team at the Club MEETING on Aug. 1 if it is easier than returning on Wednesday, Aug. 2nd!!!) However, please do not just show up at the last minute with a tree entry as the space limitations are tight. We will make every effort to enter as many trees as we can, but we need to plan ahead to make the best presentations possible.

Requirements for State Fair Eligibility are quite simple:

Owner must be a member in good standing of a Bonsai Club.

Owner must have had the entry under personal care for at least two winters.

(Youth Class entries are not held to this requirement)

Owner must have done styling on the tree personally.

Pots, mats and stands must be clean and in good repair.

Trees and accent plants must be in GOOD HEALTH and PEST FREE upon entrance date.

Trees will remain on display for the full term of the show and should be reclaimed at the church at the designated time.

Milwaukee Bonsai Society State Fair Chairpersons and MBS Board retains the right to refuse trees for entries for violation of rules.

Decisions of the judges are final and presentation of ribbons will be made upon his /her decisions.

When trees are dropped off at the church we will make every attempt to mark the BACK of all pots, mats and stands and accent plants. This ensures that the trees can be displayed in the presentation intended by the owner. Winners will receive ribbons when trees are picked up after each show.

Please be ready to fill out Info cards about your trees when you drop them off. The following information is required: Scientific name, Common name, Age (approx.), Bonsai Class Category (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Open, Youth), Accent Plant (optional).

STATE FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE 2006

SHOW #1

Tree check-in: Wednesday, Aug 2 6:30- 7:30 PM at the church
(or Tuesday, Aug.1 at the club meeting)
Tree pick-up: Sunday, Aug 6 9:00- 10:00 AM at the church
Team: Jean Sher 414-979-0281 (Home) / 414-614-6525 (cell)/ jsher@wi.rr.com
Allen Koszarek

SHOW #2

Tree check-in: Saturday, Aug 5 6:30-7:30 PM at the church
Tree pick-up: Thursday, Aug 10 9:00- 10:00 AM at the church
Team: To be announced (if you are interested in this responsibility call Darlene Shaginaw, 414-324-0727 / mshaginaw@foley.com)

SHOW #3

Tree check-in: Wednesday, Aug 9 6:30-7:30 PM at the church
Tree pick-up: Monday, Aug 14 9:30- 11:00 AM at the church
Team: To be announced
(If you are interested in this responsibility call Darlene Shaginaw at the # above.)

June Club Show Results

Compiled and Photographed by Jean Sher

Novice:

- 1st Arborvitae/Juniper Forest
Greg Wein
- 2nd Shimpaku
Greg Wein
- 3rd New Zealand Christmas Tree
Carolyn Sanders



(Left to right) New Zealand Christmas Tree, 3rd Novice: Arborvitae/Juniper forest, 1st Novice



Limber Pine, 3rd Intermediate

Shimpaku, 1st Intermediate and Best of Show

Intermediate:

- | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Shimpaku | Joe Herbert |
| 2nd | Creeping Sumac | Tom Ambrose |
| 3rd | Limber Pine | Devika DeMarion |

Photographer's apologies to Greg Wein, Tom Ambrose and Mike Nold for missing photos of winning trees!



Advanced:

1st Japanese Maple
 2nd Bluerug Juniper
 3rd Hanoki Cypress

Houston Sanders
 Yvonne Szatkowski
 Michelle Zimmer



Judge: Scott Clark

Open class:
 (Left to right)
 San Jose Juniper, 2nd
 Juniper, 1st
 (3rd ribbon showing
 Juniper to right
 out of photo)



Open:

1st Juniper
 2nd San Jose Juniper
 3rd Juniper

Joe Nemec
 Jack Douthitt
 Mike Nold

People's Choice:
 Bald Cypress

"BEST of SHOW"
 "PEOPLE'S CHIOCE"

Shimpaku
 Bald Cypress

Joe Herbert
 Ron Fortmann

MABA Convention – Milwaukee, 2006



Clockwise from top right:
Dana Quattlebaum Chinese quince demo
Jeff Moths kusamono workshop
Roy Nagatoshi boxwood workshop
Rita Luedke Ikebana workshop
Jerry Meislik water jasmine workshop
Luis Vallejo winged elm workshop



Top: Roy Nagatoshi boxwood workshop (before and after)
Below: Dana Quattlebaum critiques exhibits



MBS members at Jerry Meislik's Ficus (above) and
Water Jasmine (below) workshops



Can you put that side branch back on?





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

MBS Board, 2006

Kris Ziemann – President
Scott Hurula – 1st Vice President
Darlene Shaginaw – 2nd Vice President
Mary Turner – Treasurer
Sharon Schmidt – Secretary
John Moore – 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
Pam Woythal – Webmaster
Josh Rageth – Librarian
Jean Sher - Distribution / Telephone
response
Mary Turner - Membership Chairperson



A lightning flash:
between the forest trees
I have seen water.

-Masaoka Shiki