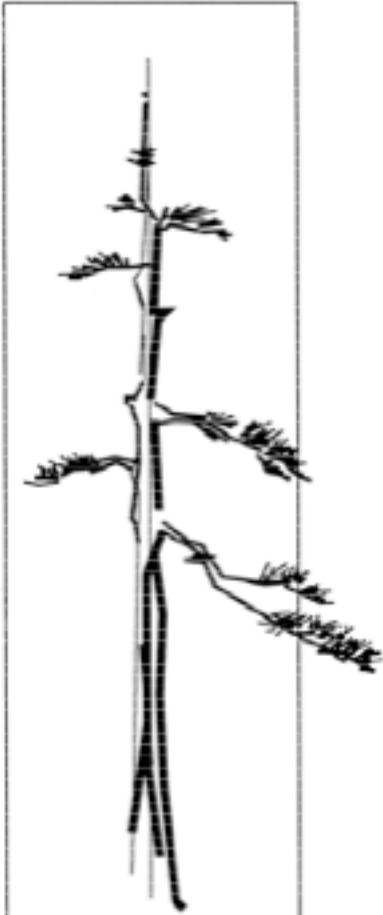


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Bonsai News



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TUESDAY MEETING MAY 6

Our next meeting will be of great interest to the "frugal bonsai artist" in us. Colin Lewis will be going to a local nursery to pick out inexpensive trees to create a forest planting at our meeting. You'll be able to see what you can do with available local stock. This should be an informative evening. And the forest planting will be raffled off afterward.

Then, to make use of the ideas from the Tuesday evening meeting, all MBS members are invited to join this year's novice class on Saturday May 10 for the annual "nursery crawl". Come find some interesting specimens that you can use to create a masterpiece!

We'll be meeting at:

Minors Garden Center just north of Good Hope Rd (and north of Best Buy) on 76th St. The novice class will gather at 9:00, but other members may come at any time (until about 11:00-ish). Hope to see you there !!

NEXT MEETING
May 6 - 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church

MAY

Mar 2-4 - Weekend with
Colin Lewis
May 6 - CLUB MEETING*
Guest Artist: Colin Lewis
Forest planting from
nursery stock
May 10-11 - Marty
Schmalenberg
May 10 - Novice Class #2
May 31 - Novice Class #3

JUNE

June 3 - CLUB MEETING*
Bring trees to work on
June 14 - Novice Class #4
Jun 27-July 2 - Ted Matson

JULY

July 1 - CLUB MEETING*
Guest Artist: Ted Matson
Refinement - bring your
trees
July 31-Aug 10 - State Fair

AUGUST

thru Aug 10 - State Fair
Aug 5 - CLUB MEETING*
Guest Artist: Marty
Schmalenberg
Literati and Suiseki

*Only meetings with an *
are open to the public.

President's Message

As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers!" This is an exciting part of the Bonsai change of season; to see those tiny, green buds and leaves begin to unfurl and signal that all is well and that the trees made it through another winter. This year I hope to see flowers on the Azaleas, Lilacs and one very promising Magnolia. Waiting year after year for bonsai to mature through several styling events, prunings and branch development, make the idea of finally seeing flowers very fulfilling.

Our members are very busy attending classes, teaching classes, and working on Spring bonsai styling. We welcome internationally known bonsai artist, Colin Lewis, to our May meeting, for an evening of subtle wit and bonsai humor mixed, of course, with profound nuggets of bonsai knowledge. The evening of May 6th promises to entertain us and provide food for thought as we bring our bonsai into Wisconsin's unpredictable Spring/Summer weather.

Mr Lewis is also offering an intensive weekend workshop and an evening clinic with Mugho Pines. You can find the details elsewhere in this newsletter. I understand that at this writing, there are still a few openings available for both. I hope you will consider joining one or both for an enjoyable and informative experience.

Until the May MBS meeting,
enjoy your bonsai,

Jean

**There are still a few spaces
left for the Colin Lewis
Intensive Weekend.**

**Friday May 2 (7-10 pm),
Saturday May 3 (9-9),
Sunday May 4 (9-5).**

**Check earlier newsletters for
the particulars. You may use
the reservation form found
elsewhere in the newsletter.**

Members - \$225

Non-members - \$265

Please call

262-512-1228 to register

Bring the registration form to the workshop

**Interested in a Mugho Pine
workshop with Colin Lewis?
There are still a few spots left!**

**Monday May 5 6:00 to 9:00
Location: Grace Lutheran Church**

**\$60 - Fantastic deal! Look for
registration form elsewhere
in the newsletter.**

Please call 262-512-1228 to register

**Bring the registration form to the
workshop**

Our group "slash" is always such a popular event



Such determination!



Where is that trunk?



It's in there somewhere!!



It's in there somewhere!! - Part 2



Collaboration is the key...



This is truly a group effort

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INTENSIVE STUDY WEEKEND - MAY 2-4, 2008 or
Mugho Pine Workshop Monday May 5, 2008
Reservation Form
with Colin Lewis

DATE _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ please circle cell home

Check amount _____ Check # _____

Please circle beginner novice intermediate advanced

BRING THIS FORM TO THE WORKSHOP!

Bonsai from your backyard

HONEYSUCKLE - LONICERA species

Lonicera is a genus of about 180 species of which many are climbers unsuitable for bonsai use. However, there are a number of shrubby honeysuckles / Lonicera that make excellent subjects for bonsai.

Shrubby Lonicera species include *L. pileata* and *L. nitida* which are both evergreen shrubs often used for hedging. It is their ability to regenerate from old wood and the minute size of their leaves that make these two honeysuckles such good species for use as bonsai. With sufficient growth in the ground both species develop heavy, thick trunks and have light, fawn coloured bark that peels off in strips revealing a smooth, light-coloured underbark. Both species produce insignificant flowers and purple berries.

POSITION Full sun. Frosts below -5°C (23°F) can cause loss of foliage though this is quickly replaced in Spring. Some frost protection is advised for trees in very small pots.

FEEDING Every two weeks during the growing season.

REPOTTING In Spring as new leaf-buds appear. Use basic soil mix.

PRUNING Constant clipping is essential to keep foliage pads tidy and to encourage dense growth. Foliage should be thinned out in Spring to allow light to reach inner leaves. Carving or hard pruning can be carried out during late-Autumn and Winter.

PROPAGATION All types of cutting strike readily during July and August. Ground-layer shoots August to November. Sow seed outside in February or March. By division in Spring.

PESTS AND DISEASES Trouble free

STYLING Old Lonicera trunks tend to be stiff and erect and this can create difficulties when designing them as bonsai. Trees can either have curves built into their design by using primary and secondary branches or can be carved to create dead-wood effects. Suitable for all forms except broom in all sizes.





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Next Meeting of MBS
7PM, Tuesday, May 6
Grace Lutheran Church
3030 W. Oklahoma

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Director	John M
Director	Michelle Z
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Other Club Functions:

Kris Z - Newsletter Editor/Distribution
Pam W - Webmaster
- Librarian
Jean S - Telephone response
Mary T - Membership Chairperson

Ancient Chinese saying:

Women are like flowers that can
talk.

Flowers are like women that give
off a fragrance.

Rather enjoy talk than a fragrance.

submitted by Kathleen & James Kozicki

