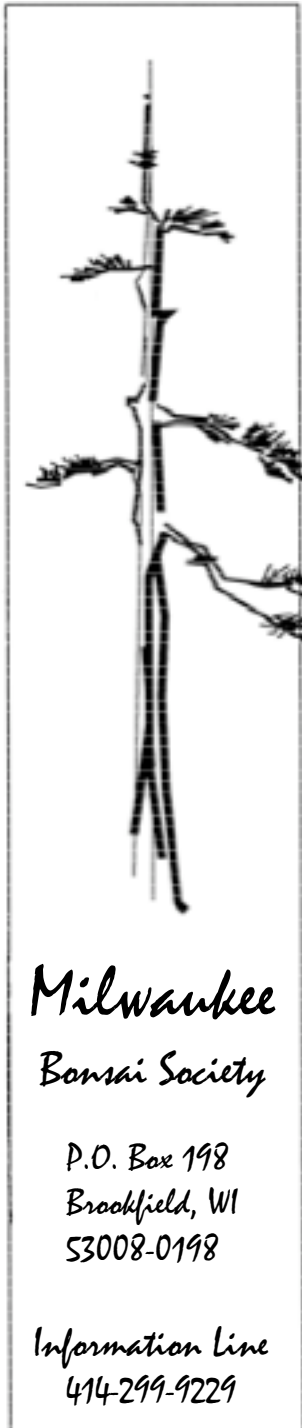


Bonsai News



*Milwaukee
Bonsai Society*

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Brookfield, WI
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*Information Line
414-299-9229*

Marty Schmalenberg is returning to MBS for another informative and comedic club meeting. He will be going to a local nursery to purchase a tree which he will design in literati style.

Also, if you have suiseki, viewing stones, scholar stones... please bring them to the meeting for display.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO VOLUNTEER TO TREE SIT AT STATE FAIR!!

We need folks
Wednesday - Sunday, August 6-10.
There are 3 shifts:
9-2, 2-6 and 6-10
Call 414-979-0281...

ALSO, please consider entering a tree in the State Fair exhibit. This is a wonderful opportunity to get written comments on your tree.

There are 2 exhibits left:
August 3-6 and August 7-10
Again, call 414-979-0281

NEXT MEETING
August 5 - 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2 - CLUB MEETING*
Club Show and critique
Sept 20 - Public Workshop *
Pre-registration required
Limit of 25

OCTOBER

Oct 7 - CLUB MEETING*
Dead Tree contest and fall clean up

NOVEMBER

Nov 4 - CLUB MEETING*
Year end wrap-up

DECEMBER

NO CLUB MEETING

JANUARY

Friday Jan 9
After the Holidays
Holiday Party

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

President's Message

As I write this message for the August Newsletter, I am excited to note that the MBS exhibit at State Fair is taking shape. We still need trees for shows #2 and #3. Pick up and drop off info is listed on page 3. Please consider entering a tree. Many members have indicated that "my tree isn't ready to show." My response is that we are exhibiting trees to the general public who are impressed with all the trees that are displayed. They do not view the trees as critically as we do. This is a wonderful chance to enter a tree and have three qualified bonsai judges give us feed back and suggestions for improvement. And I must say, the award ribbons are also a nice bonus!

Tree sitters are also needed to fill in a few more spots. It is lots of fun to see the reactions from the public to our trees. Every year we hear the comment "I come each year to see the bonsai exhibit and every time the trees are just amazing!" Of course we also need to answer that age old question, "How old is that tree?" Luckily each tree on exhibit has the owner's "questimate" of the age, so we can look at the entry card and give a plausible answer. Meeting the fair goers is lots of fun and where else can you work for a little bit of time, earn a buddy buck and get in FREE to the State Fair for a whole day? This year's theme is "WINDOWS and DOORS." I hope you will jump through the door to lots of STATE FAIR FUN as a MBS volunteer or entrant.

Give me a call 414-979-0281 or send an email jsher46@wi.rr.com if you are interested in helping out.

If you're in need of a stand or mat for your display, please use the contact info above.

Jean

Guy Guidry will be the guest artist at the Chicago Show in August. If you have been wanting to work with him, here is a chance to bring your own tree for a morning workshop for \$60.

Saturday, August 16: 9:00 - 12:00
#5) BRING YOUR OWN MATERIAL

Sunday, August 17: 9:00 - 12:00
#13) BRING YOUR OWN MATERIAL

GET YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY!

You can do this online...

www.midwestbonsai.org/augustshow.html

From our Librarian Joe N -

Suggested Reading:
John Naka's *Bonsai Techniques Vol 1* is the definitive bonsai book. Everything you wanted to know about bonsai is in this book. It is in our library.

NOTE: When checking out a book, you will need to leave your name, address and phone number.

Please send in articles to the newsletter editor. Something that you found on the internet, in a book, or an idea for an article, etc. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
hagr8d@mac.com

STATE FAIR - Are you interested in entering a tree at State Fair? If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open.

Our space is smaller than in previous years, so it will be necessary to limit the number of trees to about 20 per show, 1-2 trees per individual.

You must sign up at Club meetings or call 414-979-0281 to participate.

Fox Valley Bonsai Society - Exhibit #1 (July 31 - August 2) - We will fill in if there is space.
Milwaukee Bonsai Society - Exhibit #2 (August 3 - August 6)
Milwaukee Bonsai Society - Exhibit #2 (August 7 - August 10)

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2008

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to parking lot **
Wednesday, July 30 from 6pm - 7pm

Pick up trees from parking lot **
Sunday, Aug 3 from 9am - 10am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to parking lot **
Saturday, Aug 2 from 6pm - 7pm

Pick up trees from parking lot **
Thursday, Aug 7 from 9am - 10am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to parking lot **
Wednesday, Aug 6 from 6pm - 7pm

Pick up trees from parking lot **
Monday Aug, 11 from 9am - 10am

**** Strip mall parking lot west of 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry/Fashion Bug sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)**

When checking in please bring:

- + your list of scientific names and common names,
- + the approximate age of the tree,
- + stand, accent, sketch of display, and the proposed style of tree.

It is also wise to mark all components of your display with your name.

(an address sticker is usually adequate)

Note: If the drop off/pick up schedule is not good for you, please make personal arrangements for your trees with someone who will care for them. **YOU must alert the crew about these arrangements so trees cannot be misdirected, lost or stolen.**

Call or email

Allen at 414.979.0281 jsher46@wi.rr.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2008 State Fair committee.

For specific information as to whether your tree will qualify to be entered at State Fair, please go to:

http://www.wistatefair.com/home/2008_wi_state_fair/contests/horticulture.html

Go to horticulture info... p37-38



Bonsai from your backyard

VIRGINIA CREEPER - PARTHENOCISSUS

Parthenocissus is a genus of about 10 species of deciduous tendril climbers found in the forests of the Himalayas, E. Asia and North America. Most commonly they cling by tiny disc-like suckers on the end of their tendrils. They are fully hardy and can be grown in sun or partial shade. Species suitable for bonsai

Position: Full sun but shade in strong midday light.

Feeding: Every two weeks; if the plant does not receive enough fertilizer the leaves tend to drop before they change color.

Repotting: Every second year though vigorous specimens may require annual repotting.

Pruning: Prune back hard in the autumn after leaf-drop; continual pruning of new growth, tendrils and damaged leaves required through the spring and summer.

Propagation: Very easy at any time from cuttings and layering.

Pests and diseases: Relatively trouble free though caterpillars can cause unsightly damage to leaves.

Styles: Semi-cascade, cascade, root-over-rock, clump styles in medium to large sizes.

Other notes: Parthenocissus are very soft-wooded so exposed deadwood can rot very quickly unless protected or removed.

Warning: Parthenocissus tricuspidata/Virginia Creeper can cause severe allergic reactions in some people as it contains 'Oxalate crystals', a known skin allergen. Repeated exposure to such plant species can cause sensitisation in some people and lead to 'allergic dermatitis' when in contact with P. tricuspidata/Virginia Creeper. In this sense it can have a similar effect on some people to 'Poison Ivy'.

from: www.bonsai4me.com



INTERMEDIATE CLASS WORKSHOPS WITH TED MATSON

June 30 & July 1



My impression was "awesome!" I don't know if I can say in words what Ted was able to help me with as he had put so much in my mind as to what to do and how to do it. It was also helpful when he showed us "new" things that can help us improve our trees. I believe we ALL have benefited from this



workshop with Ted. Hopefully, we can do this again sometime soon. - Delores D



I really enjoyed and had an incredible time with Ted and the workshop group that day. These are the reasons:

1. I got quality time with a Bonsai Master who provided first hand advice on how to work and design my tree.
2. When you work with Ted, you feel that he is working on the most important tree he has ever worked, & at that moment, that was my tree.
3. I learned and practiced new techniques that helped move my tree to the next level, Ted helped me to visualize how my tree will grow and how it will look in the future. Now my tree has 5 leaves but I am sure it will be an amazing bonsai tree when it grows back !!!!

4. I am always very busy, between work, family and friends, and the workshop gives me downtime that I can use to focus and work on my tree. I forgot everything else, was able to relax and eliminate any rush and stress. It took 8 hours to work on three small trees, but you know I loved it.
5. I made new friends during the workshop and met new people that share the same interests and understand how trimming and pruning can be exciting and important.
6. The workshop environment is very positive, calm and relaxing, gives you access to other Bonsai Artists like Michelle who provide you coaching, feedback and also make sure you are making progress and getting ready for when Ted comes back.

- Jorge R

I truly enjoyed my session with Ted as he talked to us at a higher level without making me feel like the newbie I am. His passion for Bonsai and passing that knowledge on showed. He seemed to never stop expelling out new information. He taught me how to turn a bush into a handful of sticks. Just kidding. He walked me through preparing the bush structure for future growth and showed/taught me how to look and design a tree for the future. Classmates were equally nice in allowing us to sit and learn while Ted taught each of them about their tree(s). Overall it was a very worthwhile and knowledge fill day. Thanks Ted. - Jim G

Ted Matson was a wonderful, informative instructor. The most important thing that I learned from Ted is to not try to make every Bonsai look perfect. Ted said that he used to buy plants to use as learning experiences. He said that I should relax and think about each tree as something to learn from. We worked for several hours on my 20 year old Boxwood, I had transplanted it last year, but the roots have compressed themselves into a ball. Ted recommended that I create a plastic collar to fit around the exposed rootball and fill it with Bonsai soil. After one or two years, the roots should rejuvenate and will be ready to transplant into a larger pot.

- Pat B



Even though I am in intermediate classes, I still think like a novice. One of the nursery plants I brought was a dwarf-type yew. It was bought last season and put away without any pruning or cutting; just was set aside during the winter for a future styling. I still have difficulty seeing the possibility in plants from the nursery.



The branches that I think should be saved seem to always be the ones that must go. Ted saw a nice 'shohin' and explained what qualities it had to qualify it. He pointed out the primary and secondary branching and the apex. Listening, learning and following his guidance, I came away with a nice little tree and a plan for its future.

- Laura L

The opportunity to spend the day with Ted was amazing. His techniques and styling theories were a delight to consider for my trees. It was interesting to apply not just one idea, but several options to arrive at the best tree design. One of the highlights in my fledgling bonsai career. Thanks for making it available.

- Don G



**Some words of encouragement
for the students.**

July Bonsai Care Tips

a compilation from the Springfield Bonsai Society and the Iowa Bonsai Association

This is a general guide. Times can vary as much as a month depending on the weather trends. Some species of trees do not follow the general category guidelines of deciduous, evergreen or tropical. Know your trees!

- Repot tropicals.

- Prune pines. Pinch back junipers, as they will be growing rapidly. Leaf prune deciduous through the middle of the month. Wounds heal quickly. Create jin and shari.



- Continue wiring, especially conifers. Keep an eye on the wire on your trees. This is especially true for deciduous trees which grow very rapidly in early summer. Wire can cut in more quickly than you think.

- Keep an eye on watering. some trees may need water twice daily. Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day. With so much rain watering chores have been pretty light. Check your trees daily in any event. Stick a finger in the soil as the surface may look dry but there may be plenty of moisture underneath. Misting in hot weather is always welcome.



- Turn your tree often so all sides are equally exposed to the sun for even growth.



Use an inexpensive turntable with a stop for larger, heavier trees.

- In the hot sun, the pots of your trees may become too hot to touch. Imagine what that does to the roots of your trees. Pots with wide rims are especially bad about heating up. Some trees may be shaded during the hottest part of the day. Possibly quirt the hot pots with water to cool them off but that isn't an option for most people. Covering the pot with burlap will keep the pot from becoming too hot and can keep the soil from drying too rapidly. It's not very pretty but it is cheap and efficient.

- Spider mites and aphids thrive in hot weather so keep an eye out for them. Give your trees a strong spray on the foliage when you water which helps keep the spider mite population down. If foliage starts looking puny that is a good indication of spider mites. Spray with an insecticide which specifies it is for spider mites on the label.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS
7PM, Tuesday, August 5
Grace Lutheran Church
3030 W. Oklahoma

Quick reminder for the MBS picnic, Sunday August 27, at the home of Don and Karen G. See July newsletter for info. Please RSVP to 262-513-8395. SEE YOU THERE.

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