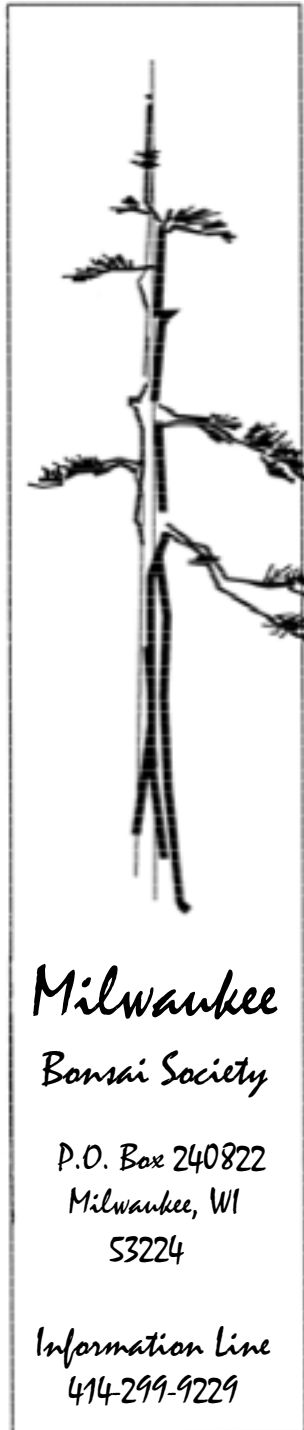


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Bonsai News



*Milwaukee
Bonsai Society*

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ALOHA!



Get out of the cold and join us for a tropical evening. Besides learning more about tropical and exotic trees, you'll be interested in the money saving tips - "Bonsai on a Budget". Information on how to get ready for our upcoming bonsai dig will also be covered. Wear your Hawaiian garb! Anything flowery. Sandals, shorts, etc !!!

NEXT MEETING
March 2 - 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church

MARCH

Mar 2 - CLUB MEETING
Tropicals/exotics, bonsai on a budget, collecting trees
Mar 27- Novice Class #1 am
Repotting workshop - pm

APRIL

Apr 7 - CLUB MEETING
Group slash - trees by group design
Apr 10 - Novice class #2
Apr 24 - Novice class #3
Apr ? - Club dig

MAY

May 4 - CLUB MEETING
Guest artist Warren Hill
May 8 - Novice class #4
May 15-16 - Chicago Show
May ? - Public Workshop

JUNE

June 1 - CLUB MEETING
Round Robin info sessions
June 25-27 - MABA convention

JULY

July 1 - CLUB MEETING
Round Robin info sessions
July 10 - Wauwatosa Tour
July ?? - club picnic
July 31 - Suthin classes

President's Message

Welcome 2010. Thank you, members, for renewing your MBS membership. If you have not yet renewed, please link to the Join US page on the new website.

When I started bonsai, I was young, but I was confident I was doing some really talented things. So I went in to talk to my teacher, Randy Clark, who was heading up the class at the Minnesota Bonsai Society. He listened patiently and said "Pam you know what? It took me 20 years before I knew what I was doing. You have to keep practicing."

While taken aback at the time, I thought twenty years, am I stupid, don't I have talent? I never forgot that lesson and as I look back, it reminds me of our unique club environment that provides a "steady path of learning opportunities". We have a public workshop to get started, novice and intermediate classes and workshops. We bring in national and international artist for additional workshops and classes. We offer teaching and demonstration opportunities for our advanced students. As much as I'd like to think I got where I am today on my own, I know it's not true.

I am where I am in bonsai because I was fortunate to learn bonsai at the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

Many classes and workshops are being offered. Be sure to get involved.

- Pam W

CLASSES FORMING

INTERMEDIATE CLASS FORMING:

4 eight hour classes are open to all MBS members who have taken the novice class or have some Bonsai experience.

If you are interested in taking these classes please call Susan L. 414-744-2808 or e-mail her at ashwini1890@sbcglobal.net

NOVICE CLASS: (Hurry, almost full)

This is a wonderful follow-up to the public workshop. And, if you have never participated in a novice class, it offers wonderful instruction, information and hands-on experiences. This year's Novice classes will be held:

Saturday March 27 at the church 9:00-12:00

Saturday April 10 at the church 9:00-12:00

Saturday April 24 at the church 9:00-12:00

Saturday May 8 at Minor's Garden Center

The first two classes are classroom style. You will be working out of a workbook - extensive information about styles of trees, pots, tools, pruning, soils, fertilizing and much, much more to continue your bonsai training! Trees will be brought in for Session 3 for you to style.

Session 4 finds us at a local nursery searching for potential bonsai in the morning. After lunch, we get together to work on the "treasures" we found during our "nursery crawl". It's an exciting way to continue your bonsai experience, and all for \$80.

Please contact Kris Z (262-512-1228) or hagr8d@mac.com

Suthin Workshops for 2010- March Update

Spaces for the 2010 Suthin workshops are filling up fast. Those who are seriously interested should reserve their slot with a \$50 deposit per workshop. Each workshop will have no more than 8 participants.

Here are the availabilities:

Saturday, July 31, 0 openings, waiting list only
Sunday, August 1, 2 openings
Monday, August 2, 2 openings
Tuesday, August 3--available all day for private, semi-private, etc.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 0 openings, waiting list only
Sunday, September 26, 5 openings

You can forward your NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 per workshop, payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society, to Michelle Z., 7026 N. Lake Dr., Fox Point, WI 53217.

REMEMBER, IF YOU PREVIOUSLY INDICATED INTEREST, YOUR SPACE IS **NOT** GUARANTEED UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE DEPOSIT.

These workshops are open to all members of MBS of any skill level and will cost \$75-\$115 per workshop depending on the number of participants and the location of the workshop.

We are very interested in filling the remaining 9 available openings, but, if you absolutely CAN'T make one of the available days, you are welcome to put your name on a waiting list. Please call Michelle Z. at 414.228.9628 if you want to be placed on a waiting list.

Also, there is one opening in the Ted Matson study group - Sunday March 14 and Sunday October 24. If you are interested, please contact Kris Z (262-512-1228) or hagr8d@mac.com

THE MABA (MID-AMERICA BONSAI ALLIANCE) CONVENTION IS COMING UP SOON!

JUNE 25-27

**PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.
YOU'LL WANT TO HEAD TO GRAND RAPIDS,
MI TO ATTEND THIS CONVENTION.**



**KATHY SHANER WILL
BE THE HEADLINER.
OUR OWN JACK D WILL
BE A GUEST ARTIST!**

**GO BACK TO THE MBS HOMEPAGE AND CLICK
ON "WHAT'S NEW"
UNDER JUNE YOU WILL SEE A LINK TO THE
MABA REGISTRATION PACKET. ALL YOU
NEED TO KNOW IS IN THIS PACKET. WE ARE
HOPING TO HAVE A CARAVAN OF CARS /
VANS HEADING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
LAKE. WORKSHOPS WILL FILL UP FAST, SO
GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN AS SOON AS YOU
CAN. JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!!**

Handmade Cut Paste

Here are two inexpensive alternatives to buying cut paste made in Japan. Use a small container of Elmer's glue with brown food coloring in it. Or buy regular modeling clay from a hobby shop (preferably grey or brown) and mixing a little olive oil to keep it pliable.



Milwaukee Bonsai Society Membership Form 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ Check # _____

(This e-mail address will not be shared with other parties and is for MBS Board use only.)

for (circle) **Single** 1 year \$25 2 years \$48 3 years \$70

Family 1 year \$35 2 years \$68 3 years \$100

Do you have any hidden talents / interests that you would be willing to share with our members?
If so, please describe:

Please send to: Milwaukee Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224

March Bonsai Tips:

By Doug Hawley (reprinted from the Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati newsletter)

March is soon upon us and it is probably the busiest bonsai month of the year. This means prepare, prepare, prepare!! Do you have your soil, screens, wire, the right sized pots, optional repotting nutrients (Superthrive, mycorrhizae, and a touch of 0-10-19), and the other things you need for repotting season?

Look at your trees now and come up with ideas of how you might want to restyle them at the time of repotting so you don't lose much time later. Remember, if you have ten or fifteen deciduous trees that start to open their buds all at the same time, you'll have only a few days to come up with an inspiration for restyling (which might mean a new potting, angle, wiring and major pruning), then root pruning and repotting all ten or fifteen. Since most of us have other things to do in life also (little things like employment taking care of kids, eating, sleeping, etc.) it can be pretty overwhelming, and we often end up saying "what the h***. I'm just going to wait until next year."

Repotting time can be a very enjoyable and rewarding time if you are ready. It's the specific day of the year when a tree can most easily move up another notch in quality, in fact, often be literally transformed.

This is a big month for pest control. It's the last opportunity to use true dormant oil to get rid of pine needle scale and overwintering aphids, spider mites, etc on your outdoor trees. If you reduce the strength of your dormant oil, you can mix in a little lime sulfur or certain other pesticides and fungicides (be sure this is OK'd on the label and follow instructions carefully).

This is also approaching the time when indoor pests go wild. Spider mite's especially like the

warm dry windless environment of our homes, and can creep up on you.

Some experienced bonsai people believe this is the best time of year to tip prune eastern white pine, as it forces new buds. But don't-do this to your other pines.

Continue to protect your trees from extreme temperatures. Don't let them dry out, but be sure you don't over water either. Outdoor trees in outdoor storage need water every couple of weeks at the most. Those in garages need water more often. Also, be on the lookout for any deciduous trees that put out buds early, This includes 'mostly those in warmer winter storage (garages, greenhouse?), and those plants which are native to higher numerical (more southern) growing zones where Spring starts earlier. Trident maples are among this last category. Remember, if the buds start to suddenly swell, you must repot them immediately if you intend to repot them this year. Needless to say, this is a problem, since we have difficulty in Cincinnati providing the outdoor light new buds need without killing them with a frost or carrying them in and out every day.

Finally, read your bonsai books; magazines and websites. The more you know, the more you'll enjoy.





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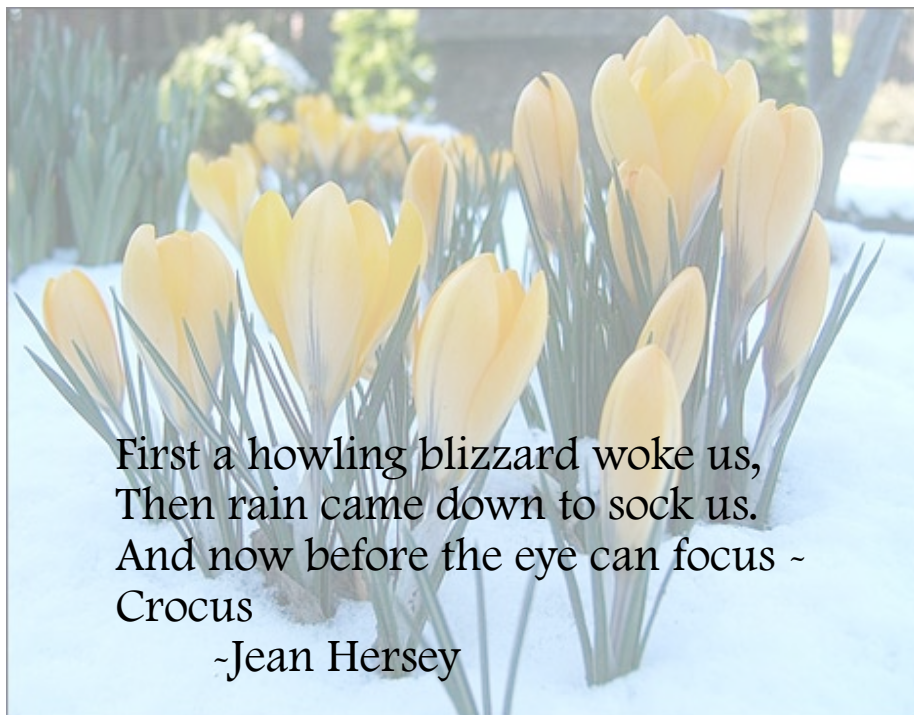
Please note our new P.O. Box #

2010 MBS OFFICERS

President	Pam W
First VP	John M
Second VP	Greg P
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Director	Jerry N
Director	Steve Car.
Director	Steve Con.
Past Pres.	Joe H

Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z
Webmaster - Pam W
Librarian - Tom A
Telephone response - John M
PAB Board - Don G, Leo S, & Houston S



First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then rain came down to sock us.
And now before the eye can focus ~
Crocus

~Jean Hersey