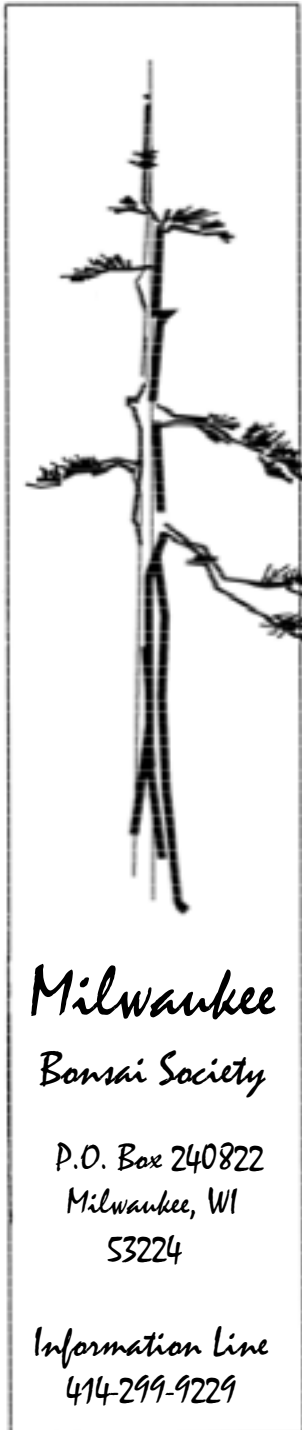


DECEMBER 2011

# Bonsai News



Join us at our annual Awards Banquet / Holiday Dinner. See the reservation form later in this issue.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 7.

Have a wonderful holiday season and especially a Happy and prosperous 2012!

## 2011 Events

### DECEMBER

December 6 - Awards Banquet  
Meyer's Restaurant 74th and  
Forest Home

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW!!**

## 2012 Events

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

### FEBRUARY

February 7 - Club meeting at  
Boerner Botanical Gardens

[www.milwaukeebonsai.org](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org)

**NEXT MEETING**  
Tuesday Dec 6 - 6:30 pm  
Meyers Restaurant



# President's Message

## "Momentum"

As I reflect over the last two years that I have been writing these messages, I find it hard to believe that we have grown so much. These have been very challenging times for all of us. Most organizations are struggling to maintain membership where we have been able to take advantage of our strength and position us for even more growth by partnering with Boerner Botanical Gardens. During these tough economic times, I am proud that MBS has favored local business for our printing, aprons, and award plaques. We support our local vendors by purchasing gift cards for our award dinner awards and supporting their efforts at events. I am also proud that we have maintained our relationships with artists who have supported MBS in the past and continue to support us. I am most proud that our members support the bonsai community at large which has paid dividend in demonstrating to artist. MBS commitment and makes Milwaukee one of the premier bonsai destinations. We have the unique opportunity to attract the very best world class artist to our bonsai club.

Over the last two years, along with our successful growth came challenges for our organization. We have an aging demographic and need to build the pipeline of new talent for our future leadership. Each of our current leaders is relied upon to be more productive. Another challenge for our Executive Committee has been to maintain a long term perspective to ensure our organization continues to thrive.

So as my last president's message I want to outline where my focus will be as Past President to keep the momentum. The hardest part of sustaining momentum is getting members involved in the discussion. So, how do I expect to do this? Our members must come first: If we can turn these members into raving enthusiasts, they will do our marketing for us. So my first focus will be having the

commitment to foster these relationships, deliver what members need and also have the discipline to measure membership loyalty over time. Focus will be on bonsai expertise, the fun and experience our organization can deliver. I also want to ensure our partner organization enjoys the same membership commitment from our organization. I will continue to drive membership and as our membership thrives so should Friends of Boerner.

My second focus will be our online presence. Where attention is a

commodity keeping you and potential members interested on our website will become important. Building a web presence that communicates our vision in a compelling and simple way has been my passion over several years. I am excited to get back to it. Many clubs feel they need to constantly communicate they are the "best," "leading," "unrivaled". That is not our only message, so I want to focus on our real story because that is what makes us interesting.

Finally, my focus will be keeping our organization lean, not frivolous. The concept of being "lean" is critical and allows you to build an agile, less wasteful organization. We've seen a real resurgence in the amount of ambitious members and programs in the last few years. Perhaps it was the economic downturn that caused people to re-focus and take on new challenges, but I believe we are at the beginning of a new era. MBS is an amazing and solid organization. It is important we do not spread ourselves too thin. We are better off having a fewer key valuable programs and focus on what works and use it to our advantage.

As we approach the time of the year where resolutions are made and goals are set. Let's all ensure MBS has the fuel to keep moving, keep the momentum going.

*"Enthusiasm is the energy and force that builds ilteral momentum" -  
Bryant H Mc Gill*

*-Pam*

## ESSENTIAL TO CONTROVERSIAL

### Cut Paste

Cut Paste was developed in Japan in the mid to late eighties and is called Cut Paste in both Japanese and English. It is a thick paste made to seal off cuts and keep sap from bleeding.



Basically it consists of clays, resins and hormones, all of which are conducive to the health of your bonsai. The function of Cut Paste is to prevent infection, dehydration, and promote healing when used to treat wounds. Its putty-like quality makes easy, clean application. When healing occurs the Cut Paste is compressed and eventually it pops off to reveal good clean callusing.

Japanese Cut Paste seal tree wounds against insects, disease, and help this tree's physical response to speed healing, and minimize the shock of wounds when styling Bonsai or repairing branches.

When an injury or break in the bark exposes the underlying wood, bacteria and fungi in the air and on the bark contaminate the wound surface. At the same time, the tree (bonsai or other) responds to the wound by producing chemical and physical barriers in an attempt to block the invasion of microorganisms and to seal off the damaged area.

The tubed material can also be used for grafting work or anywhere that the bark has been opened up to the air, which can cause disease and drying out of the area of the wound causing die back.

### How is it Applied?

On newly removed branches prepare the cut by ensuring it is clean and free of ragged edges.

The tube material is simply applied with the index finger and washes off even when dry with soap and water. For the jar material which is a clay base wound sealant and wet your fingers (it prevents the paste from sticking) and kneed into a ball, flatten between the fingers and then applied directly and in proportion to the wound size so the wound is covered and the paste molds to the contours of the trunk or branch. Next, small pieces of bark material are attached to the paste to give the trunk a more natural look. On old cuts, remove the undesirable growth. Shape and clean down to new wood and proceed as for new branches.

### What is the Debate?

When dealing with pruning wounds, there is a great deal of latitude as to how to cut, how to finish, and how to seal, depending on the species being cut and who is teaching.

Brent Walston doesn't use wound sealant. Walter Pall doesn't use cut paste and has never had any issues with not using it. Dan Robinson never saw a scar he didn't want to keep and enlarge

Boon teaches the use of cut paste, but not just because of pathogens. It improves the quality of the healed scar in many cases. And in Japan, they use it.

Vance Wood says there are two trees that cut paste should be used on, Azaleas and Korean Hornbeams as these species are susceptible to air born fungi spores that enter through wounds and can kill the tree.

Some insist on the jar while others such as Brussels use Top Jin M-Paste exclusively. Most agree, it is a matter of preference.

### Where Do I Find It?



Traditional tree sealants are available from our local vendors and on-line.

Kiyonal (contains a fungicide) This quick drying sealant and grafting aid contains insecticides and fungicides and forms a smooth, dark green cover that remains quite flexible and virtually vanishes after being applied. It prevents diseases, insects and decay from affecting your bonsai after pruning. It has the consistency of toothpaste and dries quickly into a translucent, greenish, waterproof sealant for pruning wounds. As the callus forms, the paste drops off gradually without leaving marks. Apply to a thickness of 1-2 mm. 100 grams.

Callousmate - A thick paste made to seal off cuts and keep sap from bleeding. The green cap jar or tube is dark grey for conifers. The white cap jar compound is a light grey great for all trees except conifers.

Top Jin M-Paste is a medicated bonsai cut paste that can be applied directly from the tube or can be diluted with water to achieve a thinner consistency.

## AWARDS BANQUET & HOLIDAY PARTY 2011

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. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a BONSAI RELATED wrapped gift as a contribution 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 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224

Date: Tuesday December 6, 2011

Time: 6:00-7:00 cash bar

7:00 Family Style Dinner

Place: Meyer's Restaurant (74th and Forest Home)

Price: \$18 per person

Reservations must be  
**RECEIVED by MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

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

..... HOLIDAY PARTY Reservation Form .....

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

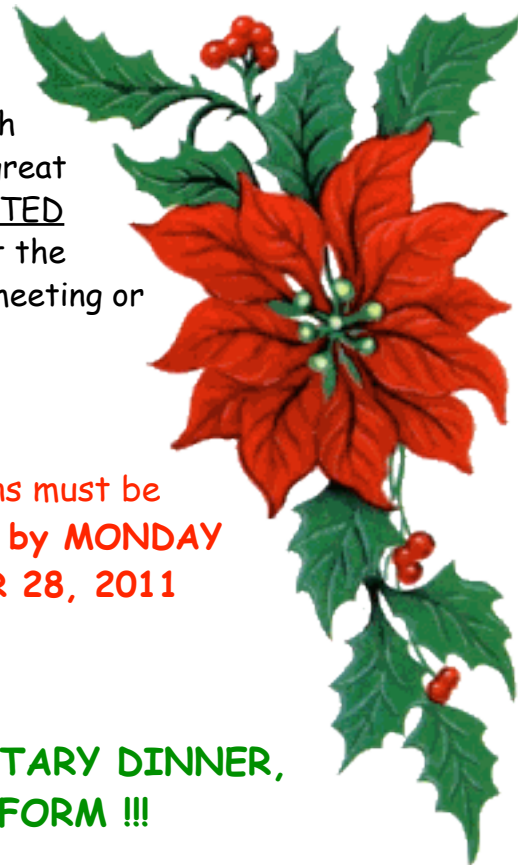
Please make check payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS).

Bring check to November meeting or  
send to the P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

Reservations must be **RECEIVED** by  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2010**



If you don't think you can mail in your reservation by the deadline date, please call 262-512-1228 to reserve your spot. You can pay at the banquet.



# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2012 Membership Application



### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

### Membership Type

New or Renewal:

- Individual 1 year \$25       Individual 2 years \$48       Individual 3 years \$70  
 Family 1 year \$35       Family 2 years \$68       Family 3 years \$100

*Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)*

### Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

- Events       Administration       Other (let us know your interest)  
 Fundraising       Newsletter production  
 Tree Exhibiting/Sitting       Volunteer coordination

### Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Mail to:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
P.O. Box 240822  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

### Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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74th and Forest Home

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### 2012 MBS OFFICERS

President	Steve Con.
First VP	Tony P
Second VP	Kris Z
Secretary	Ron F
Treasurer	Susan L
Director	John M
Director	Greg P
Director	Allen K
Past Pres.	Pam W

### Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z  
Webmaster - Pam W  
PAB Board - Ron F, Don G & Houston S



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Hannukah*