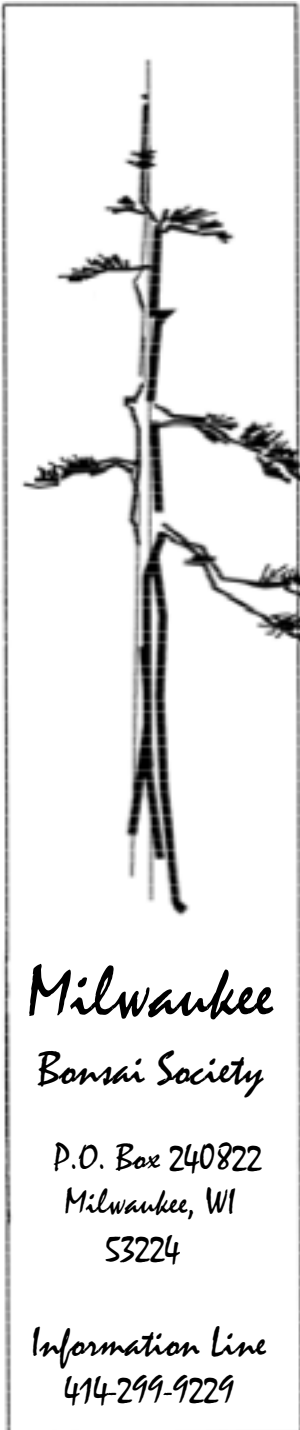


JANUARY 2015

# Bonsai News



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society*

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414-299-9229*

***NO Tuesday night  
meeting in January***

**2015 is going to  
be an exciting  
year for the  
Milwaukee Bonsai  
Society. Keep  
active and tuned  
in to the many  
events that have  
been organized  
for YOU!**

**Happy  
Holidays**

**2015**

**JANUARY**

No Society Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

Feb 3 - no Society meeting

Feb 8 (Sunday) - Winter  
Silhouette show at  
the Domes 9-4

Feb 15 (Sunday) 10:00-1:00

Kick off meeting at Boerner

Feb 21 (Saturday) - Novice  
Class #1 at Boerner\*

**MARCH**

Mar 1-2 - workshops with  
Andy Smith\*

Mar 3 - Society Meeting  
Andy Smith guest artist

Mar 7 - Novice Class #2\*

Mar 21 - Novice Class #3\*

Mar 27-31 - Advanced classes  
#1 with Peter Tea

**APRIL**

Apr 7 - Society Meeting  
Tool Sharpening / Group Slash

Apr 11 - Novice Class #4\*

Apr 12 (Sunday) - Repotting  
Workshop 10-1

**\*Members only**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday Feb 15 - 10:00am**

**Boerner Botanical Gardens**



# President's Message

MBS is moving forward with our vision for increasing awareness of bonsai among the people of our area. We are scheduling shows and workshops to bring the beauty and art of bonsai to the community. We are taking additional steps in securing a home for our public collection. We have been working with Lynden Sculpture Garden and students from UWM School of Architecture and Urban Planning on designing a contemporary Bonsai Garden... a garden unlike any other.

In order for MBS to continue to be viable, it is inherent that new members as well as current members volunteer. If we continue to rely on the same group of volunteers to get things done year after

year, we will eventually exhaust our supply of volunteers (figuratively and physically). What I ask of you as members of MBS is to get involved in one of these or another of our initiatives as we are always looking for help. Please call me or any board member anytime with your ideas as we are here for you.

Just a quick reminder that if you have not renewed your MBS membership for 2015, please do so. You can only take a advantage of the guest artists and other workshops if you are a paid up member. We are bringing in some world class artists in 2015 and you don't want to miss out.

*Greg*

## Registration for Andy Smith workshop

9:00 - 12:00

(circle one)      Sunday March 1      Monday March 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\$75 paid to MBS    check # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Workshops are filling fast. Get your reservation in ASAP.**



# MBS, MBF, and UWM at LSG

By Michelle Zimmer

Thanks to the generosity and energy of Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS) member and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) professor of architecture, Kyle T., fourteen senior and



graduate students undertook a semester project entitled "A Bonsai Garden at Lynden Sculpture Garden" (LSG). They worked with the Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation (MBF) and LSG to design a contemporary bonsai garden which could fit into the beautiful sculpture garden which until recently has been a hidden treasure in the Milwaukee community.

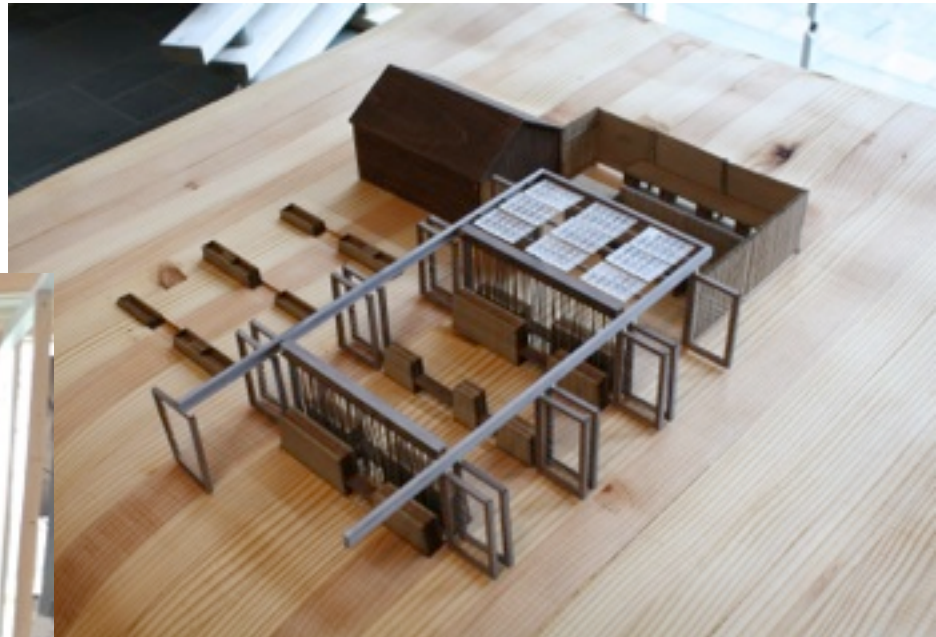


The site in the garden was chosen to include the weathered bath house and attached enclosure. Students were asked to repurpose a barn full of construction materials which included aged barn boards, cream city bricks, slate tiles, etc. and to make the construction as green as possible including solar collectors to produce the power needed to serve the garden.

MBF added the excitement of a competition with cash prizes.

On December 12, 2014 the students presented their final proposals in an exhibit at LSG. Models, computer generated color renderings, material boards and even a full sized wall section were included with brief verbal presentations. The MBF board and David U., Dan T. and Polly M. representing LSG served as judges.

The judges agreed that every proposal included creative and appealing details which could be incorporated into the final design.



First place was awarded to the team of Hugh Soward, Joe Thrasher and Tom Fontaine whose sensitive siting and use of steel cabling captured the desired transparency and finely integrated itself into the current garden.



An elegant rendering of barnwood walls and overhead trellising won second prize for the team of Zack Kern and Jake Weyrauch.



Third place was awarded to Andrew Cesarz for his beautifully crafted, detailed garden featuring framed views of the garden's world class sculpture and bonsai which appeared to float on the garden's ponds.



The exhibit was opened to the public with special invitations to the members of MBS and donors to the public collection on December 13, 2014. Attendees were excited by the non-traditional suggestions and solutions which forced everyone to broaden their thinking about what a bonsai garden can be. Mostly, we were pleased to be able to begin to imagine the reality of a long awaited dream.

Now the hard part starts. 2015 will find us working out contracts, finalizing a design and possibly breaking ground for a bonsai garden that reflects our Milwaukee, Wisconsin location and celebrates the unique collaboration of UWM, LSG and the Milwaukee bonsai community.

**Over 2550 votes were cast for  
People's Choice trees at Folk Fair!**

**2015 FF People Choice Awards**

**Susan L - Juniper**

**Steve Co - Dawn redwood forest**

**Michelle Z - Korean Hornbeam**



**End of the year  
Treasurer's report**

**MBS is in great financial shape. If  
you wish to see particulars, please  
come to the February 15 meeting  
at Boerner.**

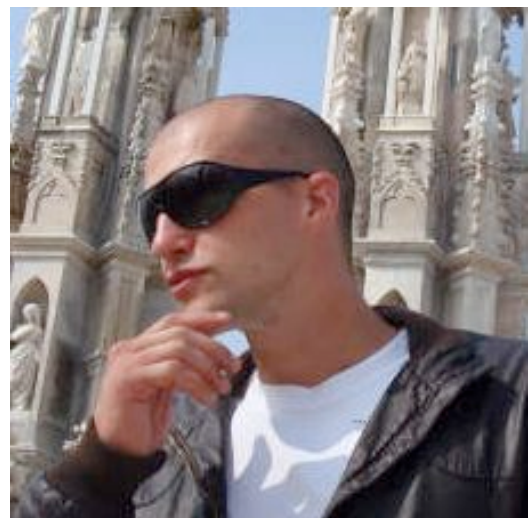
**Plan to attend Guest Artist Demonstrations early next year**

The MBS monthly meetings in March and May 2015 will feature guest artists who will be demonstrating their bonsai artistry.

I have recently returned from a visit with Andy Smith where I picked up the trees for both of these demos. Andy has graciously donated a Ponderosa Pine that he will style during the March 3rd meeting.

The first event sponsored by the Excellence in Bonsai Program will take place at the May 5th meeting with Mauro Stemberger as the guest artist. Mauro says he "loves working on large trees" so we are accommodating him with a monster Ponderosa Pine for him to style on May 5th. Do not miss this meeting!

In addition to their demos both artists will be leading bring your own tree workshops during their visits. If you are interested in participating in an Andy Smith workshop you can fill out and return the registration forms included in this newsletter. Registrations forms for Mauro Stemberger will be included in next month's newsletter. See you at the workshops.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
Sunday February 15, 2015  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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President	Greg P
First VP	Kris Z
Second VP	Judy S
Secretary	Julie McN
Treasurer	Barbara S
Director	Susan L
Director	Teri W
Director	John Me
Past Pres.	Steve Co

### Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z  
Webmaster - Pam W  
Director of Children's Education - Jean S  
PAB Board - Rob P, Ron F & Houston S



Holiday seasons

Bright lights abound far and wide

Best wishes to all!

- K Ziemann