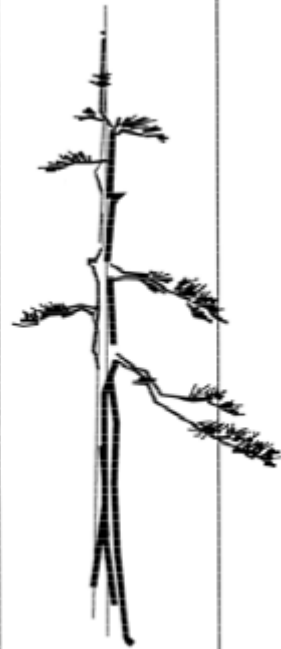


# BONSAI NEWS

July 2015



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
PO Box 240822  
Milwaukee Wi  
53224*

*Information Line  
414-299-9229*

## August MBS meeting

Steve Carini will be taking your chosen tree from "Bench to Display"

He'll explore:

- Why you have chosen that tree to display
- Why it is important to give it this attention
- What is your personal goal in displaying it at an exhibit
- Definite Do's and Don'ts and most importantly...
- How to enjoy this process and have fun!

### August

Aug 4 **Society Meeting**—Set up for display  
Aug 6-16-State Fair Exhibit  
Aug 14-16 Chicago Exhibit

### September

Sept 1 **Society Meeting**—Jin/Shari  
Sept 12-Fall Beginner Workshop  
Sept 18-20-Annual Exhibit-**TED MATSON**

**\*Members Only**



### Next Meeting

**August 4, 2015  
6:45pm**

**Boerner Botanical  
Gardens**

### EXHIBITORS IN THE 1ST SHOW at State Fair...

You may bring your trees/stands/accent plants, etc to the August meeting for check in **FROM 6:15 - 7:00pm**, We will be outside the front door at Boerner. If you can't make it then, please see the info on State Fair in this issue.

## President's Message

It's August and that means State Fair. The amount of work that goes into preparing for 3 consecutive exhibits, arranging for show trees and their transportation in and out of the Fair, and scheduling judges and tree sitters is amazing! I want to thank everyone involved who put forth such a great effort to make this year's exhibit the best.

Now, it's the members' turn to volunteer to tree sit. State Fair gives MBS it's biggest public exposure during the 11 days of the Fair but it takes a lot of help to make it a success. We still need a few more tree sitters. We could use a few more trees also. I think it's an opportunity to get expert advice on what you could do to make your tree better. Don't think that your tree isn't good enough. I hear that all the time, and then they exhibit a tree and are awarded a Ribbon. Gee, it feels good. So, try it, you'll like it. Remember tree sitters get a free ticket to the Fair. Although you do have to pay for parking.

We will have a club meeting before the start of the fair, which doesn't always happen. It will be about setting up a display. This will be useful if you have never done it before. Even if you have, it doesn't hurt to refresh your memory.

-Greg

Rich Helminiak, longtime volunteer at the Chicago Botanic Garden and member of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society passed away Wednesday, June 24th. He was a huge supporter of our society. He attended many of our functions and volunteered at many of our beginner workshops. He will always be remember for his wit and sense of humor! A donation will be made in his name to the Milwaukee Bonsai Permanent Collection Fund.



**July MBS meeting:  
Tropicals and Exotics with Houston S and Kris Z**



**STATE FAIR 2015** - 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. Please sign up at Club meetings or call 414-529-2973 to participate.

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

## AUGUST 6-16

### STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2015

Exhibit #1 (August 6 - August 8)  
Exhibit #2 (August 9 - August 12)  
Exhibit #3 (August 13 - August 16)

#### Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, August 5 from 6pm - 6:30pm OR  
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 4

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Sunday, Aug 9 from 9am - 9:30am

#### Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Saturday, Aug 8 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Thursday, Aug 13 from 9am - 9:30am

#### Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, Aug 12 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Monday Aug, 17 from 9am - 9:30am

\*\* Strip mall parking lot approx. 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.

HAVING A PICTURE OF YOUR SET-UP IS RECOMMENDED!!

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 will not be misdirected, lost or stolen.

#### Call or email

Susan at 414-744-2808, [angus77@att.net](mailto:angus77@att.net)

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2015 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/pdfs/competitions/entry\\_info/general\\_info/hort/society\\_shows.pdf](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/hort/society_shows.pdf)

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If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Steve by phone or email: 414-774-7714 or [stephen.contney@att.net](mailto:stephen.contney@att.net)

## Celebrating 45 years of Exhibiting Bonsai trees

By Steve Co

2015 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> year that members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society will celebrate their bonsai year by exhibiting a tree during the Annual Exhibit. The AE is our second largest exhibit and the most formal. Since the AE is judged, it is an opportunity for you to receive comments from a Bonsai Master on the state of your tree and possible improvements you could try to accomplish. The Annual Exhibit offers you a great opportunity to do this, please take advantage of it. Your tree will only be judged against other trees being exhibited by members with similar abilities (novice, intermediate and advanced).

The trees will be displayed a little differently this year but to do this we need to know the sizes of the trees to be exhibited, therefore we will need to pre-register the trees before the AE. Trees to be exhibited as a "Tree in Training" do not need to be pre-registered (no stand or companion plants for the "Trees in Training" either). Tree registration will end at noon on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please register your tree so we know it's coming. Unregistered trees will be placed in the Exhibit if there is room for it.

Tree drop off will be Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM till 7:30 PM at Boerner Botanical Garden. Before you arrive at BBG with your tree be sure that the pot is clean, spider webs and bugs removed and the tree watered. Enter the front door at BBG and proceed to the lower level. Your tree will be checked in and placed in the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit will end at 3PM on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your tree from 3:30 PM till 5 PM on that day.

The link to the MBS45AE Registration form (below) is also available on the [www.milwaukeebonsai.org/ae/](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/ae/) website under Annual Exhibit and printed copies will be available at the August meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget the Banquet. For the very affordable price of \$30 per person you get a complete sit down dinner at Meyer's Restaurant. Check the Banquet section of the registration form and the information sheet for banquet details (final number of guests and entrée choice needs to be turned in by September 12<sup>th</sup>, don't be too late). Ted's Demonstration Bonsai, a Trident Maple Forest will be auctioned off during the Banquet.

Bring your completed registration form to the August meeting to be sure you get the workshops you want. After the meeting mail to:

Pam Woythal, Registrar  
8670 N Point Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53217



# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2015 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration v.1



### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)			
Street Address			
City ST ZIP Code			
Cell/Home Phone			
E-Mail Address			
Memberships	<input type="checkbox"/> MBS	<input type="checkbox"/> FBBG	Other Club: _____

### Tree Registration Information

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display your bonsai trees and ~~suiseki~~ suiseki at our annual exhibit. The set up will include sections for Novice, Intermediate and Open display, as well as, Suiseki and Trees in Training. Display of bonsai will make up its own display with a companion plant or ~~suiseki~~ suiseki. Since a display requires significant time and planning to assure balance and flow, two deadlines will be used:

- First registration must be completed and received by **Wednesday, September 16**
- Second all bonsai to be displayed must be received no later than **Thursday evening, September 17 by 7:30 pm.**

Bring to the August or September monthly meetings or send to:

Steve Contney, Exhibit Chairman  
542 Pleasant View Street  
Wauwatosa WI 53226

### Tree Information

Please Print:

Common Name				
Botanical Name				
Approximate Age	_____	Years in Training	_____	
Division/Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree in Training
Accent Plant				
Accessories	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Accent Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Suiseki</u>	Other: _____
Comments				

# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2015 Annual Exhibit Workshop/Banquet Registration v1



### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)			
Street Address			
City ST ZIP Code			
Cell/Home Phone			
E-Mail Address			
Memberships	<input type="checkbox"/> MBS	<input type="checkbox"/> FBBG	Other Club: _____

### Please check appropriate information and add up totals

In the first column please indicate your choice 1, choice 2 and so on if you are interested in more than 1 workshop. Please also indicate the total number of workshops you are interested in taking if you have a maximum. If it is not indicated choice is made by MBS/AAE committee.

Choice

Ted Matson Workshop (*Root over Rock Shimpaku*) at BBG

(Sat 9-20 9 AM to 12:30 PM) Limit 6

\$210 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet at Meyers

(Sat 9-20 6 PM to 9 PM) No Limit must be paid prior to September 11

Please indicate the number(s) of each dinner:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef  Seafood Linguine  Chicken Emmenthal  Vegetarian

\$30 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ted Matson Workshop (*Twisted Pomegranites*) at BBG

(Sun 9-21 9 AM to 12:30 PM) Limit 6

\$170 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ted Matson Workshop Bring Your Own Material at BBG

(Sun 9-21 1 PM to 4:00 PM) Limit 6

\$85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Number of workshops I wish to take. COUNT \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration and Workshop Information

**Refund Policy:** A full refund will be provided for cancellations received 10 days prior to date.

**Workshop Priority:** Workshops are allocated by date of registration according to the postmark of the registration. MBS members will have priority over non member registrants for workshops.

**Notification:** Successful workshop applicants will be notified as to which workshops they are assigned. Refunds of excess payments made by check will be refunded at the Friday Reception or during the show.

**Refund Policy:** A confirmed workshop slot refund will be provided for cancellations provided a replacement participant has paid to acquire the cancelled slot.

**Tools:** Participants must supply their own tools (including turntable if desired). Wire will be provided for workshop use.

**Payment:** Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**. Any credits or over payment will be returned at the time of the workshop. Bring to the August or September monthly meetings or send to:

Pam Woythal Registrar  
8670 N Point Dr  
Fox Point WI 53217

## Workshops and Events

Friday September 18, 2015

Exhibit Critique and Reception

6:00 – 9:00pm Ted Matson

Ted Matson has been our clubs sensei (Japanese title used to refer to or address for master instructor) for over a decade. In 2012, Ted was honored and recognized for his great service to Golden State Bonsai Federation that also recognized his great service to the art of bonsai; someone who had extended their influence beyond the efforts of GSBF to promote the art of bonsai and encourage cooperation and unity of effort to achieve excellence within the entire bonsai community. To impress the significance of this award, we should note only one other person has ever been bestowed this award and that was John Naka.

Ted Matson began studying bonsai in 1979 in San Francisco, where he learned the basics under John Boyce. He moved to Los Angeles in 1980, where he became involved in a number of clubs and began a serious pursuit of the art, taking classes from leading masters in Southern California, including Ben Suzuki, Shig and Roy Nagatoshi, Melba Tucker, Warren Hill and John Naka. Currently Ted is the Administrative Curator of the Huntington Bonsai Collection in greater Los Angeles.

Saturday September 19, 2015

Root over Rock Shimpaku (*Juniperus chinensis* 'Shimpaku')

9:00 – 12:30pm

All levels



Limit 6

\$210

Get your hands on some great material that someone else has done all the hard work for you already. Material is some really nice shimpaku junipers over some very nice rocks. These trees have been growing over these rocks for several years and have clasped the rocks very nicely. If priced by the pound you would be getting a deal as the rocks certainly do have some weight to them. Give these trees their initial styling this fall and they will be ready for possible repotting in spring 2016 into training pots. These trees were grown in Northern California and hand-picked by the instructor. Shipped out to Wisconsin this spring so they are acclimated to our weather. They will need some winter protection for their first winter here but this material usually fairs very well with minimal attention.

This is an excellent opportunity to obtain unusual style with material suitable for our area and work with an outstanding bonsai instructor.

Demonstration

1:00 – 5:00pm

Ted will be creating a xx tree Trident maple Forest. More from Ron

MBS welcomes Ted Matson to share his 3 decades of teaching at all levels. This opportunity for everyone is not to be missed.



Saturday September 19, 2015

Banquet

5:00 – 8:00pm

Meyers Dining Room - 4260 S 76<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53220

Limit 99

\$30

The banquet dinner this year will be a complete meal including appetizer trays, salad, fresh bread, choice of entrée, dessert, coffee and soda. Your entrée choice will be color coded so you receive the one you register for. Banquet registration ends on September 11 with final meal counts going to the caterer on September 12! The cost this year is a very affordable \$30.00. Please indicate the number(s) of each dinner and bring to the August or September monthly meetings or send to the registrar with your check.

Dinner choices include:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef. Slow roasted prime rib of beef served with au jus, baked potato and fresh vegetable.

Seafood Linguine. Shrimp, scallops and crab meat tossed with noodles and seafood cream sauce, with vegetables and garlic toast.

Chicken Emmenthal. Pan-fried chicken breast topped with lean ham and Smokey Swiss cheese, with seasoned rice and fresh vegetable.

Vegetarian option

Sunday September 20, 2015

Twisted Pomegranates (*Punica granatum*)

9:00 – 12:30pm

All Levels



Limit 6

\$170

Another great piece of material that we do not commonly see in this area. When you see the word twisted, it does not mean that the trunks of these trees have been manipulated in any way. The growth habit of this variety of trees is such that the bark takes on a twist in its appearance as the tree matures. When the conditions are correct these trees will flower and produce fruit. These trees were grown in Northern California and hand-picked by the instructor. Shipped out to Wisconsin this spring so they are acclimated to our weather. The instructor will advise on how to deal with these trees as winter approaches. Ted will guide you on what steps need to be taken to develop these trees. Give these trees their initial styling this fall and they will be ready for possible repotting in spring 2016 into training pots.

This workshop would be good for novice/beginners with minimal experience in taking a workshop or anyone interested in tropical material.

Bring Your Own Material

1pm – 4:00 pm

Intermediate to Advanced

Limit 6

\$85

Bring your own material and initiate a new bonsai project or refine an existing bonsai. This is a great opportunity to take a look at one of your own trees with the artist of transformation and come up with a new unique style, or advance the tree along its current path with Ted Matson's guidance.

## Schedule

Thursday September 17, 2015		
	9:00AM--5:00PM	Exhibit Set-up
	5:00PM--7:30PM	Tree Drop Off
Friday September 18, 2015		
	9:00AM--1:00PM	Exhibit Preparations
	1:00PM--5:00PM	Judging
	1:00PM--5:00PM	Vendor Set-up
	6:00PM--9:00PM	Reception and Lecture/Critique with Ted Matson open to everyone
	9:00PM--9:30PM	Raffle
Saturday September 19, 2015		
	9:00AM--12:30PM	Root over Rock Shimpaku Workshop with Ted Matson
	10:00AM--5:00PM	Exhibit and Vendor Area open to everyone
	12:00PM--1:00PM	Lunch on your own
	12:30PM--1:00PM	Raffle
	1:00PM--4:00PM	Demonstration and Lecture with Ted Matson open to everyone
	4:00PM--4:30PM	Raffle
	5:00PM--8:00PM	Banquet
	8:00PM--9:00PM	Auction and Raffle
Sunday September 20, 2015		
	9:00AM--12:30PM	Twisted Pomegranates Workshop with Ted Matson
	10:00AM--3:00PM	Exhibit and Vendor Area open to everyone
	12:30PM--1:00PM	Lunch on your own
	12:30PM--1:00PM	Raffle
	1:00PM--4:00PM	BYO Material Workshop with Ted Matson
	4:00PM--4:30PM	Raffle
	4:30PM--5:00PM	Tree Pick Up
Monday September 21, 2015		
	9:00AM--5:00PM	Exhibit tear down
	9:00AM--5:00PM	Budget/Accounting wrap-up

AUGUST  
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# BONSAI SWAP MEET 10am - 3pm



**Grace Lutheran Church  
3030 W. Oklahoma Ave  
Milwaukee**

Come and visit with friends, swap out bonsai items, buy new material,,,,,,sell your extra bonsai , pots, or any related bonsai items.-----outside or inside set ups, bring a table and lawn chair if outside. Clean out your extra pots, soil, tools, too many of same type of tree? Swap or sell for something you like better. Let's take some time to get to know others. Share good stories and advice. Good place for those getting started to stock up on material/supplies at a bargain. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE,!!

For more info call (262) 245-6465

Not a MBS sponsored event



PO Box 240822  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
Www.milwaukeebonsai.org  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
Tuesday August 4, 2015  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Director [John Me](#)  
Director [Teri W](#)  
Director [Susan L](#)  
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#### Other Club Functions

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Webmaster [Pam W](#)

Director of Children's Education—Jean S  
PAB Board—Rob P, Ron F & Houston S



Lichen speckled stones  
Scattered palette of color  
Nature's artistry  
-Joe N