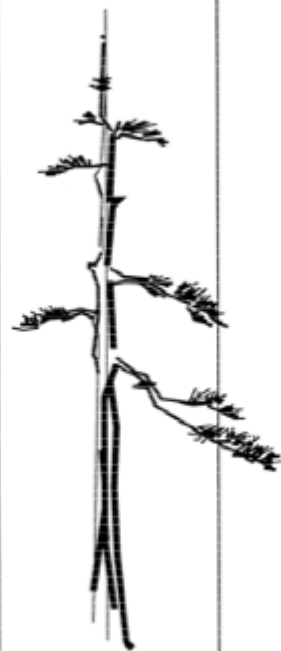


BONSAI NEWS

May2016



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May Meeting

See Mark Fields at our Tuesday May 3 meeting.

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May

May 1—Mark Fields—workshop**
May 3—*MBS meeting*—Mark Fields
May 12-15—ABS Convention—Michigan
May 21—Novice Class**
May 22—Day lily Society of SE WI

June

June 7—*MBS meeting*-Bring your own tree
June 10-13—Peter Tea Classes #2**
June 18—Intermediate Class**
June 25—Children's' workshop

July

July 5—*MBS meeting*-Maples
July 9—Wauwatosa Exhibit
July 16—Adult workshop
July 23—Intermediate Class**
July 23—Repotting workshop
July 30-31—Jerry Meislik workshop**

August

Aug 2—*MBS meeting*-Jerry Meislik
Aug 4-14 WI State Fair exhibit
Aug 19-21—Chicago exhibit
Aug 27— Bonsai Basics #1

** Members only

**Next Meeting
May 3, 2016
6:45pm
Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

President's Message May 2016

As I look outside, the sun is shining and the promise of spring is in the air. My first impulse is to bring all of my trees out into the sunshine. I know better. Just like your skin when you first expose it to the sunlight in spring, the new, tender growth on your trees will have a tendency to be damaged by the sun. Expose the trees to light gradually, so as to protect them from direct sunlight until the new growth has hardened off. Your trees are emerging from dormancy so read up on the appropriate time and amount to feed them. If given a large dose of fertilizer, maples especially will grow long and lanky. Think about what you want to accomplish with your tree. Many of you are just starting out in bonsai and have trees that are not well developed, study your trees and think about where you would like your tree to be not only at the end of this growing season, but also five and ten years from now.

An excellent source of information will be Mark Fields. Mark will be visiting us beginning on Saturday, April 30th with a full day workshop. A second is offered on Sunday, May 1st. If you feel that you are too new to bonsai to take a workshop, please seriously consider attending the workshop as a Silent Observer. You can watch Mark work on the club members' trees and learn a great deal about care and styling of trees. The price to be a Silent Observer is only \$10 for the full day or \$5 for a half day and no prior sign-up is needed.

Another great opportunity will be on Sunday, May 22nd. Beginning at 1 PM in the same room at Boerner where we hold the MBS meetings, the Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin will host Rich Eyre from Rich's Foxwillow Pine Nursery. Rich will speak about his selection of dwarf trees. Rich's "*emphasizes dwarf plant material specially suited for modern downsized spaces. Landscape trees include dwarf conifers, Japanese maples, European beeches, and ginkgo trees.*" A bus tour to Rich's will also be discussed.

Enjoy.

Judy

Did you lose any trees over the winter? Never fear. Hang on to them until our November meeting when we will be having a dead tree contest (ribbons awarded)!



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Mr. Fields is well regarded artist having several trees displayed at the US Nationals and winner at Midwest Bonsai Society Professional.



Pictured above is a well regarded Acer buergerianum (Trident Maple) grove of his.



Mr. Fields works on all trees, deciduous, conifer, evergreen, and tropical. He is shown here with his favorite Chinese Elm. Below with a large yew he is styling.



Mr. Fields is also a strong believer of giving back to the bonsai community where he has served as President of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club, is current Secretary for the Mid-America Bonsai Alliance and currently a Director for the American Bonsai Society.



His nursery pictured above and his demonstration schedule keeps Mr. Fields very busy. We are honored to have him as a guest artist for workshops and a discussion on reducing Pine needles.

IT'S HAPPENING!

Jack D

At the MBS Annual Exhibit in the fall of 2013, we started to get serious about an exhibit of bonsai that would be open to the public. We had limited funds and no place to put such an exhibit.

But we still raised \$115,000 in sixteen weeks! An exciting demonstration of support from the local bonsai community!

Now, two and a half years later, we have a signed contract with the Lynden Sculpture Garden (LSG) for an exhibit of bonsai.

The design of the exhibit space, (by Kyle T - one of our club members) is an outstanding one. It will be unique in the world of bonsai display (as LSG is unique) and will provide a wonderful setting for our bonsai.

Preparation for the new exhibit area started on Saturday March 26th when fifteen volunteers, all MBS members, came to LSG and demolished the existing fence and removed the pavers within the fenced in area. The enthusiasm and energy of these volunteers had everything taken apart, cleaned and neatly stacked in half a day!

Reconstruction of the exhibit space began by LSG doing the rough grading. They will be installing new fence posts the last week of April. And the patio installers are scheduled to do their work in May. Everything is on schedule for a Grand Opening sometime this summer!

It's happening!!!!!!!



Ron and Rena P, Greg P, and Jorge R pulling nails from the fence boards



The existing Changing House with fence before we started

Kevin S taking down the fence boards



The fence is down and the work of lifting the brick pavers has begun



All that's left is a little clean-up.



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Through brambled field winds
A gray stone lichen splashed fence
Where field creatures hide
~Joe N.