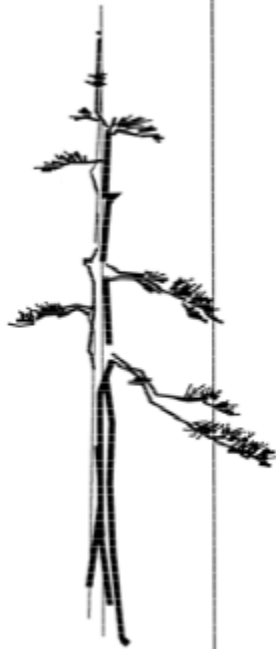


BONSAI NEWS

August 2016



Milwaukee
Bonsai Society
PO Box 240822
Milwaukee Wi
53224

Information Line
414-299-9229

August Meeting

MBS is excited to have Jerry Meislik as our guest artist this month. Jerry has been a major influence on American bonsai since the 1980's. Jerry is renown internationally for growing tropicals and native North American species. He has traveled extensively to study bonsai in many countries such as Japan, Singapore, Cambodia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In his presentation, Jerry will have pictures of his 'bonsai room' in his home in Montana. Looking through the windows, you can see the snow covered mountains in the background! He will talk to us about his care of tropicals as well as answering your questions as he styles a ficus and schefflera. This is a meeting you want to attend.



JERRY MEISLIK WORKSHOP

There are still a few spots left in the Jerry Meislik workshops. Please call 262-512-1228 or email hagr8d@mac.com to register. \$125 at Boerner 9-4 on Saturday July 30 and Sunday July 31

August

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

September

Sept 6-MBS meeting-update on fertilizers
Sept 10—Fall Beginner workshop
Sept 16-18—Annual Exhibit—Peter Tea
Sept 24—Bonsai Basics #2

October

Oct 1— Intermediate Class**
Oct 4— MBS meeting-advanced class reflections
Oct 8— Fall Cleanup workshop
Oct 15—Bonsai Basics #3
Oct 29—Bonsai Basics #4

** Members only

Next Meeting

August 2, 2016
6:45pm

Boerner Botanical
Gardens

President's Message August 2016

Have you noticed something new as you entered the meetings during the last few months? I'm going to call it the Greeter's Table. It is a place where you can sign in for attendance, buy a MBS shirt, sign up for a workshop or any one of a number of things. As President, I wanted to get to know every member. I wanted every member to have a nametag that has their name in order for everyone to get to know everyone else.

If you are a paid member, you should have a nametag. If you have forgotten it, you should be able to get a temporary one for the meeting. More importantly, you should be signing in for attendance. Why? Boerner Botanical Gardens is not charging MBS for the use of the room. This would otherwise cost MBS \$250 per meeting. All that the Milwaukee County Parks System asks is for us to have a record of the number of people who utilize the room. MBS reports our attendance to Boerner for their yearly report and Boerner reports this to the Milwaukee County Parks System. MBS still has to pay Zilli's to open and lock up the building for every Tuesday night meeting.

Another reason that I like the Greeter's Table is that we have an opportunity to meet and greet people who are new to bonsai and are just stopping in to see what MBS is like. If we know who these new people are and can make them feel welcomed, I believe that they will be more likely to return. Since I'm running around prior to the meeting answering a multitude of questions, I don't always catch all of the new people. We always seem to have a few at every meeting. Why do we already have 5 people signed up for the Beginner's Workshop in September? It's because we have been able to talk to people and answer their questions about how to get started with bonsai.

What I am urging members to do is to stop for a moment, sign in and see what is happening. MBS needs help on many levels. Check it out and volunteer. Or, participate in a workshop. State Fair, Jerry Meislik's workshops, the Annual Exhibit are all coming up. Volunteers are needed! It's fun and it's a learning experience. See the body of the newsletter for more details.

Bonsai on! **Judy**

Approved at the last Executive Committee meeting: Responsibilities and privileges of a **HOST**

Responsibilities

1. Pick up the guest artist at the airport.
2. Feed and lodge the artist.
3. Drive the artist (or make arrangements for someone else to drive the artist) to each activity.
4. Make arrangements ahead of time with someone in the workshop/class to provide for the artist's lunch and dinner. If no one in the activity will offer to take the artist to dinner, that then falls upon the host.
5. Pick up the artist from the activity or make arrangements for someone in the activity to bring him to the host's home or meet somewhere in between (perhaps for dinner).
6. Return the guest artist to the airport.

In essence, make sure that the guest artist has a pleasant, well organized stay.

Privileges

Since the host is not reimbursed for any expenses, the following is a way to thank him/her for his/her service to the Society. For each day of hosting, the host will receive 1/2 hour of time with the guest artist (if and only if the guest artist is willing) without having to pay anything to MBS (including travel expenses).

Milwaukee Bonsai Society
2016 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration

CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

TREE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display ONE bonsai tree for judging at our annual exhibit. The set up will include Novice, Intermediate and Open categories, as well as a section for Trees in Training for the students of Peter Tea. The display of your bonsai should include a stand and companion plant or object. To be able to display our member's trees appropriately, two deadlines will be used:

First: Registration MUST be received by **Monday, September 12**. If you do not meet this deadline, you must call to make sure there is room available for your tree. 262-512-1228

Second: All bonsai registered must be received between 4:00 and 7:30pm **Thursday evening September 15** at Boerner lower level. **Please don't be disappointed if you arrive Thursday with your tree and are turned away for not adhering to these deadlines!!**

Bring your entry form to the August or September meeting or send to the MBS mailbox (attn: Annual Exhibit):
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
P. O. Box 240822
Milwaukee, WI 53224
262-512-1228

To be judged

TREE INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Common Name _____

Botanical Name _____

Approximate age: _____ Years in training _____ I would like my tree displayed on:

Division: Novice _____ Intermediate _____ Open _____ (Circle one) *high table **low table

I have owned this tree over 2 winters (please circle) Yes No *S - M tree ** L - XL tree

ACCESSORIES:

Stand _____ Accent plant/object (please describe) _____ Accent stand _____

Scroll _____ (please show where you want it displayed in your exhibit)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR TREE MUST BE ON DISPLAY
UNTIL THE PICK UP TIME ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

It would be very helpful if you have a picture or sketch of how you want your display set up..

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MBS46AE Banquet

Saturday September 17, 2016, 5:30PM to 8:30PM

Dinner served promptly at 6:15

The Stoneridge Inn Restaurant

11811 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners, WI 53130

The banquet dinner this year will include relish trays, salad, warm Italian bread, choice of entrée, dessert (banana cream pie with pecan crust) and coffee/tea. Banquet registration ends on September 8 with final meal counts going to the caterer on September 9. The cost this year is \$40.00. Please indicate the number(s) of each dinner, fill out the information below and bring to the August or September monthly meeting or send to the MBS mailbox with your check.

Dinner choices include:

_____ Roast Prime Rib of Beef. Slow roasted prime rib of beef served with baked potato and asparagus.

_____ Shrimp scampi. Jumbo shrimp sautéed in garlic butter topped with asparagus served over angel hair pasta.

_____ Chicken Piccata. Chicken breast floured and served in a buttery lemon sauce with potato and asparagus.

_____ Vegetarian option - Mediterranean Pasta with sundried tomatos, kalamata olives, spinach and feta cheese tossed with angel hair pasta.

_____ Total meals

X \$40.00 Cost per meal

_____ Total (Please enter this total on the Workshop/Banquet Registration page)

Name(s) of banquet attendees

Meal Choice

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Please include this form with your
Banquet / Workshop Registration Form
(page 3 of this newsletter).

No matter what experience level you are in the wonderful world of bonsai, there's always room to work on your basic skills. So, MBS is introducing ...

BonsaiBasics

Prerequisite: Novice class or like training

Participants must have:

- tools
- pots
- wire
- a deciduous tree
- a conifer - If you don't have one, we'll find one at the nursery crawl
- a tropical tree (optional)

Class #1 (Saturday August 27, 9-12
Boerner)

- Wiring with wire branches
- Tool sharpening
- cut paste...
- Homework

Please bring to the July or August meeting or mail to:
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Class #2 (Saturday September 24, 9-12
Boerner)

- Wiring with dead trees
- Pot cleaning
- fertilizer / pest control / soil
- Homework

Class #3 (Saturday October 15, 9-4)

- field trip to nursery
- cleaning out a tree
- pruning (not leaving knobs...)
- watering system
- Homework

Class #4 (Saturday October 29, 9-12
Boerner)

- Wiring on conifers
- wiring with copper wire
- miscellaneous
- wrap up

Fee: \$75

Limit of 8 students

BonsaiBasics Class

Name _____ Contact # _____

Email _____

Experience level: Novice Intermediate \$75 Fee enclosed check # _____



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Second VP [Tony P](#)
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Treasurer [Wally V](#)
Director [Rob P](#)
Director [Penny T](#)
Director [Bryan L](#)
Past Pres. [Greg P](#)

Other Club Functions

Newsletter [Melissa J](#)
Webmaster [Pam W](#)

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



Photo: Jean S.

As the heaven's cry
Tears slip between each petal
The earth breathes new life
~FJ Thomas