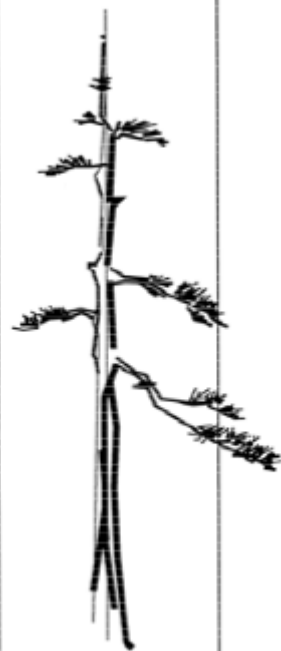


# BONSAI NEWS

September 2016



Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
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## September Meeting

The speaker for the Tuesday, Sept. 6 meeting will be Leo Schordje. Leo has been a member of the MBS since 2003, one of our "inter-state" members from Zion, IL. Leo has been raising bonsai and orchids since high school, he is a well-known speaker around the mid-west for his lectures on orchid growing, has won a number of national awards for his orchids and has even done some orchid hybridizing. Leo is one of our advanced bonsai students, who has studied bonsai as a 3 year student of Ted Matson, and is currently finishing the 3 year cycle with Peter Tea.

One aspect of growing bonsai, that is shared with orchids, is the issue of fertilizer. Leo's talk will be the follow up talk to his 2014 discussion of fertilizers for bonsai. He will have resource materials available through a link on the index page of his website <http://www.leosorchids.com> There will be no printed handouts, in an effort to conserve paper, and the trees they come from. Leo is a relaxed speaker, enjoys questions from the audience. This talk was inspired by the questions received at the 2014 talk, and he hopes he will be able to answer the questions that were put to him then, and be able to field the questions you bring. His 2014 talk was titled "Everything you know about Fertilizer is Wrong", and the follow up will be, "I Think We Got It". His talks tend to be humorous, and irreverent, in addition to informative, so please join us for the Tuesday meeting. Leo will be bringing his custom formulation fertilizer for sale.

## 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**  
**September 6, 2016**  
**6:45pm**  
**Boerner Botanical Gardens**

### Annual Exhibit Info

Please bring your entry forms (trees to be judged, trees to be displayed, workshop registration, dinner reservations) to the September meeting. Extra forms will also be available at the meeting.

Please bring anything you would like to donate for our Annual Exhibit to the Tuesday evening Sept 6 Society meeting. And remember, this is a tax deductible donation to MBS 501 (C) (3). If you have a donation form, remember only one item per sheet (unless there are small things you want to group together). Your help is greatly appreciated!

## **President's Message September 2016**

This month we have a very large newsletter. With that in mind, my plan is to keep my message short this month. Do I hear cheers in the background?

The MBS Executive Committee has a few modifications of our By Laws. Please read them over carefully. We will be voting on them at our next meeting. If you have any questions, please direct them to me at [schmidtjm@aol.com](mailto:schmidtjm@aol.com).

The Executive Committee is also in need of a volunteer to fill the First Vice President's position. This position deals with Member Services. The monthly meetings, classes, Guest Artist workshops all come under the umbrella of First Vice President. Whoever volunteers will have a lot of assistance. You will by no means need to do it all yourself. You will be the coordinator. We need someone who has organizational skills. Contact Ron F. at [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net) if you have an interest in helping out. Thanks! Judy

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An update to the MBS Bylaws follows. Please read through carefully. Changes are in RED and GREEN. If you have any questions about the update of the Bylaws, please contact Judy at 414-529-2973 or [schmidtjm@aol.com](mailto:schmidtjm@aol.com). A vote will be taken at the September meeting whether or not to approve these changes. A 2/3 majority is needed.

### **MBS Bylaws**

#### **BYLAWS OF THE MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY, INC.**

(REV.1991,1992, 2000, 2011)

#### **ARTICLE I NAME**

- 1 - The name of the organization shall be the MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY. INC. Hereafter called MBS.
- 2 - The MBS shall be a nonprofit, educational organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code.
- 3 - It shall be the firm rule of MBS that its members shall not use the prestige of membership for any advertising and/or promotion of their personal products and or services. The MBS name cannot be used to sell, promote or advertise the personal products or services of members

#### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes ~~DELETE: within the meaning of~~ ADD: operating under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent consistent with the above general purposes, the specific purposes of this corporation shall be as follows:

The purpose of MBS shall be the study and appreciation of bonsai and to help members develop horticultural skills, share knowledge and have a keener awareness of nature. MBS also seeks to foster an increased awareness of the art of bonsai and of the Society's activities among the general public of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Operational Limitations: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted (~~DELETE: to be carried on~~) (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision under of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision under of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

- 1 - Membership shall be open to anyone who expresses interest in bonsai and pays the annual dues.
- 2 - The Executive Committee shall set the dues for the succeeding year. The dues are payable on or before January 1 for the coming year. Membership will be dropped if dues are not paid by January 31. Dues will be prorated. New members joining after June 30 will pay one-half of the ~~DELETE: regular~~ ADD: current dues amount for the remainder of that year. New members joining after September 30 will pay current dues and their membership will be extended through the next year.
- 3 - The Executive Committee shall determine the number and types of membership ~~DELETE: classes~~ ADD: classifications (single, family, etc), as well as the dues for each class.
- 4 - Honorary membership ~~DELETE: and the length of terms~~ may be conferred by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

- 1 - Elected officers shall be: President, first Vice- President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition three Directors-at-large shall be elected.
- 2 - The President shall serve no more than 2 consecutive one year terms. After the President's term expires, s/he will continue as the Past President for an additional 2 consecutive one year terms. Other officers shall serve no more than ~~DELETE: two four~~ consecutive one-year terms in the same office after which, may serve again in that same office, after completing a one year hiatus. The three Directors-at-large shall be elected for three-year terms on a three-year rotating basis. (~~DELETE: To facilitate this on the first election after ratification of these By-laws the Directors-at large shall be elected for a one year, two year and three year term. Thereafter one shall be elected each term.~~) A director may not be elected for a second consecutive three-year term.

ADD: The President shall appoint any MBS member in good standing to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee which occur between ~~DELETE: elections~~ ADD: terms.

- 3 - The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint chairperson(s) of such committees as are deemed necessary for the good of MBS. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nominating committee.

- 4 - The First Vice-President shall assume the duties of President in his/her absence. (~~DELETE: and be chair of the Program committee.~~) Duties include driving activities for MEMBER SERVICES such as programs at the general meetings, workshops and classes.

- 5 - The Second Vice-President's (~~DELETE: shall chair the Special Events Committee.~~) duties will be to arrange (~~DELETE:community sponsored~~) PUBLIC OUTREACH activities including State Fair and other exhibits, public workshops and shows.

- 6 - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all ADD: Executive Committee meetings in a suitable (~~DELETE: permanent record book~~) format, electronic or paper, and shall have the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all members included in the permanent record. All records shall be passed on to the successor secretary.

7 - The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the assets and finances of MBS and its comptroller and disbursing officer. He/She shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and dispersed. He/She shall be authorized to pay bills over his/her own signature up to the amount of \$200. The Treasurer shall be further authorized in conjunction with the President to (~~DELETE: close~~) write checks upon the funds of MBS for the payment of any financial obligation that exceeds \$200. Funds of MBS shall be kept in a special MBS account(s) in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report to be approved by the Executive Committee and placed with the ~~DELETE: Recording~~ Secretary to be kept in the permanent record.

8 - ADD: The Past President shall assist the active President with the administration of the Executive Committee and the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

9 - a) Elections shall be held at the October meeting each year.

b) The Nominating Committee shall present to the membership of MBS a full slate of Officers and Director(s)-at-large at the September meeting

c) The slate shall also be sent to all members one month prior to the election.

d) Nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting and these nominations shall be included in the slate presented at the October meeting.

e) The term of office shall begin on January 1. (~~DELETE: and the installation of officers shall be at the December meeting.~~)

f) No individual shall run for more than one office.

g) Nominees for office must be members in good standing.

h) Only members in good standing may vote.

i) A candidate for office shall not serve on the (~~DELETE: Balloting or~~) Nominating Committee.

j) Election shall require a simple majority vote of those members present ~~ADD: at the October Society meeting.~~

#### ARTICLE V MEETINGS

1 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, three directors and the immediate past President and shall be empowered to transact any and all business of MBS. They shall (~~DELETE: prepare a budget for the coming year and~~) control the affairs and ~~DELETE: funds~~ ~~ADD: finances~~ of the organization ~~DELETE: along the lines for which MBS has been formed.~~

2 - The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly to determine policies and plan for the future of MBS. The newly elected Executive Committee shall meet shortly after the election with the incumbent Committee.

3 - A quorum of five shall be necessary to conduct the business of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

1 - Standing committees shall be: Membership, (~~DELETE: Program~~), Website, Newsletter, Publicity/Marketing, (~~DELETE: Social/Refreshments, Education~~) Library, (~~DELETE: and Special Events~~).

2 - Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Each chairperson shall select the committee members.

(~~DELETE: 3 - The Program Committee shall be chaired by the First Vice President.~~)

(~~DELETE: 4 - The Special Events Committee shall be chaired by the Second Vice President.~~)

3 - The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President no later than the end of July and shall consist of (~~DELETE: three~~) 2 - 3 members subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

1 - Amendments to the by-laws shall be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee. (~~DELETE: and signed by five or more members.~~) ~~The proposal requires the signatures of 5 or more MBS members in good standing.~~

2 - There will be three readings ~~DELETE: with no debate on the first and second readings.~~

A) The proposed amendment will be read upon presentation to the Executive Committee for its first reading. ~~ADD: The Executive Committee may make suggestions to the presenters of the proposed amendment in which case the proposal may be resubmitted at the next Executive Committee meeting.~~

B) Printing the proposal in the newsletter shall constitute a second reading

C) The third reading shall be at the next scheduled ~~ADD: Society~~ meeting after the second reading and a vote on the proposal shall be taken ~~ADD: after a discussion, if needed.~~ A two thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary for passage.

#### ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of MBS, the ~~DELETE: board of directors~~ ~~ADD: Executive Committee~~ shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities, transfer all its assets to Bonsai Clubs International, The American Bonsai Society or other bonsai organizations as at the time qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), at the discretion of the Board of directors of MBS.

#### ARTICLE X PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order (revised), where they are consistent with the purpose of MBS, shall govern all procedures not covered in these by-laws

**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**  
**2016 Annual Exhibit Workshop / Banquet Registration**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

PLEASE PRINT

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshops with Peter Tea**

**Saturday September 17, 2016**

9:00 - 12:30 Material provided - (Korean Hornbeam root over rock limit 6) \$120 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday September 18, 2016**

9:00 - 12:30 Bring your own Maple (limit 6) \$85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 - 4:30 Bring your own tree (any species) (limit 6) \$85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Information (Please refer to the information on the Banquet page)**

Number of banquets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for workshops and banquet** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund Policy:** Once your check has been received there will be no refund unless you can find a replacement participant (MBS can help with this). Otherwise, there will be no refunds after Monday September 12.

**Workshop Priority:** Workshops are allocated by the postmark date of your registration. For the Chinese Elm workshop, order of pick will be determined by the postmark date also.

**Notification:** Workshop participants will be notified by email as to which workshops they are assigned. If any workshop has already been filled upon receipt of your registration, a refund of the overage will be sent after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

**Tools:** Each participant must have his/her own tools. Wire will be provided for workshop use.

**Payment:** Please make your check or money order payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Any credits will be refunded after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

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

**Please send this form with your Tree Registration Form and/or  
your Banquet Registration Form.**

Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
2016 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration

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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!!**

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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..

Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
2016 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display ONE bonsai tree **for display only** at our annual exhibit. 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:

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Display only

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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).

# State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice

Show #1—August 4-August 6—Judge Chris Baker

**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**



**Best of Show**

**Korean Horn Beam (O) - Jack D**



Ponderosa Pine—Ron F

## Awards of Merit

Ponderosa Pine (O) - Ron F

Chinese Quince (O) - Ron F

Little Leaf Ficus (A) - Steve Ca

## Blue Ribbons

Japanese White Pine (I) - Judy S

Spek Boom (N) - Kevin S

Japanese White Pine (A) - Pam W



Chinese Quince—Ron F

## Red Ribbons

Dawn Redwood (I) - Terri W

Golden Cedar (I) - Jim T

Japanese Yew (I) - Rob P

Japanese White Pine (I) - Judy S

## White Ribbons

Boulevard Cypress (A) - Tony P

Blue Pfizer Juniper (I) - Bill G

Golden Cedar (I) - Jim T



Little leaf Ficus—Steve Ca



# State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice  
Show #2—August 7-August 10—Judge Jack Douthitt  
**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

## Best of Show

Juniper Cascade (A) - Jean S



## Awards of Merit

Bougainvillea (A) - Kris Z

Green Island Ficus (N) - Charlie A

Tiger Bark Ficus (N) - Wally V



Bougainvillea—Kris Z

## Red Ribbons

Eastern White Cedar (I) - Terri W

Ginseng Ficus (I) - Dennis G

Brazilian Rain Tree (N) - Bryan L

Dawn Redwood (N) - Bryan L

Dawn Redwood (A) - Kris Z



Green Island Ficus—Charlie A

## White Ribbons

Crepe Myrtle (I) - Judy S

Boxwood (N) - Bryan L

Boln Bush (A) - Tony P



Tiger Bark Ficus—Wally V

# State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice  
Show #3—August 11-August 14—Judge Jennifer Price  
**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

## Best of Show

Juniper (O) - Jack D



## Awards of Merit

Eastern White Cedar (O) - Kris Z

Ginkgo (I) - Rob P

Shimpaku (N) - Brian S



Eastern White Cedar—  
Kris Z

## Blue Ribbons

Boule Cypress (I) - Rita L

## Red Ribbons

Persimmon (I) - Rita L

Red Cedar (I) - Jim T

Bougainvillea (I) - Judy S

Common Juniper (N) - Wally

Chinese Quince (A) - Houston S



Ginkgo—Rob P

## White Ribbons

Ficus Benjamina (I) - Judy S

Ficus Benjamina (I) - Jim T

Nanny Berry (A) - Houston S

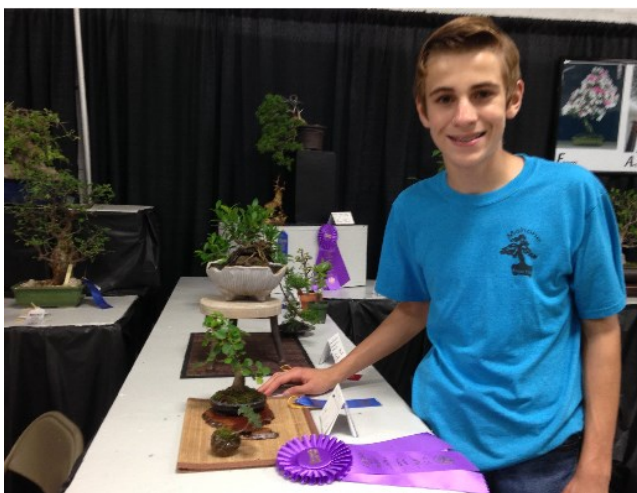
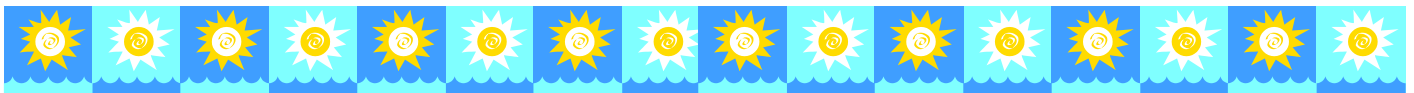
Juniper Procumbens (N) - Jim W



Shimpaku - Brian S



Jerry Meislik—guest artist for August



Charlie A., Mahone M.S. Bonsai Club member, received a 1st place and Award of Merit for his display of 6" ficus during show #2 at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair. Charlie also helped present a demonstration about bonsai styling during his tree sitting shift. Thanks to his sister, Clara (also a Mahone Bonsai Club member) and his mother, Libby for tree sitting at the Bonsai display. We will be looking forward to seeing more of Charlie's bonsai in the future.





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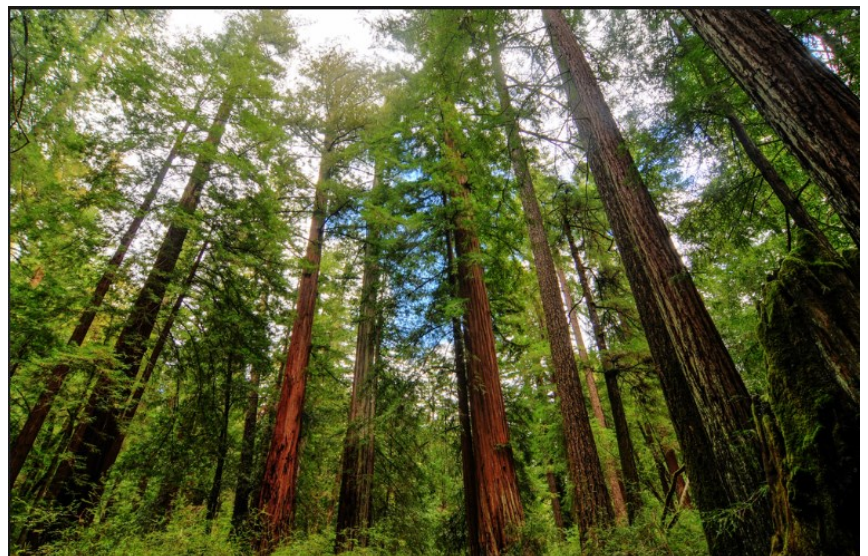
### 2016 MBS OFFICERS

President [Judy S](#)  
First VP [Kris Z](#)  
Second VP [Tony P](#)  
Secretary [Leo S](#)  
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



Monarch sequoias  
Through drought and man's heavy hand  
The stalwarts still stand  
~Joe N