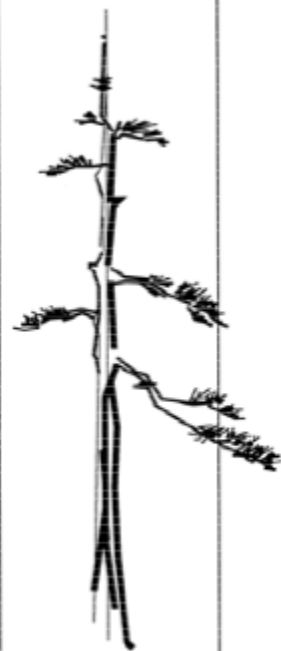


BONSAI NEWS

June 2017



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Bonsai Society
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*Information Line
414-299-9229*

June Meeting

Trees, Pots, Stands... So you have your first (twentieth) bonsai. You need a pot. How do you figure out which pot would be the best one to show off your tree without taking away from the tree? And a display stand? Ah, that's why you want to come to the June meeting.

Jean S and Kris Z will be displaying a number of different trees, pots and stands to help you figure out the best formula for a tree. Audience participation will be requested with the finale being 3 trees run through the procedures that will be discussed throughout the meeting.

To be included in the finale, please contact

hagr8d@mac.com

We are looking for:

- 1 small conifer
- 1 medium tropical
- 1 large deciduous

Please email a picture to the above address. Only 3 trees will be chosen for the finale. Come join us for the fun.

June

June 2-6—Peter Tea Classes #2*

June 6—**MBS Meeting**-Pots & Stands

June-17—Intermediate Class #3*

June 18—Grand Opening of Bonsai Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Garden, Reception 3-5

June 24—Children's workshop-Lynden Sculpture Garden

July

July 4—**No** MBS Meeting

July 8 — Wauwatosa Exhibit

July 7-9 — MABA Convention—Indianapolis

July 15 — Intermediate Class #4*

July 15—Repotting workshop

July 22 — MBS picnic & Swap meet

August

August 1—**MBS meeting**

August 3-13—WI State Fair

August 18-20—Chicago Exhibit

August 26-Intermediate Class #5*

August 26—Bonsai Basics #1*

September

Sept 5—**MBS meeting**-Rich's Fox Willow

Sept 9—Beginner Workshop

Sept 23—Bonsai Basics #2*

*Open to MBS members only

Next Meeting

**June 6 2017
6:45pm**

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

President's Message June 2017

Summer is approaching and there are countless things to do, especially for our bonsai. We will be having a June meeting featuring Kris Z. and Jean S. on Tuesday, June 6th beginning at around 6:45PM. They will be discussing pairing pots with trees and which stands to use with them. We can think of this as part of the preparation for our State Fair shows and our Fall Annual Exhibit. Please look at your collection and consider preparing one or more of your trees to be included in the MBS displays.

A reminder that the opening of the Public Bonsai Collection at Lynden will be on Father's Day, June 18th. Please join us to celebrate this event that has been years in the making. The Bonsai Pavilion is receiving its finishing touches and the trees are being prepared to look their best. This promises to be a memorable event.

Lynden has offered MBS members the opportunity to join Lynden for \$20 off the annual membership for both individual and family memberships. More details will be coming out as we get them.

For those of you who were at the February meeting, a reminder that Dale Sievert will have his moss garden open on Saturday, July 1st from 11 AM-4 PM. The Sievert Garden is at W231S5977 Molla Drive, Waukesha, WI 53189. The tour is free.

Another reminder that the **Mid-American Bonsai Alliance (MABA) conference** will be held on July 6 & 7, just outside of Indianapolis. Search mababonsai.org for more information. Get your registration and hotel reservations made soon.

Since July 4th is the day of the July meeting, the meeting will be postponed until July 22nd. This is when we will be having a Swap Meet and picnic at the church just west of St. Luke's hospital on Oklahoma Ave. Gather bonsai items that you might consider selling. Details will be out soon.

We will also be holding a repotting workshop on July 15th. This is directed to those members who joined MBS through last September's Beginner's Workshop, but all are welcomed.

Remember State Fair is just around the corner. Please consider signing up to be a tree sitter and entering a tree in our exhibit. The sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting.

I hope to see you there!

Thanks.

Judy



Kusamono at Lynden
By Michelle Z.

Charming miniature gardens that you can hold in your hand are easy to care for and can serve as companion plantings for your bonsai, or they can stand alone. They change with the season and can be overwintered fairly easily.

MBS, in partnership with Lynden Sculpture Garden is offering a beginning workshop in the art of kusamono on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9- noon.

Material has been personally selected from one of the best known nurseries specializing in miniature herbaceous species located in Ohio. In the spirit of repurposing we will use 'found objects' as containers for the tray plantings. Tiles, trivets, ceramic, porcelain, opaque glass or metal containers, natural objects such as driftwood, shells, volcanic lava rocks or smooth dolomite slabs can be repurposed as containers to frame these miniature plantings.

Fee: \$35/\$30 members of Lynden or the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. This price is for participants bringing their own containers (see note on containers below). Participants may purchase containers for \$10, payable day-of.

This is an opportunity not to be missed and unlikely to be repeated soon. Class size is limited so sign up by calling Lynden Sculpture Garden @ 414.446.8794 or register online at lydensculpturegarden.org.

Note on containers:

Participants are encouraged to bring their own found objects. Look for size (4-10 inch diameter), color, shape, profile, stability and relative water resistance.

The best containers have drainage holes and feet to raise the container off the table. Be creative! A limited number of choices will be available at class for purchase. Our own John M. has promised some of his pots (\$10) for participants preferring a more conventional option.



Bonsai Exhibit Opening Reception

Jack D.

The Opening Reception of the Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Bonsai Pavilion at Lynden Sculpture Garden on Sunday June 18, 2017 from 3 pm until 5pm. All are welcome and there is no admission fee to attend the reception.

From the parking area you will see the white shade structure over the exhibit space, or you can just follow the crowd to the Pavilion. Lynden does not have paved walkways or paths so wear good walking shoes.

This event is the culmination of almost four years of work by a large number of MBS members and promises to be the biggest bonsai event in the area in many years! Don't miss it. Milwaukee has a vibrant and active bonsai community. Let's put it all on parade on this day of celebration!

Note:

Lynden is located at 2145 West Brown Deer Road. Limited parking is available on site. Do not park on Brown Deer, the speed limit is 45 and it is a very dangerous place to be getting in and out of a car. If the Lynden parking lot is full please park on River Road which is directly east of Lynden and walk to the Garden without having to cross Brown Deer Road. Consider car pooling!

Reduced fees for Lynden Sculpture Garden membership

Lynden Sculpture Garden is offering a reduced membership fee to all members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. For members of MBS the individual one year membership at Lynden is reduced from \$40 to \$20. A Family membership at Lynden (2 adults and all children in the family ages 6-17) is reduced from \$60 to \$40. Membership gives you free unlimited admission to Lynden plus discounts on all their classes. They have an extensive listing of classes for adults, and many camps and events for children during the summer months. Check them out at [Lynden Sculpture Garden](#).

Lynden brochures will be available at the June meeting.

You must show your MBS name tag when you sign up for Lynden membership to get the discount.

STATE FAIR 2017 - 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, email or call Melissa J missyuc2@yahoo.com (414-350-5924) to participate.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2017

Exhibit #1 (August 3 - August 5)
Exhibit #2 (August 6 - August 9)
Exhibit #3 (August 10 - August 13)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **

Wednesday, August 2 from 6pm - 6:30pm OR
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 1

Pick up trees from **

Sunday, Aug 6 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **

Saturday, Aug 5 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **

Thursday, Aug 10 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **

Wednesday, Aug 9 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **

Monday Aug, 14 from 9am - 9:30am

** Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 3-13

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 for exhibiting trees

Melissa J (414-350-5924) or
missyuc2@yahoo.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2017 State Fair committee.

*** If you wish to help out at State Fair by **greeting people** who pass by our exhibit, please contact Rob P by phone or email: 414-453-7317 rstylingcourt@yahoo.com

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

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WORKSHOPS with RON

Having worked with bonsai for over 20 years, I have picked up some knowledge and would like to share it with others.

So over the past few years I have been collecting groups of trees for workshops. I will work with the workshop participants to bring these trees to their next chapter in their development.

These workshops are open to all levels of skill, this may be the next step for those who have yet to take a workshop from a traveling professional, this workshop will prepare you to take that step when the next touring pro comes along. My goal is to provide information, insight, support as you make decisions on the tree's future.

These workshops will be limited to small groups (5-6 or less), they will be held at my home in Oconomowoc.

My first offering is a group of Caitlin Elms which I have had in my care, for the past 3 years. Caitlin Elms are a highly favored variety of elm as they have extremely small leaves which make the proportions very desirable.

The date of this workshop will be held June 10th starting @ 9:30AM finishing by 3:00 PM

Cost will be \$130 complete. Only 5 openings for this workshop.

Hope you will consider joining me to work with these great trees.
Contact me if you interested

Ron Fortmann
Ancient Arts Bonsai
262-490-8733
Aabonsai@charter.net



Please bring your calendars to the June Meeting. We'll be starting our sign up for State Fair (to bring trees and to volunteer in our exhibit). You'll have 3 more opportunities to sign up in case you aren't at the June meeting:

At the July picnic and swap meet
At the August meeting
If someone calls you :o)



Even if you're fairly new, it's still a lot of fun volunteering at State Fair - and you get in free!

This was a challenging winter for our bonsai trees. Warm, cold, warm, etc....Unfortunately we may have lost some lovely trees. Never fear. If they are something that you want to remember, save them for a pop-up workshop later in the year. We'll reincarnate the trees with leaves and/or fronds. Memorializing them... never to be watered again...



From the executive committee:

The below valuable report comes out bi-weekly. It primarily focuses on trees, enabling a watch to be kept on the degree days to determine when pests are in the most vulnerable stage that they can be eliminated easily (phenology).

<http://www.mortonarb.org/files/Plant Health Care Report 2017 2 1.pdf>



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June 6, 2017 at 6:45 pm
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Hales Corners, WI 53130

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The tides flow and ebb
Beaches sun bleached and swept clean
Wait the sea's return
~Joe N