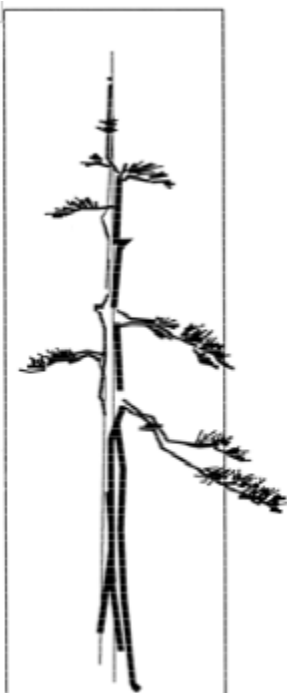


# BONSAI NEWS

July 2017



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## July Meeting

It's Picnic Time! Since there will be no Tuesday evening meeting at Boerner this month (July 4), we will have our MBS picnic and swap meet at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 W Oklahoma from 10 - 2 on Saturday July 22.

**MBS will be providing the meats and buns** so we need to know how many will be there. Please EMAIL [hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com) or call Kris at 262-512-1228 if you wish to attend. Bring something to pass (salad, munchies, dessert, etc).

If you wish to be a part of the Swap Meet, table space will be \$5. There are a limited number of tables in the church, so it might be a good idea if you bring your own table and chairs.

Depending on the weather, you may want to set up outside. This is a great opportunity to come and have fun, find some good deals and meet other members of MBS.

See you then!!

## 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

**Aug 1 2017  
6:45pm**

**Boerner Botanical  
Gardens**

## President's Message July 2017

June seems to have disappeared before our very eyes. July is here. Our wonderful bonsai display at Lynden Sculpture Gardens is up and running thanks to all of the hard work of many people. The Opening was great. I met bonsai people from Madison, Chicago and the Fox Valley. Non-bonsai people were in attendance. The trees are magnificent. If you haven't taken the opportunity, please make a point of visiting the display at Lynden.

Another reminder that Dale Sievert will have his moss garden open on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM-4 PM. The Sievert Garden is at W231S5977 Molla Drive, Waukesha, WI 53189. The tour is free.

MBS will have a repotting workshop that is open to all members on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Grandparent's Room at Boerner. We will be concentrating on the repotting of tropical trees. We are extending a special invitation to those members who took the Beginner's Workshop last September. This will be your first opportunity to learn how to repot your workshop trees.

Since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on the usual day of the July meeting, the meeting will be postponed until July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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. See the newsletter for details.

Remember State Fair is just around the corner. Please sign up to be a tree sitter and enter a tree to be displayed in our exhibit. The sign-up sheets will be available at the picnic.

I hope to see you there!

Judy



### Trees needed for State Fair

Have you ever had the passing thought about displaying one of your trees at the State Fair, but decided against it because you didn't feel that it was ribbon quality?

Displaying a tree at our booth at the Wisconsin State Fair is not just about entering the contest. It's also about the important feedback offered from a qualified Bonsai judge; feedback that can be used for improving your tree so that it is at its best, and possibly ready for a ribbon the following year.

Drop-off and pick-up is easy, just drop off your tree in the evening. We'll set it up and get it ready for you.

If you are interested in displaying a tree, contact Melissa J. at 414.350.5924 or [missyuc2@yahoo.com](mailto:missyuc2@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/hort/society_shows.pdf)

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## Bonsai Exhibit at Lynden

Sunday, June 18, 2017 saw the grand opening of the bonsai exhibit at the Lynden Sculpture Garden. From literature at the exhibit, "For Years the Milwaukee Bonsai Society dreamed of a public bonsai exhibit so more people could enjoy the quiet, peaceful and reflective art of bonsai. In 2013 a fund raising campaign was started and the bonsai community responded with great generosity. The Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation worked with the Society to make the dream come true. The Lynden Sculpture Garden, where "Art meets nature" is an ideal location for an exhibit of "living" sculpture. Since a bonsai is a live tree it is constantly growing and changing. Tomorrow it will be different than it is today. Come back often and enjoy the change." View the entire [picture gallery](#) and the [video](#) courtesy of Bryan L.



Set aside Saturday July 15 from 9 - 12 to repot some of your tropicals. Everyone is invited. Bring your own trees, soil, pots, tools, etc and members will be on hand to help. **Members who attended the Beginner workshop in September - this is your opportunity to see how repotting is done. Bring your tree. We will provide the soil to repot it.**



Courtesy of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, "Boxwood Blight is a serious fungal disease of boxwood that results in defoliations and decline of susceptible boxwood." Due to the seriousness of this disease Boxwood will not be allowed in the Chicago August exhibit this year. Read more about Boxwood Blight at <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/.../PPWS-29-pdf.pdf>



**Virginia Cooperative Extension**  
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**Mid-American Bonsai Alliance (MABA) conference** will be held on July 6 & 7, just outside of Indianapolis. Search [mababonsai.org](http://mababonsai.org) for more information. Get your registration and hotel reservations made soon.

### ***Handy Dandy Weed Killer***

When I saw this recipe, I was skeptical, but after spraying 3 gallons of Roundup I thought I'd try it. Safer for me, the dogs and the environment. It worked fabulously and much faster than Roundup. Vinegar, table salt, Dawn dishwashing soap and arthritis rub (I went to Amazon). Here's the link that explains how to make it and why it works. I'll be making it by the gallon... Kris Z

<http://chemistrycachet.com/easy-homemade-weed-killer-2>

## TREES, POTS & STANDS

By Dennis G

Those who attended the MBS meeting on June 6 received a real treat. Kris Z. and Jean S. presented a program on “Trees, Pots and Stands” which was as entertaining as it was informative.

Kris presented some of her trees and discussed with the audience the pros and cons of several different pots. Some of the things considered were: size of pots, texture, structure and color all relative to the size and shape of the tree. Pots of different depths and widths were examined and Jean showed how the structure of the pot can add or detract from the tree’s presentation. For example, the presentation of certain trees might be enhanced in a round or footed sculpted pot while others might demand a simpler rectangular pot.

Color of pots was discussed with Kris demonstrating how a pot with a reddish finish helped to set off one of her trees with red bark. This also led to a discussion about glazed vs. unglazed pots with the suggestion that tropicals and flowering trees are often best displayed in glazed pots. An interesting discussion also arose around the use of pots exhibiting texture and how they could enhance or detract from particular trees.

Finally, Kris and Jean asked for audience participation in selecting pots for various trees. It was interesting to see that, while the audience often picked the pot that a tree had originally been in, sometimes the creativity of the group showed through in picking something completely different with members giving their reasons for picking the pot they did.

After the tree pot discussion, Jean S. took over and discussed the use of display stands. She showed a variety of her stands which ran from the most simple and plain, to some that were quite elaborate and beautifully carved. She pointed out that bonsai should always be displayed on something. If a stand is not available, a simple place mat of appropriate design, color and texture may be adequate. She explained how everyday materials could be easily transformed into a very satisfactory bonsai stand showing a simple stand made out of a cutting board and four drawer pulls made by one of her former students. Kris put two rough boards together to serve as a tree stand.

In showing her stands Jean discussed simple vs. elaborate and height and width parameters. Kris offered a rule of thumb suggesting that the width of a stand should exceed the width of the pot by approximately one quarter the width of the pot on each side with front to back depth being of less concern.

One of the most important things that everyone learned was that, in the end, it is up to the individual to choose the pot and display stand or method that will be used. Everyone’s tastes and interests are different and their trees should reflect what they like and think is pleasing. After all, who are we doing bonsai for if not for ourselves?

Thanks, Kris and Jean for a great presentation!



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 offering ...

# 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 26, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring with wire branches

Tool sharpening

cut paste...

Homework

Please bring to the July picnic or August meeting or mail to:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

P.O. Box 240822

Milwaukee, WI 53224

**Class #2** (Saturday September 23, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring with dead trees

Pot cleaning

fertilizer / pest control / soil

Homework

**Class #3** (Saturday October 21, 9-4)

field trip to nursery

cleaning out a tree

pruning (not leaving knobs...)

watering system

Homework

**Class #4** (Saturday October 28, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring on conifers

wiring with copper wire

miscellaneous

wrap up

**Fee: \$75**

**Limit of 6 students**

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## BonsaiBasics Class

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



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Www.milwaukeebonsai.org  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next MBS meeting will be  
Aug 1, 2017 at 6:45 pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

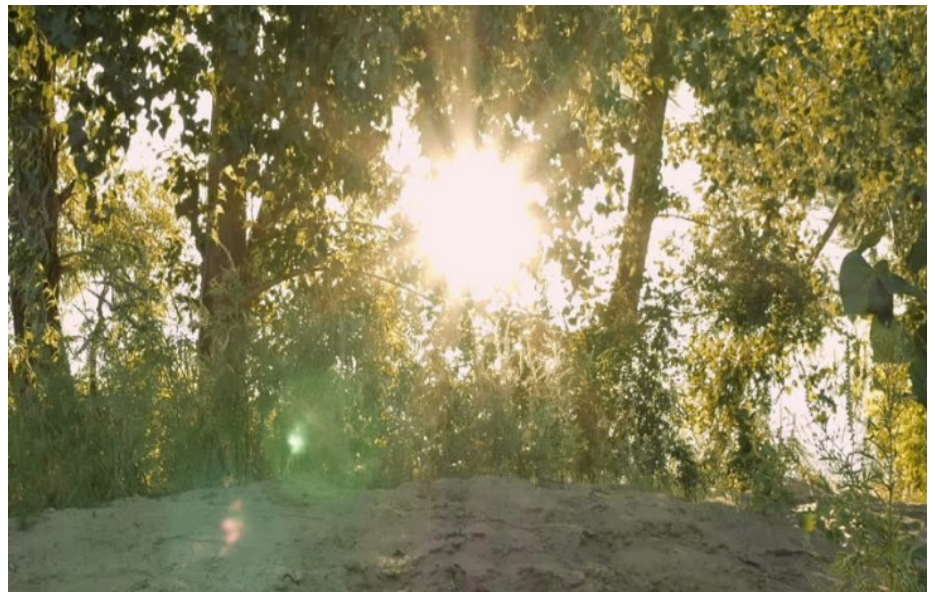
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#### Other Club Functions

Newsletter [Melissa J](#)  
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Director of Children's Education—Jean S  
PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Jean S



Dust of summer winds  
Molten sun and heat conspire  
And green life trembles

~Joe N