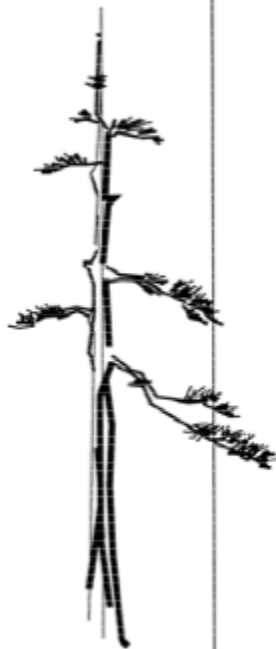


# BONSAI NEWS

February, 2018



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Bonsai Society  
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## February Kick-off Meeting

Our first meeting will be:  
Saturday February 10  
9 - noon

Grandparents room at Boerner -  
lower level.

Piggy backing off the Silhouette Exhibit at the Domes on Sunday February 4, we ask everyone to bring a deciduous tree to be evaluated / critiqued. We want to look at the structure of the tree, so no tropicals or conifers. We'll get your input as to what you want to do with your tree, and offer suggestions (from MBS 'experts' and from the audience). We find these sessions to be very helpful for the tree owner.

Oh, yes. There will be food!!  
See you then

## February

Feb 4 — *Silhouette Show-Domes*

Feb 10—**MBS Kick off meeting**  
Deciduous trees

Feb 24-Novice class\*

## March

Mar 3-Novice class\*

Mar 6—**MBS meeting**  
Chris Baker

Mar 17-Novice class\*

Mar 24-Intermediate class\*

## April

April 3—**MBS meeting**

Austin Heitzman-  
Displays

April 7-Novice class\*

April 28-Intermediate class\*

## May

May 1—**MBS meeting**—TBD

May 26-Novice class\*

## June

June 5 —**MBS meeting**

Todd Schlafer

June 16-Intermediate class\*

June 23-Raft workshop\*

## July

July 3—**No MBS meeting**

July 14-Picnic

## August

Aug 2-12—State Fair

Aug 7—**MBS meeting**

Tropicals

**Next Meeting**  
**Feb 10, 2018**  
**9:00am**  
**Boerner Botanical**  
**Gardens**



\*Open to MBS members only

## President's Message February 2018

Welcome to 2018!

As I sit down to write my first president's message I am reminded of all the reasons I love bonsai and enjoy being a part of the MBS community. Since the first time I watched Karate Kid and saw Mr. Miyagi turn a pitiful looking tree into a promising bonsai I knew that was an art form I needed to learn more about. The various workshops, classes and meetings that I have attended in my time with MBS have shown me how to create beauty from what others may consider hopeless.

A new year brings many exciting changes for MBS. We have 2 new Directors with Bonnie P and Phil R along with myself as President. And there will be many new subjects addressed at the monthly meetings

This year there will be a wealth of knowledge waiting for members to learn. From the Novice class and Intermediate class to the monthly MBS meetings there will be a variety of interesting topics for us, the MBS members, to enjoy.

The Executive Committee has recently met and put together a very exciting schedule for the upcoming year's meetings. We are working on bringing some fascinating guests for our Tuesday meetings. Included will be Chris Baker, Austin Heitzman and Todd Schlafer. Sprinkled in will be many other topics that you are sure to enjoy, such as revisiting the elms from last year. I for one will be curious to see how the elms are doing after a year at their new homes.

The first event of the year will be the annual Silhouette Show at the Milwaukee County Domes on Sunday, February 4th. At the same time as the Silhouette Show will be the train show at the Domes with an Alice in Wonderland theme which is sure to draw a wide range of visitors to our leaf-less trees.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's kick-off meeting on Saturday, February 10th at Boerner Botanical Gardens, starting at 9am.

Finally, if you haven't already renewed your membership be sure to take care of that. Although everyone is welcome at the monthly meetings, only members are allowed to participate in classes and workshops. The 2018 membership form is included in this newsletter.

To paraphrase one of my favorite quotes from Mr. Miyagi, "Wire on, wire off", my friends.

Melissa



**World Bonsai Day** celebrates the legacy of the Japanese Bonsai Artist Saburo Kato (1915-2008). Mr. Kato was the third generation owner of "Mansei-en," one of the most famous bonsai nurseries in the world. Mr. Kato expressed his philosophy of "We are all united in the brotherhood of bonsai" in every talk and demonstration he gave. In 1989, he founded the World Bonsai Friendship Federation (WBFF) with the express purpose of "bringing peace and goodwill to the world through the art of bonsai."

## **SPECIAL MBS BONSAI EXHIBIT**

There will be a special exhibit of bonsai owned by MBS members next May at Lynden Sculpture Garden! The Opening Reception will be on **World Bonsai Day**.

One of your bonsai could be included in this special exhibit.

Here's how to enter:

1. Take several pictures of your best bonsai. The pictures do not have to be of studio quality, they can be just snapshots. But they should show the best attributes of your bonsai. Take two or more pictures of each bonsai you want considered.
2. Put the pictures in a folder with some basic information about the bonsai – species, size, estimated age, history, any awards it may have won, etc. Make one folder for each bonsai you want to be considered. You can enter a maximum of three bonsai.
3. Put your name, address and contact information in a sealed envelope and put it in the folder with the pictures.
4. Get the folder(s) to Jack Douthitt
5. Twenty of the best bonsai submitted will be selected for the exhibit. All entries will be judged by an experienced bonsai artist who is not a member of MBS.

There are no restrictions related to length of ownership and no classifications as to level of experience. No awards will be given.

**Email entries cannot be accepted.**

### Schedule

Entries must be in Jack's hands by April 3, 2018 (MBS April club meeting night)

Owners of bonsai that are accepted into the exhibit will be notified by April 17, 2018

Bonsai shall be delivered to the Bonsai Pavilion at Lynden by Thursday May 10, 2018.

An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday May 12, 2018 which is **"World Bonsai Day"**

The exhibit will remain in place through Sunday May 20, 2018.

The bonsai can be picked up starting on Monday May 21, 2018.

So get your bonsai looking good, take some pictures, assemble your folders and get them to Jack.

And save the date of May 12 for this very special event!

Any questions call 414.228.9628

## LIBRARY NOTES



Please remember to return your library books when you are done. There is no set time limit or due date but some have been checked out since 2016! Check your personal library to see if you have a book that could be returned.

Your library is open 45 minutes before the start of each meeting. Come browse your collection. There are national and international authors. For books written in a different language the pictures and diagrams can speak a thousand words!

### Winter Silhouettes Bonsai Display

Presented by  
Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Sunday February 4, 2018

In addition to the joys of snow during the winter and early spring months, we in the Midwest have an opportunity to view our landscape in the 'raw', that is, without the dressing of buds, leaves and flowers

Only deciduous trees will be featured in this event. Maples, hornbeams, elms, hawthorns, apples, crabapples, pomegranate, crape myrtle, ginkgos, larches and swamp cypress are some of the species which would be suitable.

County Park Admission applies

**Display Hours**  
9 am-4 pm

**The Domes**  
at Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory

### MBS on Facebook

The MBS Facebook page (@Milwaukeebonsai.org) is very popular with 227 likes! Follow MBS on Facebook to be kept up to date on club Happenings



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# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2018 Membership Application



### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

### Membership Type

New or Renewal:

Individual 1 year \$35       Individual 2 years \$62       Individual 3 years \$89  
 Family 1 year \$47       Family 2 years \$86       Family 3 years \$125

*Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)*

### Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

Events       Administration       Other (let us know your interest)  
 Fundraising       Newsletter production  
 Tree Exhibiting/Sitting       Volunteer coordination

### Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Mail to:

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### Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Feb 10, 2018 at 9am  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

### 2018 MBS OFFICERS

President	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
First VP	<a href="#">Bryan L</a>
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Secretary	<a href="#">Leo S</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Wally V</a>
Director	<a href="#">Rob P</a>
Director	<a href="#">Bonnie P</a>
Director	<a href="#">Phil R</a>
Past Pres.	<a href="#">Judy S</a>

### Other Club Functions

Newsletter	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
Webmaster	<a href="#">Pam W</a>
Director of Children's Education—	Jean S
PAB Board—	Ron F, Houston S & Jean S



Unwary creature  
Hawk softly, silently glides  
Strikes without malice

~Joe N