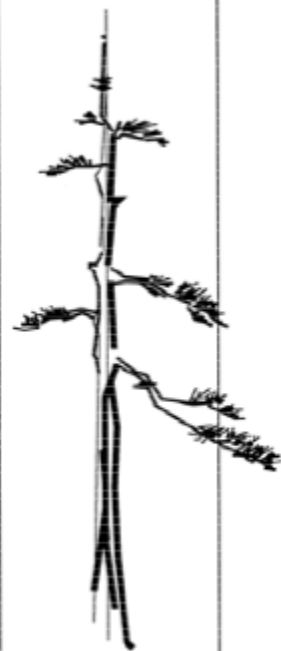


BONSAI NEWS

May 2019



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May Meeting

Bring your tree for discussion

Bring your own tree to tell us about, ask questions, or brag about your success.

It could be your beginner ficus, a brand-new tree from a garden center or finished bonsai. We will take turns in front of the group talking.

Our MBS "experts" will be there to help. It's a good way to get information about your tree and for others to get to know you. Also, this is a great time for beginners to get help.

Don't worry about bringing in a sick or dead tree. We all have killed trees.

Your bonsai friends will be glad to help you learn.

May

May 7—**MBS meeting**

Discuss Member's trees

May 11—World Bonsai Day
Lynden

May 11 or 18—Novice Class*

May 11-12 — Chicago Exhibit

June

June 4—**MBS meeting**

Pines

June 22—Intermediate Class (A)*

June 23—Intermediate Class (B)*

June 29-30 — Advanced Class w/
Peter Tea

July

July 13—**MBS picnic**

August

Aug 1-11—State Fair

Aug 6 — **MBS meeting**

Group slash

Aug 10—Intermediate Class (A)*

Aug 11—Intermediate Class (B)*

September

Sept 3 — **MBS meeting** State
Fair Winners

Sept 7—Beginner Workshop

Sept 7—Jennifer Price Work
shop*

Sept 28-29—Annual Exhibit

Next Meeting

May 7, 2019

6:45 pm

Boerner Botanical
Gardens

President's Message May 2019

Where in the world does the time go? I can't believe it is just about May already. Even though I have been waiting semi-patiently for spring to arrive I am having a difficult time realizing that winter might actually be done for the season.

I am trying to convince the few outdoor trees that I have to welcome some fresh air and sunshine. I have a juniper that I've had for a couple of years now and still haven't killed it.

I seem to have a hard time taking care of trees that need to go dormant. Give me a good ole tropical that can sit on my dining room table all winter any day and I will be a happy girl!

How are your trees doing? Have you lost any over the winter? Everyone says they have lost a few trees over the years, but for me it is really tough to lose any. I get very attached to my trees. In a way they have replaced my children now that my husband and I are empty nesters. Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't give up my empty nest for anything, but having my trees depend on me is calming to me.

Pretty soon we will be talking about exhibiting our trees at State Fair or the Annual Exhibit. Before you can show off a tree it may need some refining and help before it can truly become the masterpiece it is destined to be.

The May meeting will be the place to be for you if you have a tree that is not quite where you would like to be yet. We will have a panel

of "experts" available to give you some pointers and suggestions as to what to do in order to get your tree to the next level towards perfection. Bring in your tree to the meeting and one of our panel may just have a brilliant idea for your tree.

Also, if you have tree questions that you would like to talk about with one of the "Bonsai Geeks" (Steve C and Brian S), stop by their table in the hallway, outside of the meeting room and get some good tips and pointers. Steve and Brian will be manning the table at almost all the Tuesday meetings.

Camaraderie is one of the major reasons I have heard that keeps people in our club. Do you enjoy talking to other bonsai enthusiasts before the meetings? Would you be interested in having a meeting start a few minutes later once in a while?

Instead of starting at 6:45pm each month, maybe having one month where the meeting subject does not need the entire meeting time we could have a few extra minutes of socializing time and start the meeting at 7pm once in a while. I'm not saying this will happen, just think about it. We will ask your opinion before the May meeting to gauge the level of interest.

I hope to see an assortment of trees being brought to the May meeting. I can't wait to hear what the panel of "experts" has to say about my tree.

Happy bonsai-ing. Melissa J

FLOWERING BONSAI

The Milwaukee Bonsai Collection at Lynden has been working to expose the casual viewer to different aspects of bonsai. Last year the Collection hosted a special exhibit of bonsai drawn from MBS member's collections. This year, it is staging an exhibit of yamadori bonsai.

Next year (2020), in an attempt to keep the Collection fresh and interesting, we are going to try something different. **In 2020 the Collection will feature flowering bonsai.**

Flowering bonsai are always a revelation to the uninitiated viewer. They never think about trees flowering. But you and I know that all trees flower. Most of the blossoms are inconsequential but some are not.

Such an exhibit creates a unique problem since flowering bonsai do not all flower at the same time! So, instead of a special exhibit that runs for eight days and then closes, we are going to feature the **FLOWERING BONSAI OF THE WEEK.**

Each week, whenever possible, we will put on display one or more trees that are in flower. The bonsai will be given a prominent place in the exhibit and will also be featured on the Collections website as a special attraction.

What we need to know, in order to do this, is what flowering trees do we have in MBS and when do they flower? So we need your help. We are asking you to do three things this year in preparation for the flowering tree exhibit next year.

This year please:

1. Keep a written record of when your bonsai flowered (especially when it is at its peak!)
2. Take a picture of your bonsai in full flower
3. Start grooming your bonsai for display next year.

Obviously, the weather is different each year but with information from this year in hand, we can start to put together a tentative schedule for displaying **Flowering Bonsai in 2020!!!!!!!**

Jack D



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Milwaukee Exhibit in Bonsai Focus Magazine

Jack D.

The last issue of Bonsai Focus included a one half page article about the 2018 World Bonsai Day Exhibit staged by the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection at Lynden Sculpture Garden. An article about the exhibit had been sent to them earlier, which they did not publish. We don't know who wrote the article they did eventually publish. The information was basically correct except whoever wrote the article has a problem with US geography. It stated that the exhibit was in Milwaukee, which is a suburb of Wisconsin!

Bonsai Bucks. What are they? What are they used for? How can you get them?

Bonsai Bucks are a way of MBS rewarding members for volunteering at club events.

They can be used at the Annual Exhibit to purchase raffle tickets in order to win great

prizes. Bonsai Bucks are earned from volunteering at any club event where members are asked to help out. You can earn bucks from helping at the Beginner workshop, tree sitting at State Fair and a number of other activities. Last year 302 Bonsai Bucks were exchanged for raffle tickets at the Annual Exhibit. That means members were able to keep money in their pockets and still purchase tickets to win prizes. This is a win-win situation; the club gets the help it needs and you get the opportunity to win fabulous prizes.



HELP!

WE CAN NO LONGER GET POTS AT COST FROM OUR SUPPLIER (THEY'RE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS). DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY 8" GLAZED POTS THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE TO MBS (YOU'LL GET A DONATION FORM) FOR THE TREES FOR OUR BEGINNER WORKSHOP? IF SO, PLEASE BRING TO THE MAY MEETING. THANKS!!!



WANTED

*Enjoy being outdoors?
Delight in talking about bonsai?
Love earning Bonsai Bucks?*



*The Bonsai Exhibit at Lynden is looking
for volunteers.*

*You can discuss bonsai with Lynden
visitors, guide guests through the
exhibit and spend time in a tranquil,
outdoor setting.*

*An enthusiastic love of bonsai is
required.*



HUGE REWARD



Shifts available on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

Contact Melissa J for more info

Bonsai Q & A Table to be at meetings regularly!

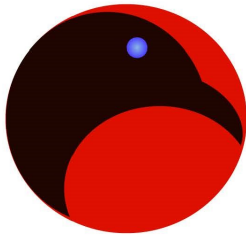
Brian S and Steve C have volunteered to staff a “Bonsai Q and A Table” at almost every MBS monthly meeting. They will be set up in the hall outside of the meeting room before and during our club’s Tuesday evening meetings.

If you have been working on a tree and find yourself confused with a design plan or unsure if you should cut off a branch, why not bring the tree along to an MBS meeting and ask Brian or Steve. They may not have every answer you are looking for but they have been focusing on doing bonsai at a serious level for many years and would love to chat about your tree.

No question is a dumb question or too simple... no reason to feel stupid asking any question at all!

If you are wondering about some aspect of this art it is very likely that one of these two bonsai geeks have wondered about the same thing... and have very likely done it wrong once or twice, so they may have an idea for you on how you could do it better. So bring in a tree and “Ask the Geeks”!





Control Pest Species T - Z

Quiet Crow Bonsai is a collection of articles, essays, and views for bonsai artist, devotees and supporters. www.QuietCrowBonsai.com.

This is the last of the articles focused on those insects which are common in our area by tree species. I hope these articles provided practical, useful guidance for pest control.

Taxus – Japanese Yew

Spider mites – are small creatures which feed on trees and plants. Spider mites look green when they are young, later becoming a grayish color. If you notice yellowing or loss of foliage on your yew bonsai, it may be caused by these critters. Untreated spider mite populations can quickly increase and threaten plants. Spruce spider mites and rust mites often attack yew and can cause significant damage in just one season. Horticultural oil or insecticidal soap can be used during the growing season, along with a dormant oil in the winter to control the egg population (see the second installment Juneperis Spruce spider mites).



Spider mites attaching Yew

Ulmus - Elm

Elm Leaf Beetle – Adult beetles are yellowish to green with several black spots on the head and thorax and a black colored stripe on the outer margin of each wing cover. Larvae are dirty-yellow to black, spiny and grow to ½ inch. An introduced pest from Europe which feeds only on elm. Although most elm species are subject to attack, the beetles usually prefer Siberian elms. Adult beetles eat small round holes in the leaves, but the larvae completely skeletonize the leaves from the undersides producing a lace-like appearance. When damage is severe, the leaves dry, curl and fall prematurely. Elm leaf beetle feeding damage may result in partial or complete defoliation of the tree.

Feeding damage by elm leaf beetles seldom kills our landscape trees but can be a real problem on a bonsai. Severe feeding will weaken any tree, making it more susceptible to attack by other pests.



Elm Beetle and Larvae

To fight the elm beetle, use an insecticidal soap or product containing Spinosad (See *Salix - Striped Cucumber Beetle*). To fight the larvae use a product containing *Bacillus thuringiensis*.

Red Spider mites – See *Juniperis Spruce spider mites*

Elm and Obscure Scale – see *Prunus Obscure Scale*

Leafhoppers – see *Prunus Planthoppers*

Elm leaf Aphids – see *Acer Aphids*

Zelkova – Grey Bark Elm

Japanese Beetle – Adults are metallic green with coppery-brown wing covers. There are white tufts of hair at the end of the abdomen. Adults are present and active for 30 to 45 days, feeding continuously on leaves and flowers. They feed, primarily between leaf veins, resulting in leaves appearing lace-like or skeletonized. Japanese beetle adults tend to congregate in large numbers on trees. Damage can be severe if beetles reach high numbers. In those cases, apply contact insecticides when adults are active. It is important to note that multiple applications will be required as the effects of these sprays can be limited due to the beetle's high mobility and hard shell. See last month's article for *Salix Striped Cucumber Beetle*.



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In the moonlight,
The color and scent of the wisteria
Seems far away.

by Yosa Buson