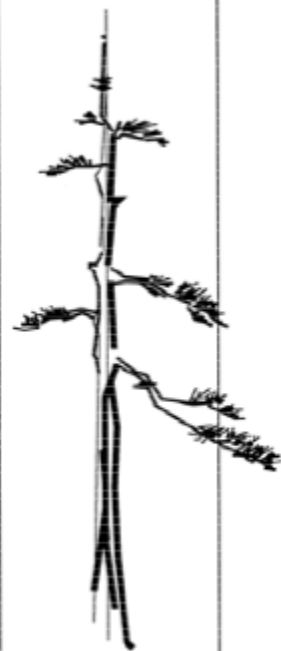


BONSAI NEWS

November 2019



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November Meeting

PONDEROSA PINES

Oh no... NOT THOSE TWO GUYS AGAIN !

Yes that's right, our club members Brian S and Steve C are at it again. They have agreed to present another of one their zany yet fun and informative talks at our upcoming November Club Meeting. This time the topic is **Ponderosa Pines**. Many of us have had the opportunity to secure a cool collected Pondo from Andy Smith of Golden Arrow Bonsai in South Dakota. We have seen many of these presented at our exhibits over the years, so why not join us this month at Boerner Botanical Garden and learn some in-depth fall management skills.

What makes this talk so out of the ordinary is that they will be doing this fall work on a VERY SPECIAL TREE... our very own, MBS Club Ponderosa Pine. Didn't know we had one, well here is the story (cont on page 2)

November

Nov 5 — **MBS meeting**
Seasonal tree care
Ponderosa Pine
Nov 22-24 — Folk Fair

December

No meeting

January

No Meeting

February

Feb 15—Novice Class #1*
Feb 22 — **MBS meeting**
Orchids as kusomono
Feb 29—Novice Class #2*

March

March 14 —Novice Class #3*
March 3 — **MBS meeting**
Chris Baker

April

April 4 —Novice Class #4*
April 7 — **MBS meeting**
TBD

**Next Meeting
Nov 5, 2019
6:45 pm**

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

*Open to MBS members only

PONDEROSA PINES (cont from front page)

Many years ago, our EC had made a decision to purchase a tree or two and have an artist walk us through its development into a beautiful bonsai over a few years. Well, one of the best trees in this program is a large Ponderosa Pine that our late club member, and past president, Steve Co had bought for this purpose. At Tuesday's meeting, we will learn a bit about where this tree has been and who has worked on it. We will all be able to see how it has progressed and what might be the next steps in its development.

So don't miss seeing this incredible tree and Brian and Steve's presentation on moving this tree forward. They will restrict their talk to this species of Pine only and help us all understand why Ponderosa Pines are such a simple tree to develop and enjoy.

Thank you for electing me as the president of MBS. I have some plans about what me and the new executive committee should do to help our bonsai membership. One of our difficulties is how to teach the new members and still continuing to bring the long term members to the meetings. We need to brainstorm on this problem. We have one of the largest and most active clubs in the country. We all want to keep this movement going.

I want to thank all of the members that have volunteers through the last year. Without this help we couldn't have great events like the AE, State Fair, workshops for teaching or even our meetings. I will get into these things and more in next year's meetings.

Don't hesitate to contact me about your trees, questions that you have or about ideas that you have that might help MBS. I will either get back to you or forward your question on to a more knowledgeable member.

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Sign up Now for the 2020 Novice Class

The registration window has opened for the 2020 Novice Class, There will be ONLY 12 openings for this class so if you are interested do not delay, as it will fill up quickly

What does this class provide?

The Novice Class curriculum is focused on helping you develop and prepare a solid foundation of basic bonsai skills and knowledge.

Sessions 1 thru 3 are mainly lecture based with demonstrations to help you better understand the ins and outs of bonsai cultivation.

We will have discussions about watering; soil compositions; fertilization; pest management; repotting; design; pruning; wiring; seasonal timing of work, and much more.

This class provides a work book for future reference and you will also leave with a new tree for your collection.

In the 4th session you will be working on the tree provided, styling and reporting

The 5th session you will bring your tree back, we will review its current state and provide suggestions as to what you should be doing in the future with this tree.

We will also visit a local nursery and discuss how to evaluate “potential bonsai” from typically available nursery stock.

The class dates are :

Saturday	February 15 th	9:00 AM till 1:00 PM	Boerner Botanic Gardens
Saturday	February 29 th	9:00 AM till 1:00 PM	Boerner Botanical Gardens
Saturday	March 14 th	9:00 AM till 1:00 PM	Boerner Botanical Gardens
Saturday	April 4 th	9:00 AM till 3:00 PM	Boerner Botanical Gardens
Saturday	May 2 nd	9:30 AM till 2:00 PM	Oconomowoc

The cost for this class is \$170 . You can click on the [Eventbrite](#) link or the link on the MBS website to register.

Your instructor is Ron Fortmann, who has been practicing bonsai for 25 years and has taught the Novice classes for several years now.

HURRY!
ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT!



Can You Dig It?

MBS Yamadori Tree Dig 2020

Yamadori = trees cultivated from nature

In spring of 2020 we will be offering club members an opportunity to go on a tree dig.

Where? Leo's blueberry farm in Michigan. The 76 acre farm is located roughly across the lake from Chicago and is about a four hour drive from Milwaukee. It is southwest Michigan, just a little north of Benton Harbor and a little south of South Haven and 10 miles inland from the lake.

When? We have two weekends in mind, one primary and a backup date if the weather doesn't cooperate

Primary dates;	Back up dates;
March 28-29	April 11-12

Who? All MBS club members.

For new members, this a perfect opportunity to get to know fellow members, gather material to work and experiment on at an affordable price, FREE! and have some fun. There will be longtime members on hand to assist with choosing trees and to give feedback on species that make good, bad or just plain ugly bonsai.

This is planned to be a two day event with all participants having the option to camp out on the farm* or stay at a hotel. If you are not able to stay, you will still have the option to come along and drive home the same day if you choose.

Please sign up through Event Bright so we can get a headcount. The Event Bright link will go on line after the first of November. Sign up will be available until April 5. You will be able to go to the MBS website to access the link and will be included in the MBS newsletters through March.

Looking forward to a great dig!

Erich Broemser
2nd Vice President
Milwaukee Bonsai Society



49th Annual Exhibit Results

Best of Show Rob P

Dawn Redwood



Open

1st place Jack D

San Jose Juniper



Open

2nd place Kris Z

Cork Bark Elm



Open

3rd place Rita L

Hinoki Cypress

49th Annual Exhibit Results



Intermediate
1st place

Kevin S

Willow Leaf Ficus

Intermediate
2nd place

Rob P

Ginkgo



Intermediate
3rd place

John H

Ponderosa Pine

49th Annual Exhibit Results

Novice

1st place

John M

Coastal Redwood



Novice

2nd place

John L

San Jose Juniper

Novice

3rd place

John M

Willow Leaf Ficus





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Nov 5, 2019 at 6:45pm
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Fall is upon us
Splashing color all around;
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