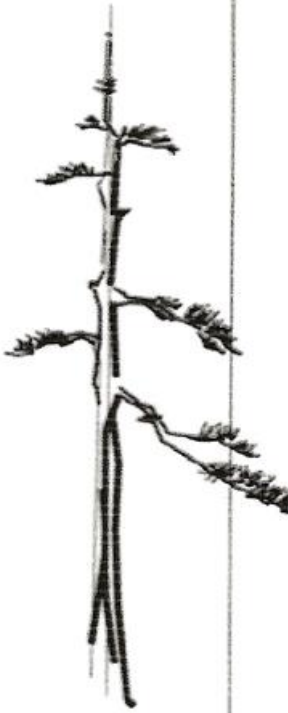


BONSAI NEWS

June 2023



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Upcoming Meeting

The June meeting promises to be an exciting one....Steve C will be talking about Juniper work. More information on the meeting can be found further in the newsletter, but I can tell you he sounds to be eager to share what he knows about Junipers with us.

We will also learn about pruning tropicals. What to do, when to do it.

Everyone who has a tropical should find this interesting.

I can't wait to attend the meeting and learn more about these topics!

Next Meeting

June 3, 2023
9 am
Boerner
Botanical

June

June 3 – Summer Juniper Work/
Pruning Tropicals

June 4 – Make a Bonsai Pot
workshop*

June 10 – Air Layering workshop
Night Owl Bonsai

June 24 – Skill Builder 101*

June 25 – Skill Builder 201*

July

July 8 – Show prep/Summer
Watering

July 15 – MBS picnic/Swap meet
Whitnall Park

Public welcome

July 29 – Skill Builder 101*

July 30 – Skill Builder 201*

August

August 5 – Show Display/Mid-
Summer Cutback on hardy trees

August 3-13 – State Fair Exhibit

August 19 – Skill Builder 101*

August 20 – Skill Builder 201*

August 26-27 – Annual Exhibit
Lynden Sculpture Gardens

*Open to MBS members only

President's Message

Hello again!

I can't believe June is here. Time to hand up my hokey pokey dance shoes and enjoy my trees for a while, except that one tree, we all have one. I can't wait to see all of the flowering trees that will be brought to the June club meeting. It should be a preview for next year's annual exhibit being held June 7-9. We're still working on the location and will know very soon.

In the meantime, there is still a lot going on with the club this year starting with State Fair, then the club picnic on July 15th followed by the Annual exhibit.....okay, you get it. Be sure to check the schedule as things can change and activities added.

Lastly, we are still looking for volunteers that want to help contribute to the clubs continued success. Whether volunteering for one of our events or throwing your hat in to become a member of the executive committee, it's our members that keep this club moving forward. You can check the website for links to volunteering opportunities and if you're interested in a position on the executive committee, you can contact me via email, phone or text and will get your information to the nominating committee. The open positions are treasurer and, sadly, President as this is my last year. I know, I know, you all don't know what you'll do without me but I'll still be around for the next two years as past president to grip the next lucky winner to fill the position.

Looking forward to seeing all of you with your beautiful, and hopefully flowering trees. Even if you don't have any flowering trees, bring one or more along to share, ask questions and get some guidance.

Erich
El Presidente

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The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel ran a story in the Home and Garden section on the bonsai exhibit at Lynden Gardens. The story can be accessed [here](#).



Summer work on Juniper

By Steve C

I've been staring at my bonsai this entire month.

For a Wisconsin bonsai practitioner, well for me at least... this is HELL.

The deciduous trees have been getting new foliage and all are looking great, but the leaves have not yet hardened off. The pines are pushing their candles but needles have not emerged. The broad-leaved evergreens are pushing soft new extensions and the Elongating Species, like spruce, fir and douglasfir, have buds just opening and are showing new bright green tips. Spring has been cool... but trees are happy !!

Everything is looking beautiful and trees are ALIVE.

But everything is ENERGY NEGATIVE right now so it has been HANDS OFF for me in May.

Enter June... now I'm beginning to see everything hardening off, which means that the waxy coating on foliage of many species is beginning to develop...

TREES ARE NOW MAKING THE TURN TO ENERGY POSITIVE !

Now I can get out my tools and make some cuts... right?... no WRONG.

Is every tree ready to work on yet? This is the real question at hand right now and it is the question that, once answered, will determine whether our tree takes a step in the correct direction on the VORTEX of bonsai development... or falls backwards into stress and recovery?

To study this aspect of proper bonsai work, we look to Junipers. Junipers are very clear in showing us what they want us to do next for their development.

No matter what your tree of interest, come to the June Milwaukee Bonsai Meeting. Brian and I will walk you through the detective process of when to begin using all those tools.

If you have a juniper and want to learn what to do next, please bring it along for discussion and find out.



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Flowering Bonsai Trees

By Pam W

Flowering bonsai trees are the most elegant bonsai. Some of the most commonly used varieties for flowering bonsai trees, are azalea, bougainvillea, quince, white Serissa, flowering gardenia, cherry, jasmine, pomegranate, hibiscus, olive, lavender, camellia, well the list could go on and on. Here are some links to articles on flowering bonsai:

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/inspiration/top-10/flowering-bonsai>

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/tree-species/azalea>

<https://bonsaimirai.com/species/satsuki-azalea-bonsai>

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/tree-species/chinese-quince>

<https://www.bonsaitreegardener.net/bonsai-trees/species/flowering-quince>

For our next meeting, bring some of your flowering bonsai.





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PRO BASEBALL THAT'S UDDERLY DIFFERENT

Have you ever been to a Milwaukee Milkmen game?

It's a great time. The parking is free, the concession prices are affordable and the entertainment between play is great.

Oh, the baseball there is baseball, too! 😊

Our club has a unique fundraising opportunity through a partnership with the Milwaukee Milkmen baseball organization. For every ticket sold to the July 11th game MBS will receive a portion of the sales!

Ticket prices range from \$9 - \$16 which is very reasonable.

This is a family friendly outing good for all ages and you can have your bonsai family meet your "other" family.

Use the below link or the link located on the MBS web site to order your tickets for us to receive the credit. Ordering any other way does not allow the club to receive the sale.

I look forward to seeing you on July 11th at Franklin Field.

<https://fevo.me/3Inb8D4>

Go Milkmen!



Let's make Another Bonsai Pot

Sunday June 4th



- This pot can be any shape. Round, Square, Rectangle or whatever up to 15" across.
- Along with this one pot you would be able to make one small accent pot to match or complement it.
- Same low, low, price of \$50.00. Maximum of 15 people. We had 13 last time and it worked well.
- Set up is 8am. All are welcome to help. Boerner Botanical Grandparents room.
- Class goes for 9-12:00
- You will get a series of videos from me showing you how we will make the pots.
- You will learn how to handle the pots at different stages of drying.
- You will make the two pots and take them home. There they will dry, get feet, get detailed more, dry, and get finishing details.
- You will showily dry these pots under plastic.
- Then get them to me for firing, glazing and firing them again.
- It is a great way to make your bonsai your own. And it's cheaper than buying pottery.

[Eventbrite link to sign up](#)

Bryan



Air Layer Workshop

Sponsored by Night Owl Bonsai

Saturday, June 10th

Night Owl Bonsai

3728 North Fratney Street

Riverwest Area

Milwaukee

Here is your chance to do an Air Layer or Ground Layer on one of your own trees.

This workshop will provide you with guidance while you perform your first, soon to be successful, air layer. All the supplies, including soil, will be provided for you by Night Owl.

You will locate the best site and cut angle, learn how to remove the cambial layers of the trunk or branch, prepare the pot to hold the soil in place, engineer and attach the pot to the tree, apply root hormone, plug the bottom of the pot and fill it with soil. You will learn proper after care and together, we will all discuss how to assess the progress of the air layer through the summer and fall, when to remove the layer, and how to pot it up. You will also be advised on how to properly fertilize the tree for the success of this procedure. **Begin to fertilize your host tree NOW !**

You will need to bring your tree, some tools including a very sharp knife and lots of creativity. Junipers, pines, spruce and fir will not be accepted for this class. Study your tree beforehand and begin to develop a plan for the location of your layer. If there is enough interest, there may be a session planned to cut and pot the layer in late fall. A sign-up sheet will be available on the day of the workshop to assess interest and collect tuition for this.

Workshop fee is \$50.00/tree. Workshop is limited to 8 trees in the morning, 9-12, and 8 in the afternoon, 1-4. The morning session must fill before we open the afternoon session.

Sign up by e-mail at nightowlbonsai@gmail.com

Payment in advance is by cash, check, Venmo or PayPal



WISCO BONSAI NOW HAS THE AREA'S LARGEST SELECTION OF ARTISIAN, HANDMADE BONSAI POTTERY, MUCH OF WHICH CONSISTS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS.

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THE SHOP NOW HAS REGULAR HOURS IN THE SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL. HOURS ARE UPDATED WEEKLY ON MY GOOGLE INFO SITE. OR, TO BE THE AMONG FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THE WORKSHOPS AND OTHER FUN GOING DOWN AT WISCO BONSAI, JUST SHOOT AN EMAIL AND I WILL ADD YOU TO THE EMAIL LIST.

"BONSAI IS THE ART OF NATURE, GUIDED AND NURTURED BY HUMAN HANDS" - KIMS



An Event Within An Event

By Pam W

Shop The Swap at the Annual Picnic July 15th

If you're looking to buy or sell any hard-to-find bonsai, containers, stands, tools or memorabilia, then the MBS swap meet is the selling or shopping experience for you!

In the Swap Meet you will find everything under the bonsai sun from concave cutters to pots and toys and so much more!

With MBS members and the public spectators during our annual picnic throughout the day, checking out the swap meet, you better make sure you get their quick before all the good stuff is gone!

How To Participate

If you are interested in participating in the Swap Meet, bring your own table, chair, pop-up tent (optional), and stuff to swap.

MBS Yamadori Group Dig May 2023



We had a good time, and the weather was great. Please see the link to the pictures.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fLQKVRRCvo2g7uwp7>

Bryan



Follow-up to 'Getting your tree ready for show' class..

Now is the time to begin your moss hunting. Check out your yard (or your neighbors' if you're on good terms), sunny places, cracks in sidewalks, shady places, etc. Go to local nurseries and look for areas that are watered regularly. Start getting ready now to harvest moss when the State Fair exhibit and our Annual Exhibit are near. Good luck!



State Fair will be here before you realize. We need approximately 20 trees for each of the 3 exhibits that run the course of the fair and a slew of volunteers, 9-10 each day for a total of 90ish.

As a member of the club, you already know more about bonsai than the general public who walk by our booth. Remember when you walked past? Remember the questions you asked? The questions aren't difficult to answer...most are which tree is yours? Or which is the oldest tree? If you don't know the answer to a question you can always hand that person off to one of the other members working the booth. You would never have to be in the booth alone.

Plus, you get a ticket to the fair for free. Either before or after your shift at the booth you can enjoy all the fair has to offer without paying for admission.

Also, please enter a tree in the exhibit to show off. There are multiple categories: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Display only. The judges have great feedback to offer so your tree can advance on its bonsai path. If you don't think your tree is quite ready for judging, but still would like to show it off, enter it as a display only tree. Everyone still gets to see it, but it won't be judged.

We can't have a successful run at the fair without your help.

Please click the Eventbrite links below or use the links on the website to sign up to volunteer or exhibit a tree!

[State Fair Tree Exhibits](#)

[State Fair Volunteers](#)

Tropical repotting workshop

May 20, 2023

The repotting workshop on May 20th was a great success! There were 7 members in the AM session and 6 in the PM. We completed 11 repots and 1 styling/wiring in the day. There was a lot of good discussions on soil, wiring techniques, chopsticking, after care, fertilizing, sun exposure, moisture requirements and pot selections; all at the beginner level. Below are pictures of the afternoon member's trees. Photos were not taken of the AM trees (photos were not thought of until the afternoon session 😞).





Milwaukee Bonsai Society in Grant Park South Milwaukee

Saturday, September 16th
Area 5 at the Brown Pavilion
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Come to this **free** art, horticulture and educational event.
- Learn how almost all trees can be made into a bonsai, how to start one, care for it, and keep it for a lifetime or generations.
- See photos from our last annual event at the Lynden Sculpture Gardens: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KPK1mSbte4Usa6aM6>

For more information about the Milwaukee Bonsai Society, visit:
<https://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/>

Bonsai means “tray tree”

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Can you see the pot and the tree on top?

New Videos for May are now available!

In the month of May, four new videos have been posted to the MBS Membership Video Site. You will find new recordings of the main topics from one of our monthly meetings, as well as two presentations from last year's MABA convention. Finally, one video has been added to the Focus Topics section.

Here's what's new:

Monthly Meetings

April Meeting Main Topic – Watering, Fertilization, & Pest Management – by Ron Fortmann

MABA

Bonsai Hacks - by Kris Ziemann

Propagation - by Houston Sanders

Focus Topics

Your Bonsai Toolbox - by Ron Fortman





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June 3, 2023 @ 9am
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a cloudburst deluge
everything comes to a halt
then rainbows appear

~L Milton Hankins