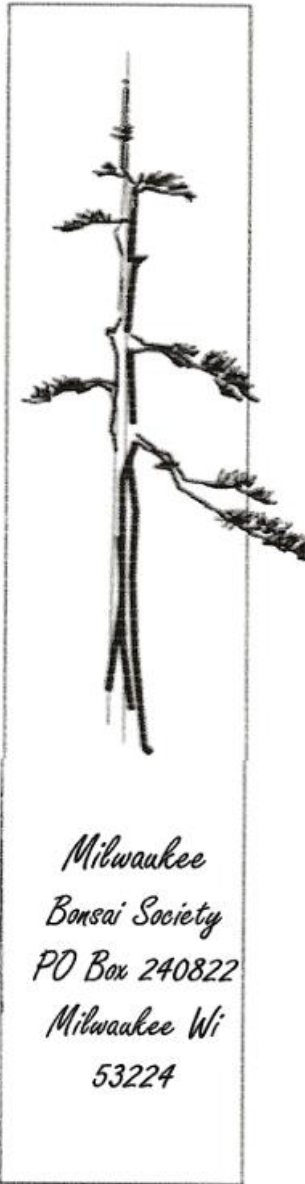


BONSAI NEWS

December 2023



Upcoming Meeting

The December meeting will be our annual holiday social. A variety of breakfast items will be available and bonsai conversation will be abundant!

Make sure to attend this to relax and enjoy the company of your bonsai friends before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.



Next Meeting

Dec 2, 2023
9 am
Boerner
Botanical

December

December 2 – Holiday Social

January

January 6 – Bonsai Soil/Do I need to Repot?

February

February 3 – Introducing your tree to a bonsai container/ Chopsticking

March

March 2 – Wound Care/
Unwrapping an air layer

April

April 6 – Dawn Redwood Forest
Creation/Curved chisel use

May

May 4 – Kusamono/Summer
Fertilization

June

June 1 – Members bring trees for
Advice/Preparing for a
Thread graft

June 8-9 – Annual Exhibit

*Open to MBS members only

President's Message

Hello for the last time.

Yup. That's right. My term as president of this awesome club is coming to an end as of December 31. I will still be on the EC as the past president for the next two years to help our new president Rick Walters, transition into his new role. Rick has been on the EC for the last four years as a director and secretary and is on board with the direction we have been taking the club recently and into the future.

I want to thank the entire EC, the education committee, our teachers, and all of the other people that have stepped up to help with the goals of re-focusing our education, providing our recorded meetings and educational material online, new merchandise, and redesigning the website that is currently in process. All of this and the recent creation of a social media team have kept us busy. It has been an honor to lead this club and I can only hope that I have added to the years of success by my predecessors.

Hope to see all of you at the Christmas party on Dec 2nd. It will just be a time hang out and have some refreshments, donuts, or other treats.

Erich



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

WE ALSO NOW CARRY A LINE OF TOOLS GEARED TOWARD THE BEGINNER AND NOVICE AMONG US, ALONG WITH ALL MANNER OF BONSAI SUNDRIES, SUCH AS, COPPER & ALUMINUM WIRE, JIN SEAL, WOUND PUTTY, ETC.

AND OF COURSE THERES THE SUBSTRATE, WISCO GOLD... THE BEST NON-JAPANESE MIX AROUND WE ALSO OCCASIONALLY HAVE OTHER RAW SUBSTRATE COMPONENTS AVAILABLE (PUMICE, LAVA, ETC). SEVERAL SIZES OF KANUMA NOW AVAILABLE !!! GOT ORCHIDS ? WE HAVE A SUBSTRATE FOR THOSE TOO !!!

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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.

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Have any pots that need a good cleaning? If so, please bring them to the December meeting. The pots will be used to demo cleaning techniques in the Bonsai Hacks workshop in January.

Looking for non-glazed, but a few glazed pots will be welcomed.

Look for Kris at the December meeting.



Year-End Password Changes

By Pam W

Ensure we have your correct email address by December 31, 2023

Soon you will be getting a new password to have access to all Members Only pages including all videos. **Watch your email on January 1 for the new password.** If you are not receiving emails make sure we have your correct email address. A list will be available for checking at the Dec 2, 2023 meeting.

All members who have not renewed will no longer have access to the Members Only pages which includes all videos. Make sure to renew!

Clif Orphal MBS Treasurer

By Pam W.

On November 11, 2023, our MBS member Clif Orphal passed away. Clif was one of our newer members who started with the Novice class in March of 2018. It did not take long for him to step up and serve as MBS Treasurer. He has held that position for the last four years. He set up accounts so we could purchase quality video equipment and made sure everything was accounted and stored. Clif kept meticulous records and was firmly keeping our bank in line to ensure banking fees did not apply to our organization.

You may know him as an extremely talented woodworker and for the beautiful stands he made. Some of us were lucky enough to have him make a stand specifically for a special tree. His stands have been borrowed to show off member trees. I know I will treasure my stand.

As Rick Walters our MBS president elect has said “Clif used his sardonic, caustic wit and gentle sarcasm to mask the fact that he was a real softie—a kind, gentle, thoughtful and generous man who would do anything to help a friend. We are all, once in a great while, blessed to have a genuinely good person walk through our lives, and if we’re really lucky we know and appreciate it at the time. Clif was indeed one of those people. We were lucky to know him while he was with us, and many of us would say our lives are better for his having passed through. He will be deeply missed, and we pray that he rests in peace.”

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, 1 December 2023, at Krause Funeral Home located at 7001 West Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee, WI from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM. Those who wish to share a story of Clif are encouraged to do so from 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM.



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Next MBS meeting will be
December 2, 2023 @ 9am

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*Bulbs and lights aglow,
Oh merrily stands our tree,
Soon will be Christmas.*

~Don Iannone