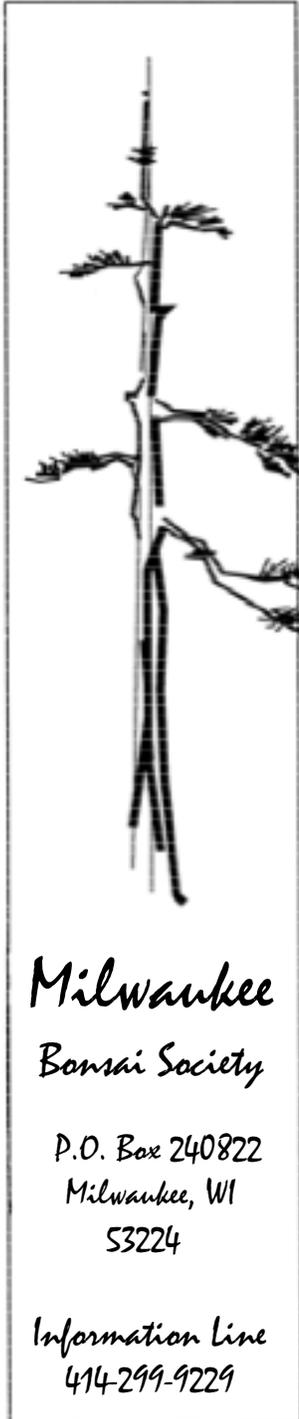


# Bonsai News



## BYOB

By Pam W

This month..... A Bring Your Own Bonsai party will be an unforgettable experience. It involves fairly straightforward preparations and the whole evening is centered around working on your tree. We will have a fun, low-fuss, gathering of a group of friends for a casual evening of bonsai techniques. I love working on my trees, and I particularly love working with friends, so any affair that allows me to share bonsai and conversation with people I like is a-okay by me.

So bring your own fun to the party.

### MAY

May 4 - CLUB MEETING  
BYOB - Work night  
May 8 - Novice class #4  
May 15-16 - Chicago Show

### JUNE

June 1 - CLUB MEETING  
Guest artist Tom Longfellow  
June 25-27 - MABA convention

### JULY

July 1 - CLUB MEETING  
Photographing your tree, treating wounds, getting ready for a show  
July 10 - Wauwatosa Tour  
July ?? - club picnic  
July 31 - Suthin workshop

### AUGUST

Aug 1 - Suthin workshop  
Aug 3 - CLUB MEETING  
guest artist Suthin S  
Aug 5-15 - State Fair  
Aug 20-22 - Chicago Show

### NEXT MEETING

May 4 - 7 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church

# President's Message

## "I Wish I Had Found That"

Is it just me or does everyone look at other people's bonsai material and think "I wish I had that"? You look at the tree and think of ways you would work on the tree. By joining MBS we share our visions with each other. Vision; Larry Ragle a guest artist at one of our past conventions said great bonsai comes from great material. Your board really takes this to heart. They have made it their mission to find new interesting material for the novice class. New interesting ways to work on material such as the upcoming meeting where we will be asking members to bring your own tree to work on so we can share our visions with each other. And let's not forget this past month's new interesting way to get great material. The Ginkgo Dig where easily 30 members were able to dig up several potential great bonsai material and of course I was saying to myself "I wish I had found that".

- Pam W

## MID AMERICA BONSAI ALLIANCE

April 15, 2010 Information Bulletin

Greetings from the MABA

Hopefully you are aware of the upcoming MABA2010 Convention scheduled for June 25-27 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Rather than going into great detail here simply let me say we have some great events planned. You can find all the exciting details and registration forms on the MABA website at [www.mababonsai.org](http://www.mababonsai.org).

On Sunday morning, June 27, during the MABA Convention, we will have the annual MABA meeting and election of officers. Officers serve for 2 year terms. Each MABA member club has one vote and you are encouraged to attend. The elected positions

are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. An Information Bulletin will be sent out at the end of May which will list all Officer Positions and the names of those that have expressed interest. The MABA Board will also present a slate of recommended nominees. So please, if there is an interested member in your club who wishes to run for one of the elected offices, send the name, a short bonsai resume and the relevant office to the MABA Secretary, Janine Catchpole at [J9-Catchpole@comcast.net](mailto:J9-Catchpole@comcast.net).

We have recently had a request for a list of regional bonsai artists. This has led to the discovery that our list is somewhat out-of date, and we're working to update it! MABA Vice-President Steve Moore has prepared the following request:

*To help us in up-dating our Regional Bonsai Artist list, I'm asking for your help. (Yes, You). Would you be willing to speak, or do a demonstration, at another club or bonsai group? If you are, we will, with your permission, add your name and contact info to the MABA information base.*

*Please don't let this idea frighten you. Frankly, you probably know more than you give yourself credit for. Most people do. Please read over the following questions and as you do, please refer to these descriptions:*

**Novice:** no bonsai knowledge or experience. (This includes the general public.)

**Beginner:** some knowledge, but still mastering the fundamentals of bonsai care and styling, such as watering, fertilizing, winter care, and wiring.

**Intermediate:** comfortable with the fundamentals, but seek help/advice with advanced techniques such as grafting, and with some of your styling.

**Advanced:** comfortable with all but the most unusual techniques; usually don't need advice on styling.

*The questions are:*

- 1. What do you think is your level of bonsai knowledge? (Novice, beginner, intermediate, or advanced?)*
- 2. At what level(s) would you be willing to teach and/or demonstrate?*
- 3. On what topic(s) are you comfortable speaking/teaching?*
- 4. Are you willing to speak/demonstrate for other*

groups, at your specified level and on your specified topics?

5. How far are you willing to drive (one way) to speak to another group?

Here are my own answers to these questions:

1. Intermediate
2. Novice or beginner
3. Basics of soils; tropicals and yews as bonsai; choosing nursery stock; styling demonstrations
4. Yes
5. Two hours give or take

Think about it, and decide if you can help us in this way. Then send me your answers by email, please, at [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net). You can number your answers as I did; I'll keep a record of the questions. I would appreciate getting answers within the next 30 days.

Thanks for considering this, and for any help you can give to help promote the love of bonsai in the MABA region!

That completes this Information Bulletin and I look forward to seeing you in June at the MABA2010 Convention.

Paul Weishaar  
President, Mid America Bonsai Alliance

**THE MABA  
(MID-AMERICA BONSAI ALLIANCE)  
CONVENTION  
IS COMING UP SOON!**

**JUNE 25-27**

**PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.  
YOU'LL WANT TO HEAD TO GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
TO ATTEND THIS CONVENTION.**

**KATHY SHANER WILL BE THE HEADLINER. OUR  
OWN JACK D WILL BE A GUEST ARTIST!**

**GO BACK TO THE MBS HOMEPAGE AND CLICK ON  
"WHAT'S NEW"**

**UNDER JUNE YOU WILL SEE A LINK TO THE  
MABA REGISTRATION PACKET. ALL YOU NEED  
TO KNOW IS IN THIS PACKET. WE ARE HOPING  
TO HAVE A CARAVAN OF CARS / VANS HEADING  
TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE. WORKSHOPS  
WILL FILL UP FAST, SO GET YOUR REGISTRATION  
IN AS SOON AS YOU CAN. JOIN US FOR A GREAT  
WEEKEND!!**

## WHAT ARE BONSAI BUCKS?

Bonsai Bucks are points that you can accumulate when helping out at a function such as State Fair, Public workshops, Folk Fair etc. Each 3-4 hour session earns you 1 Bonsai Buck. Each BB counts for \$3 towards the Holiday Party in December. Earn 6 Bonsai Bucks and your dinner and delightful evening of entertainment are paid for. Anyone earning more than 6 BB will receive 1 ticket for each BB to be used in a special drawing the evening of the Holiday Party.

### OPEN WORKSHOP 2/6:

1 Bonsai Buck

Pam W, Kris Z, Tony P and Jorge R

### REPOTTING WORKSHOP 3/27:

1 Bonsai Buck

Pam W, Kris Z and Steve Car.

### GINGKO DIG:

2 Bonsai Bucks

Steve Car. and Houston S

### NOVICE CLASSES #1:

1 Bonsai Buck

Jean S, Kris Z

### NOVICE CLASSES #2:

1 Bonsai Buck

Ron F, Jean S, Kris Z, Pam W

If we have  
omitted your name,  
please contact:

Kris at -  
[hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com)  
or  
262-512-1228

## First ever Ginkgo dig... the report:

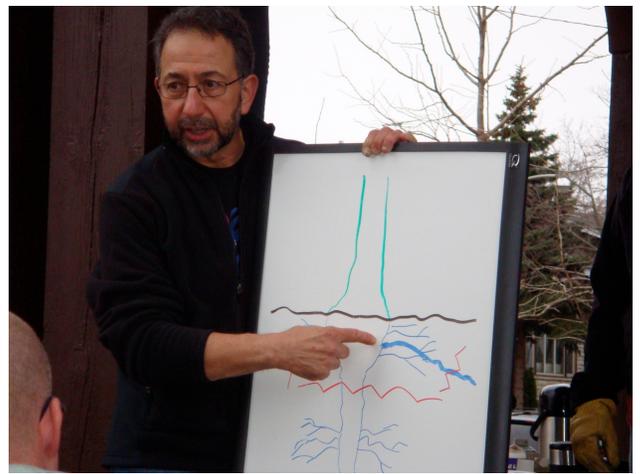
Steve Carini

Well in spite of the cold and prediction of rain, 32 excited MBS club members met on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00AM to play in the dirt. Everyone patiently listened to Houston and me as we shared all the



mistakes we had made 2 weeks earlier, when we did a test dig. We began to dig at about 9:30 and I, for one, had a great time. The most wonderful part in my opinion, was how well we all worked together.

You see, the biggest mistake that Houston and I made was that we began by digging our own tree. This was nearly impossible, as it was too hard to navigate amongst all the closely positioned trees. It went so well when all 32 of us broke up into a few groups and just started digging. And the rain didn't stop us... in fact it was perfect for the trees. We were able to dig the trees and just set them out on the grass and the rain kept them wet. Most of the group took off by 12:30 or so and went home to warm up and



to pot their treasures. Many stayed to clean up all the mud we had tracked all over the sidewalks, and I left about 4:30... cold, wet and wiped out. I cannot remember the last time I took a nap, but I went home and I slept for 3 hours. The day could not have gone any better.

So, how many trees did we dig? Well so far, 27 members have checked in with me and the total is 177 trees, mostly all are ginkgos, I think a few were black cherry, and one is unknown. I have not heard





from about 5 people so I bet we collected over 200 trees... WOW! I was amazed this weekend as I was showing

course, all of YOU, for making this event such a success. It was really a win-win-win situation. Bill and Janice now have a navigable lot to further develop, we have some nice specimen trees, and the trees have new adoptive parents who will nurture and strive to keep them alive! Watch the newsletter in early fall for a time we can bring one or two trees to a club meeting, just to compare and contrast how well they are all doing. And next year... how about we plan a meeting on just what we should know when developing a ginkgo bonsai.

mine to a neighbor, when I noticed a green bud, and even more amazed the next day, when I found buds on all the trees, with one ambitious tree having seven.



Oh, and one more thing; you all donated \$191 for the garden planting we will gift to Bill and Janice Doyle. Sometime soon I

I would like to sincerely thank Houston, for helping me plan and carry out this event. I would also like to thank the many who brought snacks for us to munch on all day, Bill and Janice Doyle who so graciously allowed this wacky bunch of tree nuts to dig up their yard, and of



will draw a garden plan, have Bill and Janice approve it, and set a date to do the planting. I am sure that many of you will want to help.

So today, my partner Lori hands me a recipe... it is a recipe for ginkgo porridge. It calls for rice, water, honey to taste and about 12 ginkgo nuts. She said that the next time we have an MBS event, there ought to be just the right number of ginkgo NUTS in attendance, to make a hearty porridge! Thanks Lori.



## Suthin Workshops for 2010

Spaces for the 2010 Suthin workshops are filling up fast. Those who are interested should reserve their slots with a \$50 deposit per workshop. Each workshop will have no more than 8 participants.

Here are availabilities:

Sat. July 31, 0 openings.....wait list only  
Sun. August 1, **2 openings**  
Monday, August 2, **2 openings**  
Tues. August 3, **Available all day for private, semi-private, workshops, etc.**

Sat. Sept. 25 0 openings, ,,,,wait list only  
Sun. Sept. 26, **4 openings**

You can forward your non-refundable deposit of \$50 per workshop, payable to MBS, to:

Judy Hughes  
414 Maple Lane  
Williams Bay, Wi. 53191

These workshops are open to ALL members of MBS of any skill level and will cost \$75-115 per workshop (price to be determined soon).

This is a great opportunity to improve our Bonsai knowledge and skills. Learning from one of the best.  
**DON'T MISS OUT !!!!!**

Any questions, please call,  
Judy Hughes 262-245-6465.



CHECK OUT..

**Badger Bonsai's Show at  
Olbrich Gardens in Madison**

May 15-16th

10:00AM to 5:00 PM

admission is free and it is very easy to get to.

Take I-94 west straight into Madison after the interchange to go north to the Dells or south to Illinois it will be the second exit "Fair Oaks" at the bottom of the ramp turn left. Go to the second traffic light turn left and Olbrich will be on your left in about two blocks.

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**Milwaukee Bonsai Society Membership Form 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if your information below HAS NOT CHANGED.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(This e-mail address will not be shared with other parties and is for MBS Board use only.)

for (circle)    **Single** 1 year \$25   2 years \$48   3 years \$70

**Family** 1 year \$35   2 years \$68   3 years \$100

Do you have any hidden talents / interests that you would be willing to share with our members?  
If so, please describe:

Please send to: Milwaukee Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
7PM, Tuesday, May 4  
Grace Lutheran Church  
3030 W Oklahoma

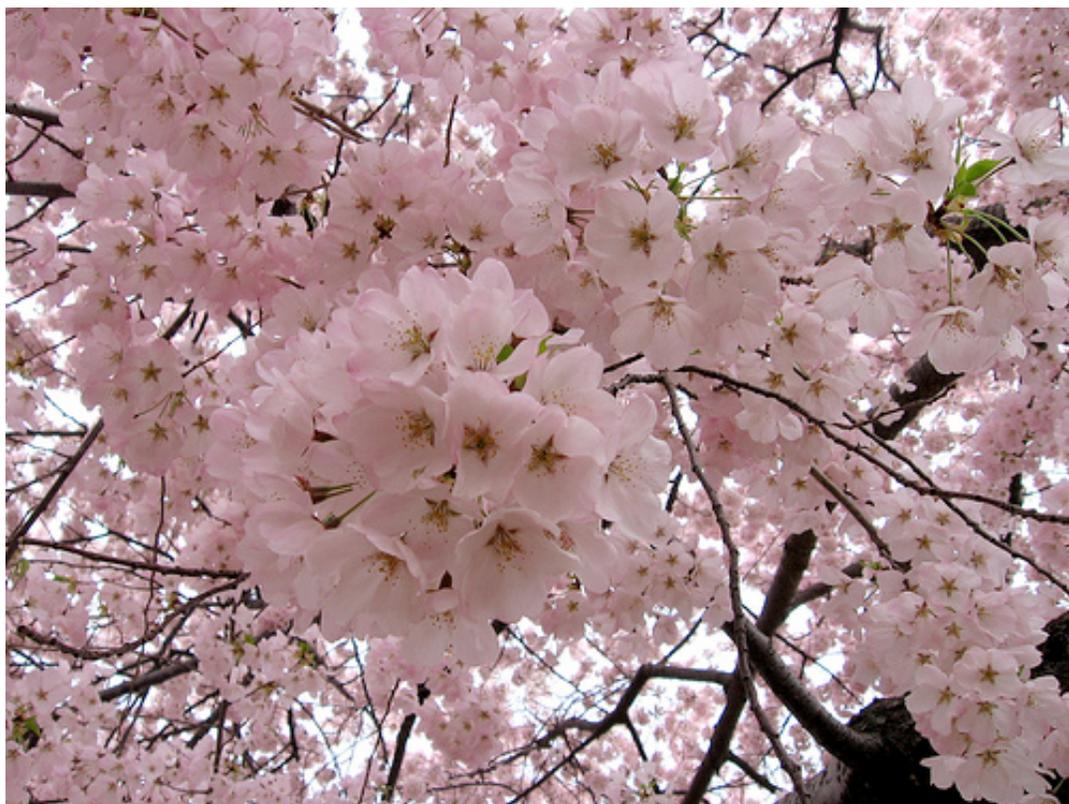
Please note our new P.O. Box #

## 2010 MBS OFFICERS

President	Pam W
First VP	John M
Second VP	Greg P
Secretary	Jorge R
Treasurer	Kris Z
Director	Jerry N
Director	Steve Car.
Director	Steve Con.
Past Pres.	Joe H

### Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z  
Webmaster - Pam W  
Librarian - Tom A  
Telephone response - John M  
PAB Board - Don G, Leo S, & Houston S



*Breath of scented sweet,  
flutters by on soft breezes.  
Memories of May*

*-Laura L*