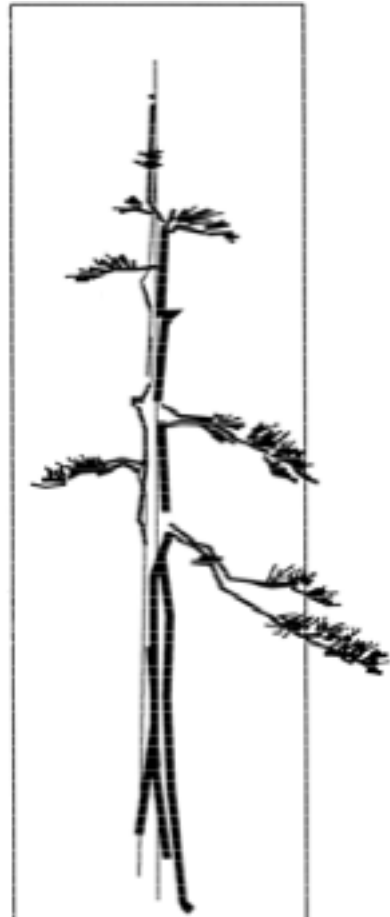


NOVEMBER 2013

Bonsai News



Milwaukee
Bonsai Society

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Milwaukee, WI
53224

Information Line
414-299-9229

NOVEMBER MEETING

Part 1 - Advice about re-potting in Fall (it's all about nematodes).

Part 2 - One of our club trees (the hemlock) will be present for styling. We'll ask the group for ideas on how to advance this tree, cutting, branch placement, re-designing, etc.

Part 3 - Bring questions on how to over winter your trees.

**AND REMEMBER THE
OPEN WORKSHOP ON
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10 (10-2).**
*If you joined us at the
public workshop in
September, bring your
tree to ask questions.*

2013 Events

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 - Society Meeting

Talk about quince / work
on hemlock /
overwintering answers

Nov 10 (Sun) - Open workshop
10-2

Nov 22-24 - Folk Fair Exhibit

DECEMBER

Dec 3 - Society Holiday Party
and Awards Banquet -

Meyer's Restaurant

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Nov 5 - 7:00 pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens

REMEMBER

**Come to the society
meetings at 6:00 for social
time and to get advice on
trees you bring.**

President's Message

This is the most difficult newsletter that I will write during my presidency. With a very heavy heart I must inform you of the passing of Anna Stadnicka on October 17th. She was just elected to our Executive Committee after two years on the Program Activities Board. Anna was a quiet person, an excellent scientist who loved bonsai, loved to tree sit, was generous with time and donations to MBS. I was very close to Anna and will miss her dearly as will our society. There will be a memorial for Anna on Monday October 28, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm in Room H4950 at the Medical College of Wisconsin 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. MBS members are invited to attend.

On October 12th I attended the North Carolina Bonsai Expo in Asheville. Their Exhibit is quite a bit different from ours. Fourteen Societies from throughout the South East take part in the Expo. The trees are arranged by Society each having 4 to 12 trees in their display. I was able to speak with Arthur Joura, the curator of the bonsai collection at the NC Arboretum, about his visit to Milwaukee next June. I also toured their collection noting several displays of multiple species in one pot, the specialty of Mr. Joura. It will be an interesting meeting next June, I am looking forward to it.

While in the Atlanta area a visit was made to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, a Trappist Monastery with a long bonsai history. By engaging in a polite but persistent conversation with one of the Monks

I was able to gain access to their private collection garden. It was worth the effort since they have some very nice old trees (some in need of a little TLC). Their sale area is large with a few trees and more pots than I have seen anywhere else.

Please remember about the challenge grant from Jack D to establish a bonsai collection in the Milwaukee area. Keep in mind that your donations are tax deductible and will be doubled by the challenge grant. See an accompanying article by Jack in this newsletter.

Steve

FOLK FAIR INFO

Remember that the Holiday Folk Fair is coming up November 22 to 24 and we want to have tree sitters working on trees this year. We will have a "trees in training" section like at State Fair so if you will be tree sitting please bring a tree to actually work on while you are there. You can bring with you when you come to sit or on Thursday at tree drop off from 6 to 8 pm. We still need a few tree sitters and trees for display.

Come prepared to sign up at the November 5 meeting.

If you are interested in participating in the Peter Tea Master's Class, please fill in the form below and bring to the November meeting or send to P.O. Box 240822 Milwaukee, WI 53224 . **Please do show your commitment by the end of November.** We need to know how many members will be participating to figure out how many classes there will be and to set up Peter's flights. See last month's newsletter for particulars. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 must accompany reservation.

PETER TEA RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Home phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____ cell phone # _____

Ability level (circle one) novice intermediate advanced

I wish to participate in the Peter Tea Master's Class. I include a non-refundable check for \$50 which will go toward my fees for the class. By signing below, I have read the above guidelines of the class and agree to follow them.

Signature _____ check # or cash _____

_____ I am interested in taking a private session with Peter. (This just shows interest. There is no commitment at this time.)

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A Milwaukee Public Bonsai Collection

Having a collection of bonsai in the Milwaukee area that is open to the public, has been the dream of many people in the Milwaukee Bonsai Society(MBS). Recently, to help make that dream into a reality, four people - Michelle Zimmer, Greg Polak, Jorge Rossette, and Steve Contney - joined me in making the creation of a Public Bonsai Collection in Milwaukee a priority. Calling ourselves the Milwaukee Bonsai Committee, we are committed to accomplishing two things:

- 1) find a suitable location for the collection and
- 2) raise the money necessary to finance the collection.

Over the years several possible locations for a collection have been considered. Now we may have found a great home for it. The Lynden Sculpture Garden on Brown Deer Road. It's mission statement "*where art meets nature*" parallels that of MBS, and they have expressed interest in the collection. We have been displaying a bonsai in their entrance lobby for several weeks. (To see some of the trees displayed go to <http://www.lydensculpturegarden.org/calendar> and click on the Facebook link.) Several additional bonsai events are being planned at their facility in the next few months.

In the last newsletter you read about my offer to match all funds donated to the Public Bonsai Collection Fund until December 31, 2013, up to a total of \$50,000. Donation levels have been established and the number of donors at that level, as of October 21, 2013, is listed below:

Supporter - up to \$99	2 donors
Promoter- \$100 up to \$499	6 donors
Contributor - \$500 up to \$999	3 donors
Sustainer - \$1,000 up to \$4,999	3 donors
Sponsor - \$5,000 up to \$9,999	1 donor
Patron - \$10,000 to \$19,999	1 donor
Benefactor - \$20,000 and above	none yet

All donations to the Milwaukee Public Bonsai Collection Fund will be acknowledged in a public campaign report. Gifts from an individual, or an organization, of \$1,000 or above will appear on the Collection's donor recognition wall.

The MBS Board of Directors and the Milwaukee Bonsai Committee are working closely together to insure the success of this effort. A strong financial commitment from the bonsai community is extremely important. If we can tell a Foundation or a large corporation, when we apply for a grant, that the bonsai community has raised \$100,000 toward the collection it would give us immediate credibility. So the importance of meeting the matching grant cannot be overstated.

Show your support by clicking on the link below. Print the form, fill it out and mail it with your check today! If your donation is received before December 31, 2013, I will match it.

[Donate Now](#)

Thank you for your support.

Jack Douthitt

43rd Annual Exhibit

September 20-22 2013

By Pam Woythal

In wrapping up my thoughts on this year's annual exhibit, I have to use words that express moments that change everything. Moments that make us feel the magic. Since I felt this, I feel compelled to understand what made the event so special for me.

1. **The quality of the people around me.** This exhibit was off the charts, I remember having to ask someone to help me pick up sandwiches for lunch and puff it was handled. Not even thinking of counting People's Choice awards, puff it was handled before I thought of it. Standing in the hall and getting to talk to members who are just as interested in making this event as successful as I was, just a series of great "puff" moments.
2. **The quality of the speaker.** Sometimes workshops and exhibits suck. You get to watch other people work on a piece of material you wish you had. With Kathy Shaner, we were able to build in a complete demonstration and some time for questions at the end of the event. Who didn't learn some useful nugget to take with them?
3. **The focus on the trees.** If I'm trying to learn what makes a good composition, what stands out as good artistic quality in a tree, I might pay to attend this exhibit. If I am interested in knowing how my tree might be changed to take it to the next level, the exhibit was the single best value that it could have been.
4. **The small details.** Are there enough good tables for trees? Is the signage clear? Is there music and good lighting? Is the room air the right temperature? Is the tree in the right place? (Some experienced moving trees 3 or more times). Is it packed with interesting vendors? Is the food great and plentiful? Are seats comfortable? Everyone's help in preparing these details contribute to people having fun, experiencing the event in the best possible way.
5. **Is there a community that the annual exhibit helps form?** The above thoughts mention this, but did you see people hanging together at evening events, or during lunch, or between workshops? Talking about study groups, collections, technique, that is community!
6. **Was there at least one moment that just inspires?** The key here was the Friday Reception, the announcement of Jack's Challenge Grant made the entire weekend feel magical. Real significant news was shared; it made everyone's list of things to talk about with each other all weekend.
7. **Does it start, or expose, a movement?** We raised over \$20,000 (\$40,000 if you include the matching grant) toward our shared vision of having a bonsai collection in the Milwaukee area. In less than 48 hours! We also raised enough money in raffles to contribute to MBS operations. More importantly, we all, including our honored guest, shared our love of bonsai and gave generously in time and spirit.

This event will go down as one of my favorite events because I was able to learn, hang out with, and share with people my own love of that movement; in the series of inspired magical moments at this year's annual exhibit. Thanks you!

Below are the Bonsai Bucks earned from Folk Fair of 2012 through the Open Workshop 10/6/13. If you feel there is an error, please contact Kris hagr8d@mac.com or 262-512-1228. By earning 6 Bonsai Bucks you receive a complimentary Holiday dinner. Any Bonsai Bucks over 6 are put into a special drawing for \$50 certificates for future MBS workshops. REMEMBER YOU MUST STILL FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM IF YOU HAVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER. Also, please remember to bring a small, bonsai related gift for door prizes.

Basich, P	3	Molling, J	2
Bills, J	1	Moore, J	22
Carini, S	1	Nemec, J	4
Contney, S	33	Niemiec, J	2
DeBeneditto, M	1	Nold, M	3
Fortmann, R	11	Plicka, T	12
Goetzke, B	4	Plichta, R	4
Gralinski, D	8	Polak, G	6
Gumieny, D	3	Rode, L	1
Hughes, C	5	Rode, W	1
Hughes, J	7	Schley, J	4
Judy, K	3	Schmidt, J	17
Judy, P	2	Sher, J	3
Kopydlowski, K	1	Stadnicka, A	15
Kosarek, A	12	Stoeveken, K	2
Lindell, S	19	Sweet, B	17
Lucchetti, N	2	Timm, P	1
Majewski, N	3	Wall, T	3
McNeely, J	2	Woythal, P	17
Menzel, J	1	Ziemann, K	25
		Zimmer, M	1



HOLIDAY PARTY 2013

Our annual Holiday party will again be at Meyer's restaurant at 74th and Forest Home. It's a festive occasion and folks always have a great time. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a BONSAI RELATED wrapped gift as a contribution for our door prizes. Please fill out the reservation form below and bring it with a check to the **November 5 Society meeting** or send to our mailbox:

MBS P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224



Date: Tuesday December 3, 2013
Time: 6:00-7:00 cash bar
7:00 Family Style Dinner
Place: Meyer's Restaurant (74th and Forest Home)
Price: \$18 per person

Reservations must be
**RECEIVED by MONDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

**REMEMBER: EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER,
YOU MUST FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM !!!**

.....HOLIDAY PARTY Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Phone # (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Number of dinners _____ @ \$18 each = \$ _____

- Buddy Bucks _____ @ \$3 each = - (\$ _____)

Check # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS).
Bring check to November meeting or
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MONDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2013



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2013 Membership Application



Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Membership Type

New or Renewal:

☐ Individual 1 year \$25 ☐ Individual 2 years \$48 ☐ Individual 3 years \$70
☐ Family 1 year \$35 ☐ Family 2 years \$68 ☐ Family 3 years \$100

Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)

Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

☐ Events ☐ Administration ☐ Other (let us know your interest)
☐ Fundraising ☐ Newsletter production
☐ Tree Exhibiting/Sitting ☐ Volunteer coordination

Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Mail to:

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Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday August 6, 2013
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

2013 MBS OFFICERS

President	Steve Con.
First VP	Judy S
Second VP	Kris Z
Secretary	Ron F
Treasurer	Susan L
Director	John M
Director	Barbara S
Director	Allen K
Past Pres.	Pam W

Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z

Webmaster - Pam W

PAB Board - Rob P, Anna S & Houston S

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