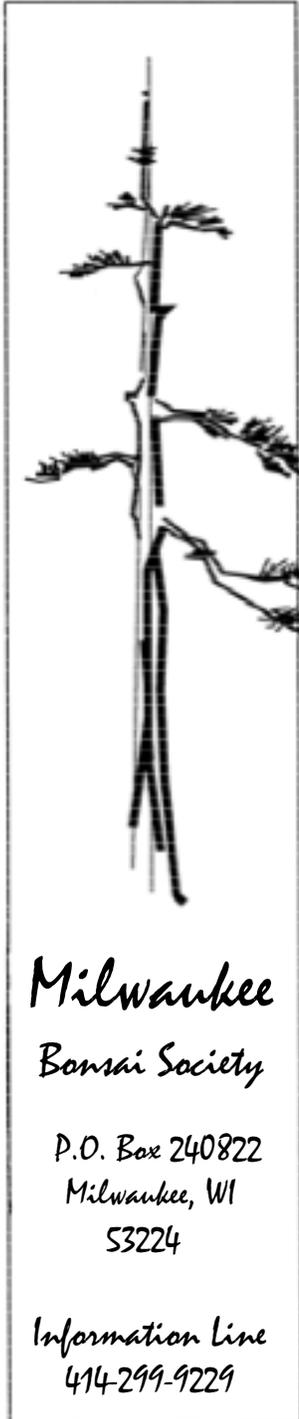


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Bonsai News



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Although there is no Tuesday night meeting in July, please come to the re-potting workshop on Sunday July 20 from 1:00 to 4:00. It's a chance to re-pot some tropicals you may have, help out someone else with their re-potting or just come to get together and have fun!

Participants from the public workshops... bring your trees/pots - the soil and wire will be provided for you.

All others, be sure to bring whatever you may need to re-pot (soil, pot, wire, etc)

Join us!

Have some fun!

Trees and pots will be available for purchase.

2014 Events

JULY

- July 1 - NO MEETING
- July 12 - Intermed. Class #3*
- July 12 - Wauwatosa Exhibit
- July 20 - Open repotting workshop at Boerner 1-4
- July 31 - State Fair Exhibit

AUGUST

- August 1-10 - STATE FAIR
- Aug 5 - Club Meeting
Guest artist - painter
Charlotte Fung Miller
- August 15-17 - Midwest Bonsai Show at Chicago Botanical Garden

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2 - Club Meeting
Spruce follow-up with
Jack Douthitt
- Sept 19 - Annual Show reception with Colin Lewis
- Sept 20-21 - ANNUAL SHOW and workshops*
- Sept 19 - Public Workshop
*Members only

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday August 5 - 6:45
Boerner Botanical Gardens

President's Message

Hi All,

Here it is July already. No monthly meeting this month and no MBS picnic this year. Hopefully everyone will have enough going on to keep busy.

We will be at the Wauwatosa Garden Exhibit on the 12th of July. There is an Open Workshop - Tropical Repotting on July 20. Bring a tropical tree to repot and enjoy the company of friends. See the front page for more information Everyone is welcome.

State Fair is almost upon us. Have you signed up to tree sit yet? If you haven't, Steve will be calling you! Don't say you are not knowledgeable enough. You know more than the general public and you will learn even more by doing it. Remember that the trees shown during the fair are judged. You get a written critique, the judge's opinion on what to do to make your bonsai better. This is valuable information on how you can improve your tree. So, it is to your advantage to show a tree at State Fair and get insight on how to make your tree a winner. State Fair starts July 31 this year. It's a good way for novice and beginners to get to know what it's

The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) is pleased to announce the Indianapolis Bonsai Club will be host for the 2015 MABA Convention. The event will be held at the Clarion Hotel Waterfront Plaza & Conference Center in Indianapolis July 10 - 12, 2015 with Suthin Sukosolvisit as the headline artist. Periodic bulletins will be issued as additional details are finalized. Be sure and mark the MABA Convention in your 2015 calendar now.

like to enter a judged show. More information on where and how to drop off and pickup trees is in this newsletter.

I hope everyone who wants to has found a study group to join. If not, find some other members who want to start one and start one. Usually more experienced members help and direct those just starting. It's very helpful for everyone involved. If you want help starting a Study Group contact a board member and we will be glad to assist. It's a great way to improve your own skills and your trees.

Study Group openings

We have openings for anyone wanting to join our study group. The meetings are once a month at my home in Waukesha.

Our Instructor is Steve Carini and our estimated skill level is Intermediate. Our class has been together for about five years and we enjoy our monthly gatherings very much.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Don G dg@electricalconceptsinc.com

- Greg

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR JULY 31 - AUG 10

STATE FAIR 2014 - Are you interested in [entering a tree at State Fair?](#) If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. **Please sign up at Club meetings or call 262-512-1228 to participate.**

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2011

Exhibit #1 (July 31 - August 2)
Exhibit #2 (August 3 - August 6)
Exhibit #3 (August 7 - August 10)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, July 30 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **
Sunday, Aug 3 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **
Saturday, Aug 2 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from **
Thursday, Aug 7 from 9am - 9:30am

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, Aug 6 6pm - 6:30pm OR
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 5

Pick up trees from **
Monday Aug, 11 from 9am - 9:30am

** Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry/Fashion Bug sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)

When checking in please bring:

- + your list of scientific names and common names,
- + the approximate age of the tree,
- + stand, accent, sketch of display, and the proposed style of tree.

HAVING A PICTURE OF YOUR SET-UP IS
RECOMMENDED!!

It is also wise to mark all components of your display with your name.

(an address sticker is usually adequate)

Note: If the drop off/pick up schedule is not good for you, please make personal arrangements for your trees with someone who will care for them. YOU must alert the crew about these arrangements so trees will not be misdirected, lost or stolen.

To exhibit a tree call or email

Kris at 262-512-1228, hagr8d@mac.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2014 State Fair committee.

For specific information as to whether your tree will qualify to be entered at State Fair, please go to:

http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/hort/society_shows.pdf

Go to Bonsai info... p14-15

If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Steve by phone or email: 414-774-7714 or stephen.contney@att.net

SUMMER SNIPPITS

- All trees should be outdoors by now
- Remember to rotate your trees so the sun will hit all sides
- July is a great time to repot tropicals
- Examine your trees and evaluate their condition. How is the foliage color? Any spots on the leaves? Pinching and pruning needed? Any wire cutting into branches? Move your tree from its growing area and place it on a workbench for examination. Surprising what you see!
- Fertilize every 1-2 weeks or so. Perhaps alternate the chemical fertilizers (20-20-20, a low nitrogen 'blooming' formula, various rose fertilizers). Alternating helps ensure that the trees get trace elements that may not be present in all the products.
- Prepare your tree for State Fair!

SOMETHING NEW IN BONSAI BUCKS

Whenever you volunteer at an MBS function (State Fair, workshops, Folk Fair, etc), you will receive Bonsai Bucks. For the first time, you will be able to convert these Bonsai Bucks to raffle tickets to be used at the Annual exhibit.

Volunteering to 'tree sit' at State Fair will be your last opportunity this year to receive Bonsai Bucks. Anything after that will be accumulated for the 2015 Annual Exhibit.

Soap Solution for Pest Control

Pour 1-2 tablespoons of original Dawn dishwashing detergent and 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in a gallon jug. Slowly add water to fill the jug. Pour part of this solution into a spray bottle and add 2 capfuls of rubbing alcohol. Use immediately. If there is any solution left in the spray bottle, add 2 more capfuls of alcohol the next time you want to spray your trees. It seems



that the contents of the gallon jug (soap and vegetable oil solution) can be stored for months without it going bad.

Spray on plants covering all leaf and stem surfaces. You may have to spray from 3 - 4 times with intervals of 3 days. Almost any kind of pest, including scale, can be eliminated using this solution. It is not necessary to wash off the spray as no adverse reactions have been found.

A NEW LOOK TO MY BONSAI BENCHES

by Kris Z

My old wooden benches were getting a bit weather worn, so with an idea from Rita L, I came up with this design. I think it's going to work out well.

A trip to Menard's to purchase some 2x4's (I got treated lumber - the wire shelving keeps the pots from touching the wood, so leeching toxins shouldn't be a problem), fence staples and wire shelving (heavy duty grey 96" x 20"). I already had the concrete blocks.

I cut the 2x4's into:

- 2 94" lengths
- 2 21" lengths and
- 3 17 1/2" lengths (braces)

My workplace was a level area on my driveway. First attach the ends to one of the long sides... drilling holes for the nails was an extra step, but made things so much easier.

Then, mark off the center of the long side (47") and then 21"-22" from the ends. Place the 3 17 1/2" lengths in place making sure that they are flush with the bottom of the long 2x4 (all are lying on a level surface). I made sure of this by placing my foot on both as I was nailing.



When all three braces are nailed on the one long side, place the other long side down and nail that in place.

Make sure your concrete blocks are level (very important). Place the wooden frame on the blocks making sure that the 2 end braces are securely over the blocks. Then, with the fence staples, attach the wire shelving to the frame.



I think this new design has a number of positives...

I don't believe I will have the accumulation of slugs under the pots like I did with the wooden-top benches.

There is better air circulation to the whole pot.

They have an airy-er feeling to them.

They were pretty quick and easy to make.

Experiment!
Enjoy!





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Next Meeting of MBS
Tuesday August 5, 2014
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Director	Steve Ca.
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Japanese maples
five finger leaves, red or green
delicate beauty