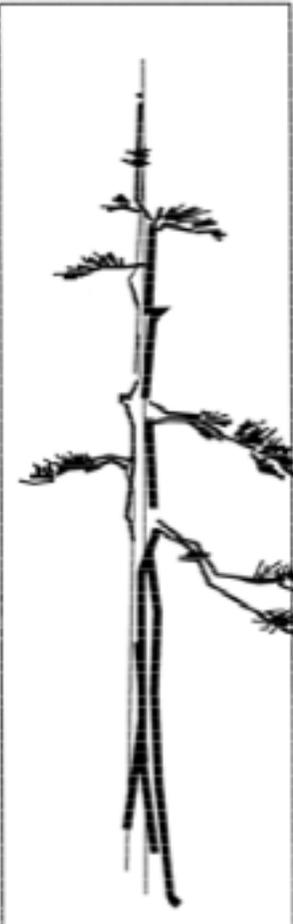


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Tuesday night meeting

One of the Very Best will be here in October Suthin Sukosolvisit

by Pam W

Just in... Best tree of the 2014 National Bonsai Exhibit was Suthin Sukosolvisit with an American Elm. In words from Jorge "the ramification is breathtaking; just beautiful."

Suthin (Su Tinn) Sukosolvisit has been a bonsai artist since 1970. He and his wife, Dararat, opened the Royal Bonsai Garden, Inc. in Stoughton, MA. His work can be viewed on the internet at www.royalbonsaigarden.com. Suthin has one of the finest selections of finished and pre-bonsai on the East Coast displayed at his nursery. Being from Thailand, he has extensive experience with tropical bonsai and is also a magician with shohin sized bonsai. He works extensively with Japanese maples, black pine and root over rock styles and is proficient with many other species.

He is considered to be without equal as far as shohin bonsai in the states. He lectures all around the world, and has been

2014 Events

OCTOBER

- Oct 4-5 Suthin workshops*
- Oct 7 - SOCIETY MEETING
Artist Suthin Sukosolvisit
- Oct 12 (Sun) - Open workshop
fall clean-up 10-2
- Oct 19 Intermediate Class#4*

NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 - SOCIETY MEETING
Bamboo / Update on
Fertilizers with Leo Schordje
- Nov 8-10 - Peter Tea
Advanced Classes #3*
- Nov 16 - Open workshop 10-2
- Nov 21-23 - Holiday Folk Fair

DECEMBER

- No Society Meeting
- *Members only**

the headliner at some of the biggest bonsai conventions in the United States. He is one of the most highly regarded speakers in the country and we are privileged to have him as a workshop artist this October. You won't want to miss this chance to work with one of the foremost bonsai artists on your trees.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Sept 2 - 6:45
Boerner Botanical Gardens

President's Message

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Wow, what a weekend!!! From our honored guest artist Colin Lewis, , and Jack D's announcement, our 44th Annual Exhibit was a Roarin' Success. Pam W. And Steve Co. deserves a round of applause for chairing a successful event this year and the same for all the volunteers who helped set up and take down the exhibit that made the event possible. A special thanks to Chris Hughes for standing by in the exhibit answering questions and making the visitors to the exhibition feel welcome. His lovely wife Judy for really going all out selling raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who exhibited this year and congratulations to all the ribbon winners. The vendors were great, the raffles were fun and helped the Bottom line.

The Workshops were fun and informative. Colin had some challenging nursery stock to work with. It was very informative as to how one would go about preparing general nursery stock for bonsai. He is planning on returning in two years to help style these trees into fabulous bonsai. He thought there would be some winners. Bonsai is not a race, and there is no such thing as instant Bonsai!

We think we showed that we can put on a successful exhibit and that we are a dedicated and fun group. It's your participation in the workshops, putting your trees in the display, and most importantly volunteering to help out that makes MBS the kind of association that draws world renowned instructors to come here.

Jack D. announced we are moving ahead with our Public Collection plan at Lynden Sculpture Gardens. Their lawyers are working on an agreement so we can finalize the placement of the public display at Lynden. Which is located At: **2145 W Brown Deer Rd River Hills WI**. For those of you who have never been there it is one of Milwaukee's Hidden Secrets. We also have the school of Architecture students as a class project designing a bonsai garden. It will be interesting to see what they come up with. Who knows? By next year at this time we may have ground breaking news.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money so far and those who have offered trees from their personal collections including the many guest artists we have had come to Milwaukee. It's really, really appreciated.

Greg

Suthin says plant enthusiasts who create bonsai can rejoice in "a four-season, living art." In fact, Suthin, said he was "like an addict," and had collected so many trees, he decided to open a nursery. He is a very humble, gracious and quiet person whose talent will absolutely astound and amaze. In fact, at the 2nd National US Exhibition Best tree went to a Japanese White Pine by Suthin Sukosolvisit.

We have openings left in our Saturday October 4 all day workshop. Both Sunday and Monday are filled. If you cannot attend that be sure to be wowed as Suthin updates our two club trees at our October 7 general meeting at 6:45. One he started in 2009 and the other in 2010. He has been working on both of these trees periodically since the original stylings.



5 gallon pot summer 1995



Spring 1998



After 2 years of careful pinching Nov 2000



A great example of his work

Congratulations to Kris Z and Ron F 2014 recipients of the June Kelly Award



Kris has been a member of MBS since the spring of 2000. She served on the Executive Board continuously from 2002 to 2008 as treasurer (2 years), 1st Vice- President (1 year), president (2 years) and past president (2 years) and was treasurer again in 2010 and 2011 and 2nd VP in 2012 and 2013. She has served on the ABS Symposium Committee in 2002 and the MABA Convention Committee in 2006.

Kris and Jean S put together the Novice Class “curriculum” for their own Novice class (8 participants) in 2002. Using this “curriculum”, she and Jean organized and actively participated as presenters in each Novice Class through 2011.

She has been the newsletter editor since August 2007. When it was decided to put the newsletter online, she worked with Pam W to accomplish this.

For the past fourteen years, Kris has served as a volunteer at Club Meetings, State Fair (also exhibitor), Bradley Gardens (also exhibitor), Wauwatosa GardenTour (also exhibitor), Asian Moon Festival (also exhibitor), Folk Fair (also exhibitor) and all the Public Workshops since 2004. Kris has organized the Ted Matson classes for the past 9 years. She also helped Judy S organize the Peter Tea classes. She has been willing to help wherever needed for the good of the club.

She attended the World Bonsai Convention in Washington D.C. in 2005 and the 1st U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, New York in 2008. She has attended 3 MABA conventions. Kris was elected treasurer of MABA for 2010-2014.

She has produced the MBS Club Brochure for 8 years.

Kris has also given of her time to sew “Wedgies” and “Bonsai Bibs” for club fundraisers.

-I am truly honored to receive this award. The future of MBS is so exciting, I'm glad to be a small part of it!

-Kris

Bonsai had been something that called me over forty years ago. I had books and I ventured to the State Fair year after year admiring these items of nature's beauty. But as with all good things, life sometimes gets in the way and soon those visions faded into the shadows. I attended my first meeting in June or July of 1994, and was immediately pulled into the business end of the club. I was elected to the board as a Director starting in the 1995 season. That led to terms as a director, treasurer, vice president, president, past president, a short break and back as a director and secretary

recently. I was part of two of convention committees and was the Chairperson for the 2006 convention. I have served on the Program Advisory Board and have been involved in many of the wonderful programs that MBS presents. I receive huge amounts of pleasure teaching the Novice and other classes, and contributing and sharing what bits of knowledge have been shared with me.

I will be real honest, in the beginning I was on the board so that I had a say in what artists came to Milwaukee and what programs the club provided for its members (me and others) to get in front of the movers and shakers of bonsai. To learn whatever we could to help us have better trees.

And it is because of all the opportunities that I and others were fortunate to participate in over these years that now I feel it is only right and honorable to give back what little I can to a club that has given so much to me. The artists this club has hosted in the past 20 years is littered with the who's who of bonsai. Here are just a few that I can remember having the opportunity to work with:

Roy Nagatoshi, Chase Rosade, Peter Adams, Brussel Martin, Jerry Meislik, Suthin, Mas Ishii, Herb Gustafson, Guy Guidry, Ivan Waters, Ernie Kuo, Hotsumi Terakawa, Colin Lewis, Ted Matson, Peter Tea, Jim Doyle, Kathy Shaner and there are probably another thirty or more that I could still list but will not at this time.

I hope that my work behind the scenes has helped this be one of the most respected clubs that these artists have visited, and I sincerely believe that there is not likely a club out there that works harder to give its members learning opportunities. So receiving the "JUNE KELLY" Award is just another great gift that I humbly thank those that honor me for the simple things I have contributed to this club's well being.

Once again I thank the club for this honor and I have barely provided a down payment for the debt I owe for the many gifts I have received. In the years to come I only hope that I can continue to pay back what this club has given to me. **-Ron**

2014 ANNUAL EXHIBIT RESULTS

Judge: Colin Lewis
Open (O), Intermediate (I), Novice (N)



1ST PLACE & BEST OF SHOW

Japanese Black Pine (O) - Jack D



2ND PLACE AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Hinoki Cypress (O) - Michelle Z



3RD PLACE

Eastern White Cedar (O) - Pam W

Slate of officers for 2015

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1ST PLACE

Ficus Nerifolia (I) - Jorge R



2ND PLACE

Japanese Garden Juniper (I) - Judy H



3RD PLACE

Ponderosa Pine (I) - Chris H

ADVICE FROM A TREE:

- STAND TALL + PROUD
- GO OUT ON A LIMB
- REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS
- DRINK PLENTY OF WATER
- BE CONTENT WITH YOUR NATURAL BEAUTY
- ENJOY THE VIEW

ILAN SHANIR

2014 ANNUAL EXHIBIT RESULTS

Judge: Colin Lewis

Open (O), Intermediate (I), Novice (N)



1ST PLACE

Tiger Bark Ficus (N) - Alex H



2ND PLACE

Creeping Juniper (N) - Liza W



3RD PLACE

Tiger Bark Ficus (N) - Kevin S

Winners of the Colin Lewis styled Hemlock

On Saturday night (9-21-14) the winning raffle ticket was drawn.... Miller and a phone number written on the reverse. Silence... Questions? Who is Miller? I (Jean S) was given the ticket to make contact with the winners. The lucky winners are Paul and Anne Miller. They attended the Public workshop on Saturday morning and designed their first bonsai. The workshop was a mutual 30th wedding anniversary gift. They stopped down to see the exhibit and attended the Demo while Colin Lewis designed the Hemlock. Needless to say they are Bonsai excited now. Paul told me that he thinks he put about 40 tickets in to win the tree. Our conversation about the "BIG WIN" assured Paul that they are not alone to care for this wonderful tree. He and Anne will be in contact with some of our more experienced members. Winter care and short-term daily care will also have helpful mentors from the club.

Congratulations to Paul and Anne on their beginning journey in this fascinating art.

Oh, and by the way, Happy Anniversary from all of us at MBS. We look forward to getting acquainted a bit more at the October Meeting.

44th Annual Exhibit Thank you! September 19-21 2014

By Pam Woythal

As we completed our fifth year of having our annual exhibit at Boerner Botanical Garden, I want to thank you all for everything we've accomplished in a short time.

In 2010 we came together and started our journey of raising the bar for our exhibit. Our goal was to hold an exhibit for more than one night, beautify the presentation of bonsai, and provide more value to the general public of Southeastern Wisconsin. I'm excited and proud of the progress we have made toward this one yearly event and how we are playing an even bigger role in our community:

- We have defined our annual exhibit as an event to give us a roadmap for future success and track our progress in achieving our vision to help individuals in their efforts to increase their knowledge and skills in the art of bonsai and increase the awareness of the art of bonsai and of the Society's activities among the general public of Southeastern Wisconsin. At this year's event we recapped a very successful run at getting a public collection in our community. We also honored two members for their service to our society. We achieved recognition from the surrounding bonsai community with their valued support and vendor donations.
- We are strengthening and improving our relationship with the community by engaging them in three days of varied MBS activities.
- We are successfully managing our fundamentals by continuing to make the event easier to set-up and manage, and are continuously learning and improving. Changing the way we approach the event is helping generate public excitement and financial capacity, which can be reinvested in other priorities to further strengthen our organization.

On a more personal note, I want to thank and congratulate our 2014 Annual Exhibit co-chairman Steve Co. Steve has been on all 5 annual exhibits committees. He has spearheaded several structure changes in our exhibit. He keeps trees thriving, stores and cleans linens, solicited for donations, ensures set-up and tear down goes smoothly and has his team (John M, Dennis G, Greg P, Tony P, Barb S and Janice S) running like a fine tuned race car (try keeping up with them.). And I know he has more ideas for improvements.

Other committee members who worked very hard to present a very fun and easy going event include Ron F who works to get more and diverse vendor participation. Kris who entertained Colin as well as handled all things Colin including her team (Jean S) on getting noteworthy material for us to work on. Susan L and her team (Judy H and Jean S) for pulling together another exciting and fun set of raffles. And of course our utility players Judy S, Greg P, and Michelle Z who help in all ways, exhibit set-up, raffle, clean-up, staging workshops, handle volunteer lunches, and Chris H who single handedly handled "entertaining the public" and securing our exhibit and Judy H who "manned" the hall so we could all enjoy the event.

These are only a few of our accomplishments this year and over the past five years for this event. While there is still more to do, we have made great strides. Thanks again to each of you for your commitment to attending and participating in the exhibit and all the hard work in building the foundation for this truly wonderful yearly event. Thank you!



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Other Club Functions:

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Bonsai in color
Painted by nature's cold hands
Leaves fall - fleeting joy
- Joe Nemec