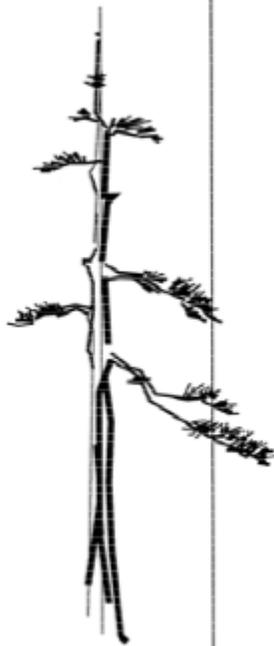


# BONSAI NEWS

September 2018



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## September Meeting

Join us at the September meeting to share insights from the top award winners at this year's State Fair. Members who received an Award of Merit or Best of Show will be bringing their trees to discuss. (See their pictures in this newsletter.)

Find out what it takes to have a show stopper! Here's your chance to ask these members what they did to get their tree/s to be show ready. A small gift will be given to all who attend!!! See you on the 4th.



## September

Sept 4—**MBS meeting**

State Fair winners

Sept 8 — Beginner workshop

Sept 22-Bonsai Basics #2\*

Sept 29-Intermediate class\*

## October

Oct 2—**MBS meeting**

Elms revisited

Oct 6-7 — Annual Exhibit

Oct 20-Bonsai Basics #3\*

Oct 27-Bonsai Basics #4\*

Oct 27-Intermediate class\*

## November

Nov 6—**MBS meeting**

Winter Storage updates

## December

No meeting

## January

No meeting

\*Open to MBS members only

**Next Meeting**  
**September 4, 2018**  
**6:45pm**  
**Boerner Botanical**  
**Gardens**

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## President's Message September 2018

The end of August is quickly approaching, giving way to September and thoughts of fall. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our time at State Fair a success. Having a booth at the fair is a great way for the public to learn more about our wonderful hobby. It is also a time we get to show off our trees to people! We had a few new members volunteering for tree sitting and entering trees in the exhibits this year. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will volunteer again next year. My husband, Michael, even manned the booth with me for one shift; proving that all of us who participate directly or even indirectly in this hobby know quite a bit more about bonsai than the general public. He had such a good time we will be tree sitting again together next year.

September will be an interesting month for MBS. First with the Tuesday night meeting where the State Fair winning trees will be brought back so we can all see them and talk to the designers about the future plans for the trees. Bonsai is an art with an ever changing canvas since our trees are constantly growing.

October and the Annual Exhibit are only a few weeks away and there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make the event a success. First, if you have anything you would like to donate for the raffles,

please contact me (I am heading up the raffle committee this year). I would be happy to help you with your donations. You may either call or email me or bring your items to the meeting in September or October. The AE raffles are a great fundraiser for the club and we wouldn't be able to have the raffles without contributions. Second, make sure you sign up for a workshop or the banquet either on Eventbrite (search for bonsai) or complete and return the registration forms found in this newsletter. And lastly, don't forget to sign up to have a tree (or two) in the exhibit. Walter Pall will be the judge this year and getting feedback on your tree from him will only enable you to have a better tree in the future. I hope everyone will consider helping out at the Annual Exhibit in some way this year. We can always use volunteers.

With 2018 winding down it is also time to elect board members for 2019. If you would like to be a member of the board please contact the nominating committee which is being headed up by Kris Z. Having new people on the board helps to keep ideas fresh and interesting.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday and I hope to see everyone at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Melissa



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# thank you

## THANKS TO THE STATE FAIR TREE SITTERS

A very sincere THANK YOU to all the club members who volunteered their time and expertise to man our displays at the State Fair. We manned 3 different shows; there were very nice trees on display. So, to Kris Z, Judy S, Tony P, John N, Ron F, Ben H, Kevin S, Pam W, Kyle T, Erich B, Tom S, Melissa J, John H, Laura C, Richard W, Teri W, Jim W, Dennis G, Christine H, Susan L, Bryan L, Steve C, Randy W, Wally V, Greg P, Jon G, Ian G, Bonnie P, Greg B, Michael J, please know you made our show possible, you were integral to our success.

And, kudos to those who did the demos. It can be intimidating to stand up in front of an audience and talk for a 30 to 60 min.

Hopefully next year we can add new names to our volunteer list.

Rob Plichta



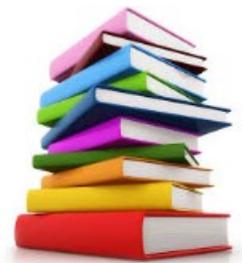
### Library Notes

The bonsai library recently received book donations from 2 club members. They are listed briefly below.

From Jan Schley

The Art of Flowering Bonsai  
Bonsai for Beginners  
Bonsai School  
Keep Your Bonsai Perfectly Shaped  
Bonsai Art, Science, History, Philosophy  
Bonsai Survival Manual  
Growing and Displaying Bonsai

Peter Adams  
Craig Coussins  
Craig Coussins  
Herb Gustafson  
Deborah Koreshoff (2copies)  
Colin Lewis  
ColinLewis/Neil Sutherland



From Greg Polack

The Artisans Cup 2015 Retrospective

These are wonderful additions to your collection from very generous members. Come to the library and check them out before they get shelved. And, please remember to return any books you have checked out.



Below is the slate of candidates for the **2019** Executive Committee:

President-Melissa J	1st VP-Bryan L
2nd VP-	Secretary-Leo S
Treasurer-Wally V	Director-Rob P
Director-Phil R	Director (3 yr)-

A vote will be taken at the **October** meeting to elect your 2019 officers

### Annual Exhibit Info

Please bring your entry forms (trees to be judged, workshop registration, dinner reservations) to the September or October Meeting or sign up on Eventbrite (search for bonsai) Extra forms will also be available at the meetings. To ensure your place in the workshops of the Annual Exhibit, get your reservations in ASAP.

Please bring anything you would like to donate for our Annual Exhibit to the Tuesday evening Sept 4 or October 2 Society meeting.

And remember, this is a tax-deductible donation to MBS 501 (C) (3).

Your help is greatly appreciated!

# State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice

Show #1—August 2-August 4—Judge Chris Baker

## Milwaukee Bonsai Society

### Best of Show

Chinese Quince Ron F (A)



### Awards of Merit

Willow Leaf Ficus - Kevin S - I

Cork Bark Elm - Kris Z - A

Schefflera - Kris Z - A

Twisted Juniper - Judy S - A

### Blue Ribbons

Chinese Quince - Ron F - A

Willow Leaf Ficus - Kevin S - I

Cork Bark Elm - Kris Z - A

Twisted Juniper - Judy S - A

Schefflera - Kris Z - A

Yew - Susan L - I

Ponderosa Pine - Judy S - A



Willow Leaf Ficus

### Red Ribbons

Ficus - Dennis G - I

Cherry - Dennis G - I

Ginkgo - Susan L - I

Chinese Elm - Jean S - A



Cork Bark Elm

### White Ribbons

Princess Earrings - Teri W - I

Juniper - Susan L - I

Burning Bush O Jean S - A

Yew - Bryan L - I



Twisted Juniper

Schefflera



# State Fair Results

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Show #2—August 5-August 8—Judge Jennifer Price

## Milwaukee Bonsai Society

### Best of Show

Ponderosa Pine Teri Wall I



### Awards of Merit

Willow Leaf Ficus - Susan L - I  
Natal Plum—Susan L— I  
Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - I  
Dawn Redwood Forest - Judy S - I

### Blue Ribbons

Ponderosa Pine - Teri Wall - I  
Dawn Redwood - Wally V - I  
Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - I  
Dawn Redwood Forest - Judy S - I  
Willow Leaf Ficus - Susan L - I  
Natal Plum - Susan L - I  
Boulevard Cypress - Tony P - A



Willow Leaf Ficus

### Red Ribbons

Maple - Jim W - N  
Ficus - Ian G - Youth

### White Ribbons

Jade - Jim W - N  
Twisted Pomegranate - Jim W - N  
Jaboticaba - Erich B - N  
Yew - Bryan L - I  
Bougainvillea - Susan L - I  
Ficus - Jim T - I



Natal Plum



Dawn Redwood Forest



Willow Leaf Ficus

# State Fair Results

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Show #3—August 9-August 12—Judge Chris Baker

## Milwaukee Bonsai Society

### Best of Show

Japanese Cork Bark Maple—Judy S (A)



### Awards of Merit

Dawn Redwood Forest — Rob P - I  
Mugho Pine - Rob P - I  
Japanese Weeping Willow - Kris Z - A  
Azalea - Judy S - A

### Blue Ribbons

Japanese Cork Bark Maple - Judy S - A  
Dawn Redwood Forest - Rob P - I  
Mugho Pine - Rob P - I  
Azalea - Judy S - A  
Japanese Weeping Willow - Kris Z - A  
Juniper procumbens - Brian S - A  
Ponderosa Pine - Penny T - I  
Fukien tea display - Greg B - A  
Juniper - Greg B - A  
Pine - Greg B - A  
Sequoia Sempervivens - Steve C - A



Dawn Redwood Forest

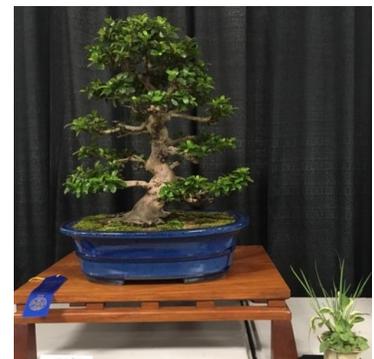
Mugho Pine



### Red Ribbons

Korean Hornbeam - Brian S - A  
Crape Myrtle - Susan L - I  
Weeping Fig - Dennis G - I  
Tiger Bark Ficus - Dennis G - I  
Tiger Bark Ficus - Dennis G - I  
Juniper, Tea, Jade Display - Dennis G - I  
Apple - Steve C - A

Japanese Weeping Willow



Azalea

*Bring your own tree workshop July 29, 2018 — Jennifer Price*

Brava to Jennifer Price, this was the BEST workshop I have attended since joining MBS. Jennifer is a talented and knowledgeable woman who shared with everyone her special gifts.

She could come back every year. ~Bonnie P





**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**  
**2018 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display **TWO** bonsai trees for **judging** at our annual exhibit. The display of your bonsai should include a stand and companion plant or object. To be able to display our member's trees appropriately, two deadlines will be used:

**First:** Registration **MUST** be received by **Monday, October 1**. If you do not meet this deadline, you must call to make sure there is room available for your tree. 262-512-1228

**Second:** All bonsai registered must be received between 4:00 and 7:00pm **Thursday evening October 4** at Boerner lower level. **Please don't be disappointed if you arrive Thursday with your tree and are turned away for not adhering to these deadlines!!**

Bring your entry form to the August or September meeting, send to the MBS mailbox (attn: Annual Exhibit): Milwaukee Bonsai Society, P. O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224, 262-512-1228

or register online using [Eventbrite](#)

**TREE INFORMATION**

PLEASE PRINT

Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Botanical Name \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in training \_\_\_\_\_ I would like my tree displayed on:

Division: Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one) \*high table \*\*low table

I have owned this tree over 2 winters  
(please circle) Yes No

**ACCESSORIES:**

Stand \_\_\_\_\_ Accent plant/object (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_ Accent stand \_\_\_\_\_

Scroll \_\_\_\_\_ (please show where you want it displayed in your exhibit)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR TREE MUST BE ON DISPLAY  
UNTIL THE PICK UP TIME ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

It would be very helpful if you have a picture or sketch of how you want your display set up..

## First Find of Boxwood Blight in Wisconsin

We have found boxwood blight in Wisconsin for the first time at a nursery grower's operation in Kenosha County. DATCP inspectors found suspect specimens during a routine annual inspection and USDA-APHIS confirmed July 19 that they were positive for *Calonectria*, the genus of the fungus that causes boxwood blight. While *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* (syn. *Cylindrocladium buxicola*, *C. pseudonaviculatum*) is the only species known to cause boxwood blight in the US, a closely related pathogen, *Calonectria henricotiae* is associated with boxwood blight in Europe. USDA-APHIS staff are currently working to grow this pathogen in clean culture in order to confirm the species responsible for boxwood blight in our state.

The nursery involved is working closely with DATCP to test its remaining stock, destroy plants in the block already found to be infected, and sanitize in an attempt to eradicate the disease. There was no sign of the pathogen in the 2017 inspection, so the hope is that we have caught it in a very early stage.

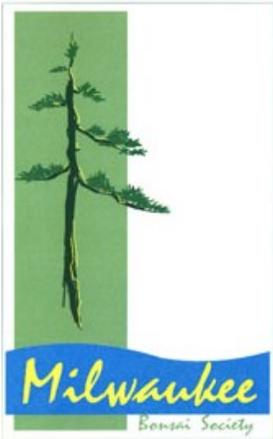
The grower will notify its customers who received stock, so they can take steps to check their boxwood plants. Anyone who finds signs of boxwood blight should submit samples to the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic in Madison.

Boxwood blight causes defoliation and decline of all species of boxwood, although they vary in their susceptibility. It also affects *Pachysandra terminalis* (Japanese spurge) and *Pachysandra procumbens* (Allegheny spurge). In boxwood, the most characteristic signs are brown leaf spots followed by defoliation, and black streaking on stems. In *Pachysandra*, brown leaf spots are the main symptoms.

Boxwood blight was first found in the United States in 2011, and has since been detected in more than two dozen states. The major means of spread is by movement of contaminated plant material – container- or field-grown plants or greenery used in holiday decorations. Spores can also be carried on pruning tools, clothing, equipment or vehicles that come in contact with infected plants.

There is no curative treatment for boxwood blight. Infected plants and leaf debris must be destroyed by burning, burying at least 2 feet deep, or double-bagging and landfilling. Composting will not work. The pathogen may persist in the soil for 5-6 years, so members of the *Buxaceae* family should not be planted there following removal and destruction of infected plants. Now that Wisconsin has had a positive detection of boxwood blight, nurseries in our state that grow boxwood will need to enter into an annual boxwood cleanliness agreement with WDATCP in order to minimize the spread of this pathogen and protect our nursery industry.

For more information, visit [https://datep.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/BoxwoodBlight.aspx](https://datep.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/BoxwoodBlight.aspx), email [DATCPnursery@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPnursery@wisconsin.gov), or call 608-224-4572.



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September 4, 2018 at 6:45pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
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Director [Phil R](#)  
Past Pres. [Judy S](#)

### Other Club Functions

Newsletter [Melissa J](#)  
Webmaster [Pam W](#)  
Director of Children's Education—Jean S  
PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Jean S



A bonsai shadow  
Elegant tree—gray shadow  
Beauty twice enjoyed

~Joe N