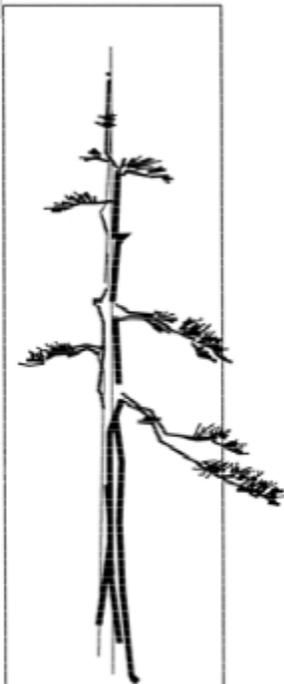


# BONSAI NEWS

September 2019



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
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414-299-9229*

## September Meeting

Have you ever wondered why a tree is awarded Best of Show at State Fair for being 'the specimen which best exhibits the highest quality of the art of bonsai'?

Or what a judge looks for when judging an exhibit?

This is your chance to find out. Phil Malhiot will be our guest at the September general meeting to talk about what he looks for when he judges a bonsai show.

In order to have real world examples we have asked the best of show winners at State Fair to bring their trees to the meeting so Phil can describe what stands out on these winning trees.

Join us on Sept 3 for an informative evening. Who knows, you may get some tips that you can utilize in the future for your own Best of Show tree.

## September

- Sept 3 — **MBS meeting**—State Fair Winners
- Sept 7—Beginner Workshop
- Sept 7—Jennifer Price Workshop\*
- Sept 28-29—Annual Exhibit With Tyler Sherrod

## October

- Oct 1 — **MBS meeting**  
Member's 1st trees

## November

- Nov 5 — **MBS meeting**  
Seasonal tree care
- Nov 22-24 — Folk Fair

## December

No meeting

## January

No Meeting

\*Open to MBS members only

**Next Meeting  
Sept 3, 2019  
6:45 pm  
Boerner Botanical  
Gardens**



## President's Message September 2019

This will, for obvious reasons, be a short message this month. I have only left myself a short amount of space in this newsletter. Hmmmm, I wonder how that happened. I'll have to have a talk with that newsletter editor. I hope everyone enjoyed August. The weather sure was a lot better than hot, humid July. With the turning of the calendar to September my thoughts are starting to turn to fall and the Annual Exhibit. If you haven't already, make sure to sign up for a workshop or two with our guest artist Tyler Sherrod and also the Saturday night banquet. Also, don't forget to donate items to the AE raffle. All the money from the raffle stays in MBS and benefits all members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and the Annual Exhibit.

~Melissa J

### Slate of Executive Committee

President—Bryan L	1st VP—TBA
2nd VP—Erich B	Director—Phil R
Secretary—TBA	Director—Rick W
Treasurer—TBA	Director—Dave M

Please contact Erich B or Rick W if interest in one of the TBA positions



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## Volunteers needed during the Annual Exhibit

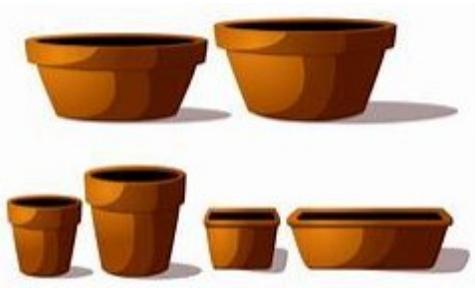
Available opportunities for: Greeters at entry tables, and Docent in display area.

See the [Eventbrite](#) sign-up sheet for dates, times, and duty descriptions.

Look at your calendar log on to [Eventbrite](#) and sign-up.



Tony P is looking for information (pictures or details) from any of the MBS shows including State Fair from as far back as possible. Contact [Tony P](#) . This information will be used for a project he is working on for MABA.



The Annual Exhibit Raffle Committee is looking for donations for this year's raffles. Any items, big or small, help make the raffle become successful. The money brought in benefits all members by allowing the club to bring in artists for meetings, for example.

Please consider donating any bonsai related items you are no longer using to the raffle. Also, think about asking your favorite restaurant for a gift card that can be part of the raffle.

Bring items to either the August or September meeting or contact Melissa J to arrange for pick up (missyuc2@yahoo.com, 414-350-5924)



# Membership Resources

by PAM W

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On the Milwaukee Bonsai Society Website, there is a page dedicated to resources to serve our membership. It should help all of us “*move bonsai forward*”. Ideas, social media best practices, the website page provides a one-stop resource to discover, activate and improve your involvement with Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

MBS members enriched our communities with 480 hours of service in 2017 and 524 hours in 2018. And that are only the documented hours. Think about what could happen if we shared our stories and inspired others.

MBS means many things to different people. For some it is a social and networking opportunity; others want to be more connected with community needs. Some want practical help with one or two bonsai and others want long term education to improve their collections.

Let's explore each section heading and what is included on [Membership Resources](#).

**Your MBS** section includes a 38-page [Membership Handbook](#) that covers things like history, MBS Executive Committee, duties and guiding standards. It also contains a link to [MBS Bylaws](#), [Board History](#), and forms to [join/renew](#), [donate](#) and request [expense reimbursement](#).

**Publications** includes [Preparing Your Bonsai for Display](#), Books/Magazines in our Library, and MBS Brochure.

**Volunteer Schedule** section consist of sign-ups for State Fair, Annual Exhibit and Bonsai at Lynden.

**Rewards** contains information on the [June Kelly Award](#) and [Bonsai Bucks](#).

**Activities** section includes forms and information for Novice Class, Intermediate Class and Beginner Workshop. Flyers with dates and information for upcoming Annual Exhibit, Folk Fair Exhibit, Silhouette Exhibit, and State Fair Exhibit.

**Annual Exhibit** section features the link to the [Annual Exhibit Website](#), Flyer, AE Registration and Annual Exhibit Poster.

**Metrics** section contains reports of interest to you such as Membership Survey Results, Membership Attendance Trends and [Membership List](#).

While this may shed some light on what is contained on this website page it really is the one-stop resource for you to get more connected to your club and bonsai community. Discover by checking out the resources available.

[http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs\\_membership.html](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_membership.html)

Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
September 28 - 29, 2019 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, September 23**. 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 4:00pm and 7:00pm **Thursday evening September 26** 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 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](#)

To be judged

**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

\*S - M tree \*\* L - XL tree

Separate tables will be available for trees measuring 12" or smaller (not including the pot). I would like my tree placed on one of these tables \_\_\_\_\_

**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 3:00 ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

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

**Milwaukee Bonsai Society**  
**2019 Annual Exhibit Workshop / Banquet Registration**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

PLEASE PRINT

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

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

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

**Workshops with Tyler Sherrod**

**Saturday September 28, 2019**

9:00 - 12:30 **Various conifers** (limit 7) - Choice of conifer will be based on postmark/date of registration      \$145      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday September 29, 2019**

9:00 - 12:30 **Maple workshop** (limit 7) - Choice of tree will be based on postmark/date of registration      \$200      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 - 4:30 **Bring your own tree** (limit 7)      \$65      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Saturday September 28 - Meyer's Restaurant - dinner served at 6:00**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT** salad, bread, broasted chicken, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, steak stroganoff, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable of the day, dessert, coffee, tea or milk

Number of banquets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$27      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for workshops and banquet**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund Policy:** Once your check has been received there will be no refund unless you can find a replacement participant (MBS can help with this). Otherwise, there will be no refunds after Tuesday September 24.

**Workshop Priority:** Workshops are allocated by the postmark date of your registration. Also, for the Saturday & Sunday morning workshops, order of pick will be determined by the postmark date / Eventbrite.

**Notification:** Workshop participants will be notified by email as to which workshops they are assigned. If any workshop has already been filled upon receipt of your registration, a refund of the overage will be sent after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

**Tools:** Each participant must have his/her own tools. Wire will be provided for workshop use.

**Payment:** Please make your check or money order payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society - **or charge on Eventbrite** Any credits will be refunded after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

Register online on [Eventbrite](#) or bring your entry form to the August or September meeting or send to the MBS mailbox (attn: Annual Exhibit):

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# MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020

WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER  
THROUGH BONSAI

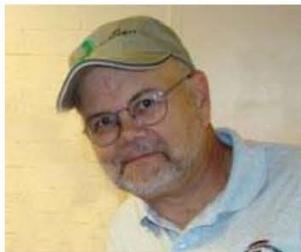
## MABA/MBS

The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) is an organization made up of local bonsai clubs including The Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS) to create a rich and diverse community through its inspiring bonsai activities.

## INTRODUCTION

On June 25-28, 2020, Bonsai artists and MABA members are heading to Milwaukee, WI for the MABA/Milwaukee Convention! In part to see headlining artist François Jeker from France, Ted Matson from California and any of the other eight artists [Read More](#)

## TED MATSON



## BEGINNER FRIENDLY

Just getting started in bonsai, be sure to head to Milwaukee and join other enthusiasts, artists, and MABA members on June 25-28, 2020. Beginner friendly headlining artist Ted Matson from Southern California will help you get started.

Curator of the Huntington Bonsai Collection in greater Los Angeles, Ted Matson is well known for quality care and design of bonsai.



He is also recognized for his great service to the art of bonsai; someone who promoted the art of bonsai and encouraged cooperation and unity of effort to achieve excellence within the entire bonsai community. To impress the significance of this President's Gold Diamond Award, we should note only one other person has ever been bestowed this award and that was John Naka.

Ted Matson's service extends to our area clubs. MBS and others owe a great deal of our continued growth and success to him.

MABA Milwaukee 2020 is offering Japanese black pines that have been developed as shohin by Ted Matson. Another workshop on Experience with Nursery Material will provide guidance to develop bonsai using readily available nursery stock.

Milwaukee Bonsai Society through its Excellence in Bonsai program is honored to pick up all travel, hotel and meal expenses for this generous artist. Take advantage of this affordable opportunity, see a demonstration and take one of his four beginner friendly workshops.

State Fair Stow #1-Judge: Chris Baker

Best of Show

Ponderosa Pine - Judy S - A



Award of Merit

Dwarf Chinese Elm - Kevin S - I

Holly - Dennis G - I

Japanese Quince - Rick W - N

Portulacaria afra - Bryan L - I

Blue Ribbons

Ponderosa Pine - Judy S - A

Dwarf Chinese Elm - Kevin S - I

Holly - Dennis G - I

Japanese Quince - Rick W - N

Portulacaria afra - Bryan L - I

Spekboom - Kevin - I

Juniper/portulacaria/fukien tea - Dennis

Ponderosa Pine - Susan L - I

Nine Bark - Rick W - N

Tiger Bark Ficus - Dennis G - I



Red Ribbons

Rosemary - Kevin S - I

Narrow Leaf ficus - Bryan L - I

Engelmann spruce - Terri W - A

Silve Maple Grove - Wally V - I

Douglas Fir - Susan L - I

Japanese quince - Rick W - N

Maple

Juniper - Randy W - N- Tony P - A

Bougainvillea - Judy S - A



White Ribbons

Dwarf Alberta Spruce - Bill G - I

Juniper - John N - N

Juniper - Erich B - N



We had fun with Melinda Myers as our 'celebrity judge'. She wanted to congratulate all who entered a tree in the second show and left this message:

"It was difficult to select just a few winners. All the specimens were beautiful with interesting character. Everyone who entered should consider themselves a winner."

Here are Melinda's picks:

#### Best of Show -

Japanese White Pine - Terri W - A

#### Blue Ribbons -

Amur Maple - Susan L - I

Scots Pine - Greg G - A

Bougainvillea - Judy S - A

Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - A

Shimpaku - Greg B - A



State Fair Show #2 Judge: Pam W

### Best of Show

Scot Plne - Greg B - A

### Award of Merit

Bougainvillea - Judy S - A

Siberian Elm - Bryan L - I

### Blue Ribbons

Scot Plne - Greg B - A

Bougainvillea - Judy S - A

Siberian Elm - Bryan L - I

Ming Aralia - Ben H - N

Red Oak - Erich B - N

### Red Ribbons

Amur Maple - Susan L - I

Juniper - Ben H - N

Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - A

Chinese Elm - Bryan L - I

Shimpaku - Greg B - A

### White Ribbons.

Juniper - Susan L - I

American Elm - Ben H - N

Tiger Bark Ficus - Melissa J - I

Japanese White Plne - Terri W - I



State Fair Show #3—Judge: Phil Malhiot

**Best of Show .**

Mugho Plne - Rob P - I



**Award of Merit**

Schefflera - Rob P - I

Tigerbark Ficus - Dennis G - I

Rhododendron Azalea - Judy S - A

**Blue Ribbons**

Mugho Plne - Rob P - I

Schefflera - Rob P - I

Tigerbark Ficus - Dennis G - I

Rhododendron Azalea - Judy S - A

Texas Ebony - Wally V - I

Colorado Blue Spruce - Susan L - I

Japanese Yew - Susan L - I



**Red Ribbons .**

Shimpaku - Penny T - I

Boxwood (single) - Jim W - N

Boxwood (triple) - Jin W - N



**White Ribbons .**

Pomegranate - Jim W - N

Ficus - Dennis G - I

Dwarf Schefflera - Dennis G - I

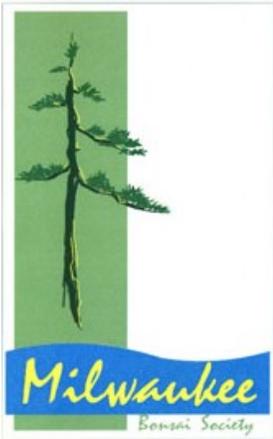
Yew - Bryan L - I

Shimpaku - Bryan L - I

Psuedobombax - Terri W - A

Jaboticaba - Erich B - N





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next MBS meeting will be  
Sept 3, 2019 at 6:45pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

### 2019 MBS OFFICERS

President	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
First VP	<a href="#">Bryan L</a>
Second VP	<a href="#">Erich B</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Leo S</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Wally V</a>
Director	<a href="#">Rob P</a>
Director	<a href="#">Rick W</a>
Director	<a href="#">Phil R</a>
Past Pres.	<a href="#">Judy S</a>

### Other Club Functions

Newsletter	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
Webmaster	<a href="#">Pam W</a>

PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Judy S



Summer surrenders

Fruits fall from burdened branches

September sweeps in.