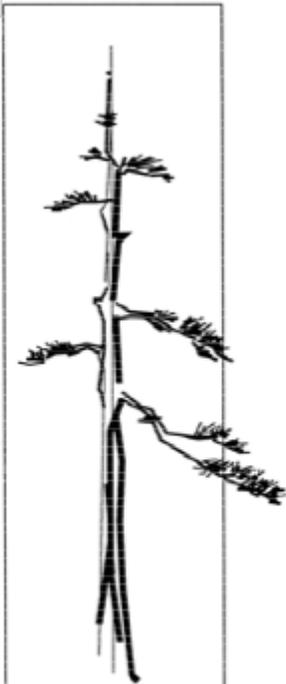


# BONSAI NEWS

April 2021



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## Upcoming meetings

**The April 6th meeting will begin at 6:30 with Pauline Muth.**

**A very well-known bonsai artist, Pauline Muth will join us for a Zoom demonstration on Penjing.**

### Don't miss it

**Penjing**, is an ancient Chinese art form literally **meaning** "tray scenery". Each is made up of a potted landscape with miniature trees and rockery denoting mountains and other scenic features all displayed on a tray.



## Next Meeting

**April 6, 2021  
ZOOM  
6:30pm**



## April

April 6 — ZOOM meeting  
Pauline Muth-Penjing

## May

May 4 — ZOOM meeting  
Michael Hagedorn-  
Bonsai Heracy

## June

June 1 — ZOOM meeting  
Rick Garcia-Azaleas

June 12—Beginner Class  
Lynden Sculpture Gardens

June 24—2pm Jennifer Price  
Boerner Beer Garden  
**(Masks Required)**

## August

Aug 5-15 WI State Fair

Aug 27-29 Annual Exhibit  
Lynden Sculpture Gardens

# Ancient Arts Bonsai

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Don't forget!

We are now having Monthly Meetings on Zoom.

Please download Zoom through this link: <https://zoom.us/download> to your computer. You will get a link to the meeting sent to you in an email closer to the meeting date. The main thing that you will have to do when you get on Zoom is to turn on your camera (Video) button.

Questions will be typed into the chat box and Bryan will ask them of the speaker. This helps to keep things under control.



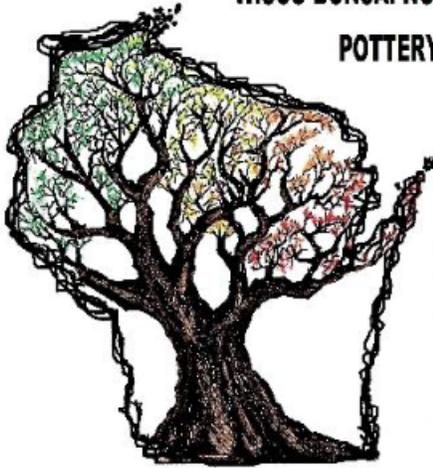
[Link to April meeting:](#)

Topic: Pauline Muth with MBS on making a Penjing bonsai Starting at 6:30  
Time: Apr 6, 2021 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81263199192?  
pwd=NHNiYXFBC0lVcFp0MlJXcW1yM0NCQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81263199192?pwd=NHNiYXFBC0lVcFp0MlJXcW1yM0NCQT09)

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**WE ALSO NOW CARRY A LINE OF TOOLS GEARED TOWARD THE BEGINNER AND NOVICE AMONG US, ALONG WITH ALL MANNER OF BONSAI SUNDRIES, SUCH AS, COPPER & ALUMINUM WIRE, JIN SEAL, WOUND PUTTY, ETC.**

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**DUE TO COVID, SHOP CURRENTLY OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND ALL SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE.**

### **June ZOOM Meeting preview**

Our guest presenter for our June Zoom meeting will be Rick Garcia, Satsuki expert and owner of the North American Satsuki Bonsai Center ([www.nasbc.com](http://www.nasbc.com)). He will be presenting a lecture with slides on post-flowering care and development of azaleas.

NASBC offers a selection of high-quality imported Japanese trees, including varieties seldom seen outside of Japan. Rick has also authored a book on Satsuki care and techniques, expected to be in print by late summer.



This is a tree Rick W got from Rick Garcia a year ago. It's about 15" tall, 22" wide, and a bit under 3" at the base. The cultivar is 'Karenko'. It's probably about twenty years old.

## Bonsai Project at Atwater Elementary

By Michelle Z.

So, you are tasked with planning a semester science program for 60 6th graders, using a hybrid model with in-School and remote learning environment, using all of the Covid-19 precautions including masks, social distancing and limited class size. Everyone uses computer screens and headsets, and you've noticed that your beloved students are suffering from a lack of contact with nature, hands-on experience and face to face social interaction. What to do?

Well, with the support of Shorewood's Atwater Elementary PTA, plan a semester of bonsai!

Sixth grade science/social studies teacher, Ms. Marissa R., contacted Polly M. at the LSG (Lynden Sculpture Garden) who put her in contact with Jack D, president of the MBF (Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation), who enticed Bryan L. and Michelle Z. to collaborate in producing a smashing semester involving 65 *Portulacaria* shipped from Florida in the dead of winter. Enthusiastic pupils have happily learned to observe, water, document growth, rotate and finally, remotely style their trees and then root the cuttings from their new pre-bonsai which line the South-facing windows of the school's classrooms.



Now, after a period of calm and healing following the camera-mediated styling project, they will fertilize and grow their trees until transplanting them into a ceramic bonsai pot, planned for the first week of May. So far, all of the trees and students and teachers and aides are thriving! With luck the students will present their new bonsai in an outdoor show at the school the first week of June, just before the semester ends.

So, now we need your help....

## SAVE THE DATE

We need volunteers to help these students with the transplanting project, planned for the first week in May, probably May 4 or May 6, weather dependent.

The transplanting will occur during 6 50- minute classes, 10 students each, outdoors on the grounds of Atwater Elementary School in Shorewood, WI. We visualize 5 tables with 2 students and one volunteer at each table, 3 sessions in the a.m. and 3 sessions in the p.m. Masks and social distancing to be observed as much as possible. We will have the prewired pots, the soil, some tools, table covers, water, etc. Students will bring their trees, a chopstick and their energy and positive attitude.

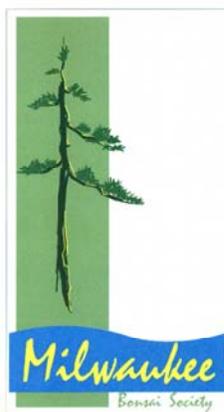


## WE NEED 10 VOLUNTEERS



The ideal volunteer has experience with transplanting beginner trees, enjoys working with 11–12-year-olds or would like to try it, is date flexible, has been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and agrees to wear a mask and socially distance during these sessions. If you are interested in volunteering for this not-to-be-missed and probably the most enjoyable project of the year, contact Michelle Z. [mgaz.md@gmail.com](mailto:mgaz.md@gmail.com) or Bryan L. [bryan11lor@gmail.com](mailto:bryan11lor@gmail.com).





# Beginner Bonsai Class

Presented by: The Milwaukee Bonsai Society

In this class, members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society will teach you the basic techniques of styling a bonsai tree along with proper care.

When: June 12, 2021

Cost: \$85.00

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Run Time: Approximately two hours

Class includes:

- Juniper bonsai tree
- Supplies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class for repotting your tree next spring\*
- One year membership to the Milwaukee Bonsai Society
- Access to knowledgeable members to help with caring for your tree after the class



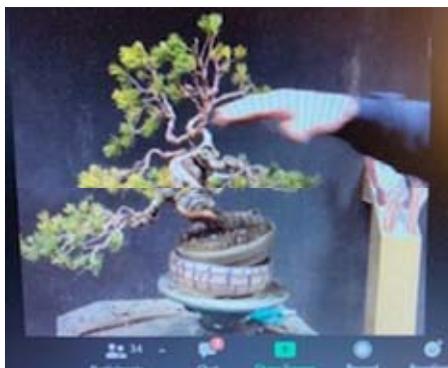
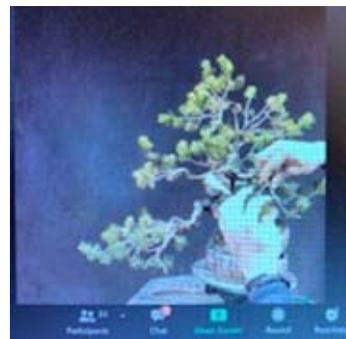
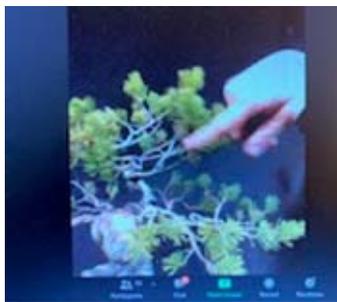
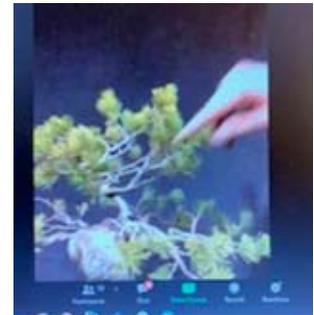
\*After styling the tree, it will need time to rest before moving to the next step of putting the tree in a new pot. This class and pot will be included in the cost and will be scheduled at a later time.

Contact Lynden Gardens at 414-446-8794 to sign up.

Class size is limited to 10 participants to allow for social distancing, This will be an outdoor class with a backup date of Saturday, June 19, at the same time.

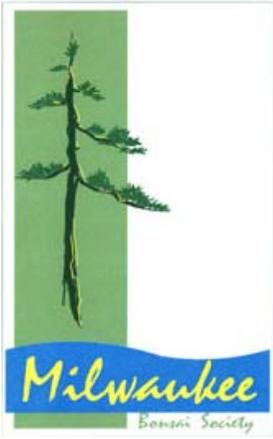
## March 2nd meeting with Mauro Stemberger

Our March 2nd Zoom meeting was very well attended with 42 participants at one point! The meeting started at 6:30pm with Mauro talking about his Scots Pine. The tree, shown below, started out looking fairly sad. Throughout the presentation Mauro demonstrated how to style the tree by cutting a few branches, wiring a few and even creating some shari on the trunk to create a spiral look. The last photo shows the end result; a beautiful bon-sai! The entire process was very interesting and Mauro answered questions along the way.



Meeting Recording:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1kRDyHuUMSDoTNfsquhWNUPyTFx8bUKuBuYtT5UmNd0sQ\\_oP6Zfd8QJmqT2\\_bOaJ.wZULSm6FxVR6A5Co](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1kRDyHuUMSDoTNfsquhWNUPyTFx8bUKuBuYtT5UmNd0sQ_oP6Zfd8QJmqT2_bOaJ.wZULSm6FxVR6A5Co)



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Via ZOOM

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#### Other Club Functions

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PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Judy S

Winter fights to stay.  
Sweet Spring always wins her way.  
Flowers bloomed today

~Patricia L Cisco

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/collection/spring-haiku-poems/>