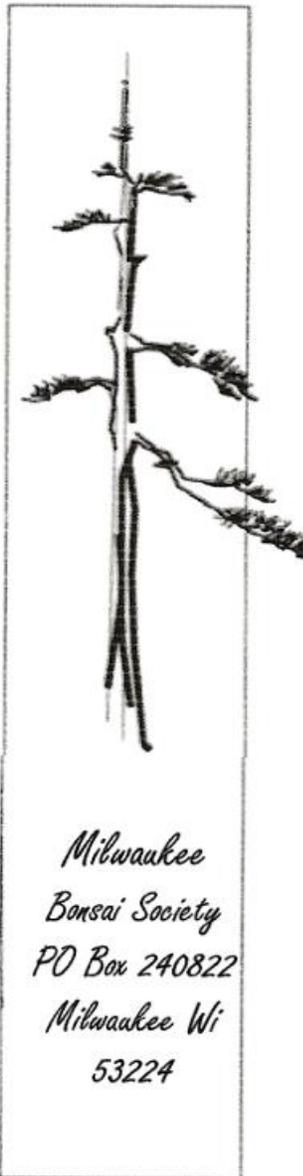


# BONSAI NEWS

November 2023



## Upcoming Meeting

The November meeting with focus on winter storage. Brian and Steve will demo a couple things that may increase your tree's chance of surviving the winter.

A Q&A session will follow for any questions on winter storage, any of the past meeting topics or any of the videos posted on the club's website.



## Next Meeting

Nov 4, 2023

9 am

Boerner

Botanical

### November

November 4 – Winter prep of your trees/Winter storage

November 11 – Skill Builder 101\*

November 12 – Skill Builder 201\*

November 17 – Holiday Folk Fair

### December

December 2 – Monthly meeting

### January

January 6 – Monthly meeting

### February

February 3 – Monthly meeting

### March

March 2 – Monthly meeting

### April

April 6 – Monthly meeting

\*Open to MBS members only

## President's Message

Hello again everyone,

Only one more message from me, your illustrious, fearless, handsome dear leader before my reign ends. I'll save the goodbyes for the December President's message.

So, as usual, we have some volunteer opportunities coming up quickly. First is the Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park. The link is on the club website and included below. The dates are from Nov 17-19. We will also need 15-20 trees. The link for the trees is below as well as on the website. If you haven't volunteered for this event before, now is your chance. It's not very busy, you get to talk about bonsai and how great our club is plus they have food from all over the world. Oh, and there is a Japanese lady there every year that makes the most beautiful pottery. She may even have some bonsai pots with her. Next is the silhouette show at the domes the last weekend in Feb. This is a one-day show and will not need many volunteers but will need 15-20 trees. Links to both of these events can be found on the club website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next club meeting. If you haven't been to one lately, or ever, you don't know what you're missing. We had 54 attendees at the last meeting and almost everyone stayed until the end. So come on down to Boerner on Saturday, Nov 4th from 9am-12pm...ish and get your bonsai on.

Erich

[2023 Folk Fair Volunteer sign up](#)

[2023 Folk Fair Tree sign up](#)



November is fast approaching!

The season ahead is the most challenging period for a WI bonsai enthusiast. Most of the time, if a tree dies, it will die because of something happening over the next 4 months. Our winters can be dry and windy with temperatures fluctuating from a polar vortex to weeks above freezing. And methods of winter storage can vary greatly from a shelf in the garage to a greenhouse.

At this Month's meeting, Brian and Steve will present a short demo of 2 of the things they see as very important factors in decreasing the likelihood of the above happening. But more importantly, they will open the floor to a Q and A from the group where they, along with any volunteer from the floor, can ask questions or offer personal experience. These questions could focus on the topic of winter storage or questions that have arisen since recent meeting topics have had a chance to sink in, or you have viewed video content via the Club's website.

## JACK'S HOMEMADE PESTICIDE SPRAY

Fill a gallon jug with water and add one (1) or two (2) tablespoons of dishwashing detergent and one (1) tablespoon of vegetable oil (or Neem oil). Shake up the gallon jug to mix the ingredients.

Pour this solution into a spray bottle and just before using, add 1 to 2 two caps full of rubbing alcohol and spray immediately. The alcohol will evaporate, so if you do not use the full bottle of spray, add the same amount of rubbing alcohol again next time you are going to use the solution. You can store this soap/oil solution in the gallon jug for months on end. It does not seem to go bad.

Spray on plants covering all leaf and stem surfaces. You may have to spray from three to four times at intervals of three days. I have eliminated almost any kind of pest that has attacked my trees, including scale.

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Fall-of-a-sudden Greetings to you all!

Like what I did there? HaHaGroan ;-) ...Fall really has come all-of-a-sudden like, here in Wisconsin and so I hope you are all on top of your tree's needs!

Due to renovations, I have been closed most of the summer, but now that they are mostly done, I am excited to be re-opening for one weekend this fall before resuming some regular hours next spring.

**ANNOUNCING FALL FEST 2023 HERE AT WISCO BONSAI!!!**

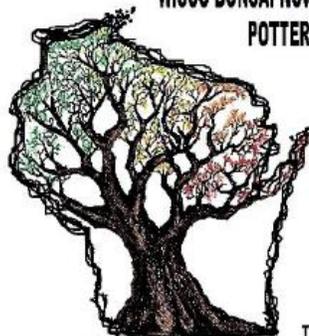
Here is what is going down:

**FRIDAY NOV 3RD - OPEN 12PM-4PM** Just simply 'open' with the newly renovated shop/studio. If you need substrate for spring and can't make it on Saturday or Sunday, feel free to swing by on Friday and stock up.

**SATURDAY NOV 4TH - OPEN 10AM-7PM FREE OPEN WORKSHOP AND FIRE PIT HAPPY HOUR...** Feel free to bring a tree that you might have questions on or might like to conduct a little work on. I will have worktables set up for you and will be available for advice while I work on my own trees as well. THEN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON: FIRE-PIT SOCIAL HAPPY HOUR. BYO beverages and mingle around the fire! THIS WILL BE WEATHER DEPENDENT.

**SUNDAY NOV 5TH - OPEN 10AM-3PM AND FALL CUT BACK WORKSHOP 11AM-2PM...** I will be hosting a "Fall Deciduous Cut Back Workshop". This workshop will help guide you in making those critical, post leaf drop, pruning and hard cut back decisions, giving your trees a defined direction when they emerge from dormancy next spring. This is a BYO workshop for deciduous material only!!! Participants are also asked to bring their own tools, or they can be purchased in the shop. (I will have some loaners available as well.) WORKSHOP COST IS JUST \$30 PP AND IS LIMITED TO 6 PEOPLE AND WILL GO FROM 11AM-2PM. Each participant will be able to work on more than one tree if time allows. This workshop will be rain or shine!

If you are interested in the above workshop, please remit payment in advance in order to hold your spot via one of these methods: Paypal: [wiscobonsai@gmail.com](mailto:wiscobonsai@gmail.com) Venmo: @wiscobonsai or @kevinstoeveken or if you prefer, cash or check can be dropped off or mailed (if dropping or mailing, let me know in advance and I will hold your spot pending receipt)



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THE SHOP NOW HAS REGULAR HOURS IN THE SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL. HOURS ARE UPDATED WEEKLY ON MY GOOGLE INFO SITE. OR, TO BE THE AMONG FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THE WORKSHOPS AND OTHER FUN GOING DOWN AT WISCO BONSAI, JUST SHOOT AN EMAIL AND I WILL ADD YOU TO THE EMAIL LIST.

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This year represents the 80<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Folk Fair, and it is fast approaching! The festivities begin Friday morning November 17, and wrap up on Sunday, November 19. Please bring your calendar to the November meeting to sign up and be a volunteer for the colorful occasion as a tree sitter. You can also sign up on Eventbrite. We need to get volunteer names to the Folk Fair ASAP so that your FREE tickets will be available for you as you enter the Expo building on its west side. You will need to pay for parking (but see a special note below). For other family members to attend, advanced tickets can be purchased on the Folk Fair website ([www.folkfair.org/admission/](http://www.folkfair.org/admission/)) for \$13, while admission at the gate will be \$16.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to display a tree (or two)! Stands and accents plants are not necessary as the trees will not be judged. You will need to drop your tree off at the State Fair Expo Building (as you face the west side of the building take the drive to the right to go behind the building) on Thursday evening, November 16, between 6 and 8:30. You will then be able to pick up your tree on Sunday evening November 19, between 6 and 8:30pm. If those times don't work with your schedule, please text Rob Sunderlage (920-917-0050) to coordinate other arrangements.

This is an incredibly fun time for all who participate. The theme for 2023 is "Celebrate the Culture of Traditional Dress". Over 55,000 visitors attended last year, making this a great opportunity to share our passion for Bonsai Tree art with the rest of the community (and potentially increase our membership). Lots of cultural activities are present: cultural music & dancing, great cultural food, vendors with cultural artifacts, a chef's stage preparing traditional cuisine, etc.

Thursday, Nov 16

5pm – 7:30pm (Setup & Tree drop off)

Friday, Nov 17

9am – 2pm (Kids/Students)  
2pm – 9pm (General Public)

Saturday, Nov 18

10am – 9pm (General Public)

Sunday, Nov 19

10am – 6pm (General Public)  
6pm – 8:30pm (Tear down & Tree pick up)

\*Parking on the Fair Grounds costs \$10. BUT it can be FREE if you arrive 2 hrs before the events start on each day! (That is when the parking lot attendants' shift starts.) There is also free street parking on nearby roads if you don't mind walking a little bit to the Expo Center.

[2023 Folk Fair Volunteer sign up](#)

[2023 Folk Fair Tree sign up](#)

All sorts of pots will be available at the next MBS meeting on November 4. Come early to find some great deals!



New Videos for October are now available!

In the month of October, two new videos have been posted to the MBS Membership Video Site.

Here's what's new:

### **Monthly Meeting**

October Meeting Main Topic - Pine Tree Fundamentals - with Brian S., Steve C., and Ron F.

### **Focus Topics**

Bringing your tropical trees inside for winter - with Judy S.

Remember, the site is password protected and we ask that you do not share the login information with anyone outside of our organization. If you have lost or did not receive your login information, send us an email.

Additional videos will be added next month.

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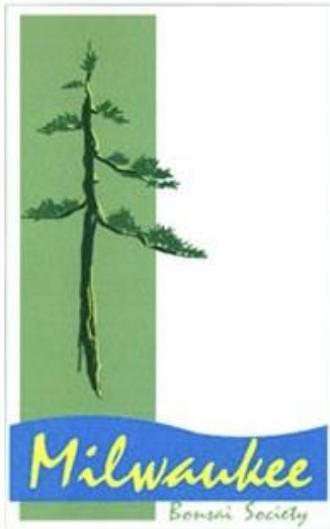


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*November sunshine  
Bare branches as we wait for  
The first snow to fall.*

*~Dea Lenihan*