



May Meeting

Houston Sanders, First Vice President

The May meeting will focus on flowering and fruiting trees. The meeting will have a group participation format, in which members can bring in a tree and share information about it with the group. This is a great opportunity for everyone to bring in their trees. It is really interesting to have a lot of bonsai at the meetings!

Club members, we need YOUR participation! I know that almost all of you have some kind of tree that grows flowers. It doesn't have to be a masterpiece (*mine sure won't be!*), and doesn't have to be in bloom for the meeting. So bring in your trees and let's make this a really great and informative meeting!

Critique Corner

Kris Ziemann, Treasurer

Here's your chance to bring a tree you've been working on and have it critiqued by some of our club's resident experts. At the end of every meeting, we will set aside around 15 minutes (more, if time permits) for folks to have their tree critiqued in front of the group (*this is not for the bashful*). This will be a learning experience

for all. Perhaps one or two of our experts can comment on the trees briefly (5 minutes maximum per tree). If you wish to bring tools and follow their recommendations on the spot, that's okay. If we have too many trees, please be aware that we will choose the trees to be critiqued by pulling a number out of a hat. So it is *possible* for you to bring a tree and yet not have it critiqued. We'll try it out at our May meeting and see how it goes!

A Message from Kris Ziemann

Hello! I have just recently joined the Symposium Committee to help out with the vendors at the event. I would like to pass on some of my thoughts...

I am astounded as to how much work has been put in by this incredible team over the past almost two years! After my first meeting, I was thinking about how little our club knows about what is actually being done by these folks. Other than saying a BIG THANK YOU to each of them, the best way to express our thanks is to register (*it's not too late!*) for the Symposium and for the workshops, donate your time to volunteer at the Symposium or at the very least, come to the Symposium to see the displays and visit the vendors.

So, if you happen to bump into the following people please say "THANKS"...

Jack Douthitt, Michelle Zimmer, Pam Woythal, Ron Fortmann, Rita Luedke, Yvonne Szatkowski, Mary Turner, Jeff Moths, Steve Carini, Sharon Schmidt, Ken Krueger, and Cindy Binkowski. (Ken Lenz and Peter Alba have also contributed to the Committee, but had to resign due to personal reasons).

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It's Not Too Late!

Jack Douthitt, Symposium President

It is not every day that a National Bonsai Convention occurs in our own backyard. Within the four days of the Symposium you can watch demonstrations by six internationally known bonsai artists on specially selected material. Then you can watch them present twelve different workshops on a variety of materials. Right here in the City of Milwaukee and all for one low registration fee!

Although the exhibit and the vendors' area are open to the general public at no charge, the only way for you to watch and enjoy all of the demonstrations and workshops that are occurring at the Symposium is to register. Only full registrants are eligible to participate in the workshops, and there are just a few workshop openings left.

It is not too late to join in on the fun and excitement of the ABS National Symposium. Registration forms will be available at the meeting. Don't pass up this once in a lifetime opportunity to learn more about the art of bonsai, while enjoying a wonderful time with bonsai enthusiasts from across North America.



JUNE 27-30

Trees for Sale

Because club members Joe and Eleanore Nemeč are moving next spring, they will have to sell most of their trees.

Their collection will be for sale at each meeting between May and October. Ten percent of the proceeds will be given to the club.

Host for Martha?

Is anyone interested in acting as host to Martha Meehan Sept 3-7. Do you have a spare bedroom

Calendar of Events

May 11	Novice Class Nursery Crawl
June 4	Club Meeting - Club Show
June 14-16	Asian Moon Festival
June 27-30	ABS Milwaukee 2002 - Symposium
July 2	Club Meeting - Recap of Symposium. Preparation for State Fair
July 6	Bonsai refinement workshop with Jack Douthitt
August 1-3	Bonsai Exhibit at State Fair
August 6	Club Meeting - Dead tree contest, white elephant sale
August 24	Fall Public Workshop
August 31	Martha Meehan Workshop
Sept. 3	Monthly Meeting - Root over rock with Martha Meehan
Sept. 14-15	Boerner Botanical Gardens show
October 1	Club Meeting - Arborist comedian show with Michael Yanni
Nov. 5	Club Meeting - Wintering with Houston Sanders
Dec. 3	Holiday Party

where Ms. Meehan could stay during her visit with us? If so, contact Brain Palevac, Club President.

Novice Class 2002

The following are comments from participants in the recent novice class:

"Novice class was great. Glad that I took the time to attend! Many thanks to the instructors who spent their Saturday mornings teaching us.

A great job!"

- Jerry Niemiec

"This novice class was everything I had hoped it would be. The instructors' expertise helped me define line and form. Working on my tree with 3 experts helped my eye develop to produce a beautiful tree. We need more experiences like this."

- Jean Sher

"Very informative. Was a real joy to do my first bonsai. I think all the instructors did a real good job as well. Thank you so very much."

- Sande Schmidt

"It's so nice to be able to listen to experience, not just go 'by the book.' It was also great to hear the advice about 'failure' and other attempted 'asides.'"

- Jodi Schneeweis


"Great hands-on work time! Lots of helpful information." - Camrin La Fond

"Not only did I learn a great deal about bonsai, but I also had fun! I would recommend this to all novices. P.S. The treats were also very good!"

- Jackie Mau

"Outstanding! Learned a great deal in care and feeding. I want to do more trees." - Ron Klaus

"What a wonderful way to learn more about bonsai. It was a relaxed atmosphere where we got plenty of information and personal attention. Every



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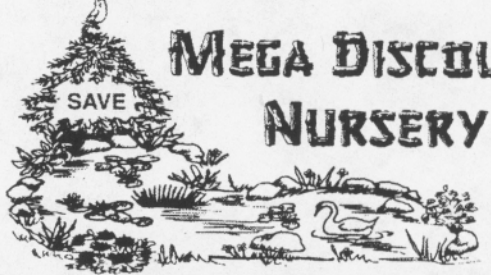
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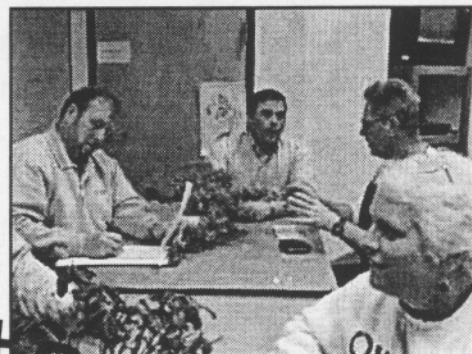
MBS Meetings and Information Line:

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Avenue, Franklin, WI 53232. The phone number there is (414) 425-8550; Fax (414) 425-6992. Call the MBS Voice Mail/Message System at (414) 299-9229 to learn about upcoming events and meeting times. To contact the club via email: mbs@asapnet.net Look for us on the web at: <http://www.asapnet.net/milwaukee-bonsai/index.html>

April Program - Group Slash!
Everyone got in on the act...



Thanks to Kris Ziemann,
Club Treasurer
for taking these pictures,
and to everyone who supplied
plant material for this activity.



We had lots of fun!

class like this helps me develop my 'eye.' I liked working with the portulacaria - quite different than other trees I have." - Kris Ziemann

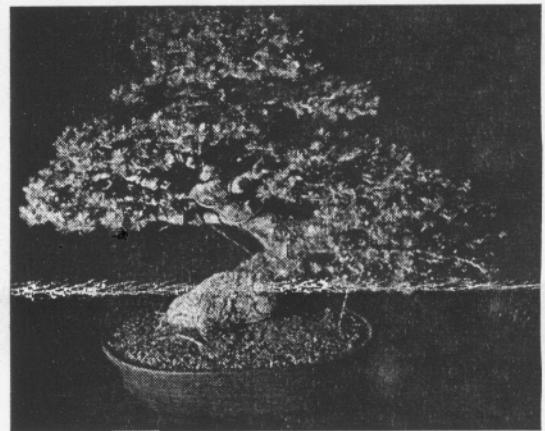
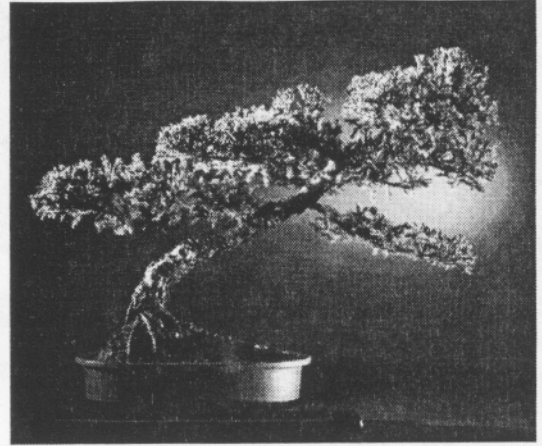
Thanks again to Jack Douthitt, Scott Hurula and Joe Nemeč for their dedication to bonsai and the newcomers who wish to learn more!

Tony's Tips for Spring

Tony Plicka

- Check wire on trees for swelling or cutting in and remove.
- Prune some trees.
- Get trees ready to be outside. On nice days, trees can be put out, but bring them back inside at night when temps fall below 35-40 degrees.
- All trees should be outside after night time temperatures consistently stay above 40 degrees.
- Some trees that bloom can get small amounts of fertilizer.
- Upon taking trees out for the summer, a bath in Super Thrive is always good – let dilution soak up from the bottom – then set in shade.
- Watch carefully, so tender new shoots do not get too much sun initially, especially before leaves emerge on your yard trees providing filtered shade.
- Watch night and day temperatures for rapid swings from warm to cool or vice versa. Protect your trees from extreme variations.
- Ask about Spring Specials in my large lawn & garden folder. Remember, you do not have to wait for meeting nights to order supplies. Call me (*see Nino's ad on page 3*) and in approximately one week, your items will be delivered (deliveries limited to Milwaukee city limits).

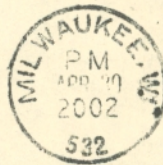
Thanks again to all club members who helped tree-sit at the Home Show in March!





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May 7, 2002
7 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center*

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*A gray sky lowers
sudden gusts bring a promise
the first large drops fall.*

~ Joe Nemeec

