Annual Club Show

At the next meeting in June, we will feature an exhibition of club members' trees. All members are invited to bring in their trees for display and judging. If you have never done this before, it is a good opportunity to "get your feet wet."

Following are a few tips for preparing trees for show:

- Trees should look their best, spotlessly clean and in good health
- Remove any debris on the soil surface, and pick out any weeds or dead moss with a tweezers
- Snip off any long shoots which may spoil the outline or profile of the tree
- Trunks and branches can be cleaned with a toothbrush. There should be no visible algae on trees
- Rub down unglazed pots with fine steel wool or sandpaper to remove blemishes and lime scale. Finally rub the surface with light oil (not too much) for an attractive finish
- Wash glazed pots
- Suitable display stands or accent plants are a nice addition, but not required for the club show

Our goal is to learn more about the art of bonsai, so don't be shy. Bring in your trees, learn from the judge's remarks and enjoy the show!

May Nursery Crawl Report

It was overcast with rain on the way, but about a dozen enthusiastic bonsai-ists gathered at Minors Garden Center for the nursery crawl 9 a.m. on Saturday May 11. Led by Joe Nemec, Brian Palevac and Tony Plicka, the participants had a delightful morning checking out the extensive greeneries at Minors. As we were leaving, raindrops were falling on our heads.

Total damage: $426.36! Thanks, Tony, for helping us out with your discount! Some gathered afterwards for lunch and reveled in their purchases and what to do next as the rain really came down! (See pictures inside, we filled five carts with plants!)

What to do next was suggested by Joe. With all those wonderful bonsai prospects, what's a novice to do? Joe suggested having a pruning party. Arrangements were quickly made and on the next Saturday, May 18, the novice class and others got together again to prune and prune and prune. Jean Sher offered her home for the party. Thanks, Jeannie! What a wonderful series of events for the beginner. It's something you'll not want to miss in the future. Be on the lookout for information on next year's novice classes.

Thanks to the following people giving of their time at the novice classes, the public workshop and the nursery crawl:

5 Buddy Bucks:
- Scott Hurula
4 Buddy Bucks:
- Jack Douthitt
- Joe Nemec
2 Buddy Bucks:
- Tony Plicka
- Jean Sher
- Kris Ziemann

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Travel Far?
How far do you travel to reach our club meetings each month? If you come quite a distance, mark your mileage down when you leave home for our June meeting. The person who travels the farthest will receive a small gift of appreciation from the club (offer good for June meeting only).

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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 53223. 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@comcast.net. Look for us on the web at: http://www.comcast.net/milwaukee-bonsai/index.html

Calendar of Events
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
Sept. 3 Monthly Meeting - Root over rock with Martha Meehan
Sept. 7 Martha Meehan Workshop
Sept. 14-15 Boerner Botanical Gardens show
October 1 Club Meeting - Arborist comedian show with Michael Yunni
Nov. 5 Club Meeting - Wintering with Houston Sanders
Dec. 3 Holiday Party
The Nursery Crawl

Recent Public Workshop

Tony Plichka, Scott Hurula, Erskine Tucker, Jack Douhill, Houston Sanders, and Ken Hahn explaining the basics of bonsai to workshop participants.
Next Meeting of MBS
June 4, 2002
7 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center

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In just days, it seems
first dandelions button
down my neighbor's lawn

~ Mary Turner