July Meeting
Jack Douthitt will give us a talk and demonstration of "How to Prepare Your Bonsai for Exhibit." Jack’s trees have won many awards and part of the success of his trees is how he prepares them for a show. When getting your trees ready for exhibit, everything you do, from your trimming techniques to the finishing touches, must be for the purpose of helping your trees put forth their best image. For all of you that will be entering trees into the State Fair, this is a 'must see' demonstration.

Refinement Workshop
Jack will also be giving a workshop on Saturday, July 6 that is entitled “Taking your Bonsai to the Next Level.” It is intended for those people who have good bonsai that they would like to make into outstanding bonsai. If you have a tree that you have been working on for several years, but it just hasn’t reached its full potential, this is the workshop to take. Jack will teach you the techniques necessary to make your tree into an award winner. If you want to greatly improve your bonsai before you enter it into the competition at the State Fair, this is the way to do it. The cost is $30 and it will be held at Wehr Nature Center. Be prepared to sign up at the July meeting.

Workshop limit is 10 people, so get your checks in to Kris Ziemann ASAP! (by mail if you can’t make it to the next meeting: 10932 N. Wauwatosa Rd, Mequon, WI 53097).
Silent observers may pay $5 at the door.

Winners - Club Show
The following club members took home ribbons from the June meeting. Congratulations to all!

Novice Class:
1st place          Don Gumieny        Maple
2nd place          Jean Sher          Vanhouttei Spirea hybrid
3rd place          Roger Hein         Juniper

Intermediate Class:
1st place          Scott Hurula        Juniper procumbens
2nd place          Yvonne Szatkowski    Shimpaku juniper
3rd place          Yvonne Szatkowski    Satsuki Azalea

Advanced Class:
1st place and
Best of Show      Jack Douthitt       Japanese black pine
2nd place         Jack Douthitt       Elm
3rd place          Michelle Zimmer     Boxwood

Special thanks to Bob Esketiz for acting as judge and sharing valuable comments and styling suggestions with individual members after the show.
Thanks to everyone for participating! It was great to see so many wonderful trees.

Jack Douthitt Refinement Workshop
Saturday July 6
Wehr Nature Center
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
$30

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"Just remember, a live tree in a pot that's too big is better than a dead tree in the perfect pot!"

- Rita-ism

Photos courtesy of Larry Michael. These trees were exhibited at the June meeting. More to come next month.
Tosa Garden Tour

A handful of volunteers will be needed for the Tosa Garden Tour on Saturday, July 13 at the Kneeland Walker house at 7406 W. Hillcrest Drive (76th Street, south of North Avenue, one block north of Tosa East High School). Set-up between 9-9:30 a.m. The event hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring trees to style, or display and a willingness to chat with the public. Thank you.
Next Meeting of MBS
July 2, 2002
7 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center

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A great pike lurking
A flashing lure darting by
Quick strike - cruel hooks hold.

~Joe Nemec