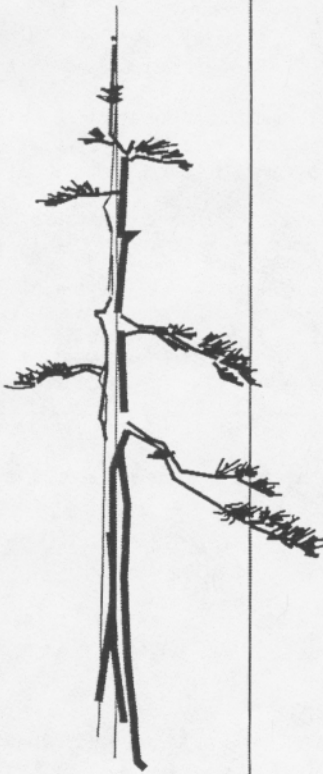


# BONSAI NEWS



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## New Officers and Directors

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS) elected officers and board members at the October meeting. Elected by a unanimous vote were:

- President – Jack Douthitt
- First Vice President – Houston Sanders
- Second Vice President – Jean Sher
- Treasurer – Kris Ziemann
- Secretary – Russell Weiss
- Director – Sharon Schmidt
- Director – Dr. Erskine Tucker
- Director – Pam Woythal

These Board Members and Officers along with Dr. Brain Palevac (Immediate Past President) complete the Executive Committee as defined by the by-laws of MBS.

Executive Committee (EC) Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month. Any member of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society is welcome at any EC Meeting. If you would like to see your Executive Committee in action, contact one of them to confirm the meeting time and location.

## Program Advisory Board Established

The Symposium earned a significant sum of money for the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. In order to use this money for the purpose of furthering the bonsai education of the club members,

the Executive Committee has established a Program Advisory Board (PAB). This board is comprised of three members: Ron Fortmann, Jeff Moths and Michelle Zimmer. The purpose of this Board is to investigate program suggestions that are outside the normal budget of the club. The money earned during the Symposium will be used to pay for these programs. The PAB will accept suggestions from any club member for any program related to the purposes of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. They will investigate the program and then make a recommendation to the Executive Committee as to whether or not the program should be implemented. If the Executive Committee approves, then the program will be started. This is your opportunity to promote a program that you always wanted to have, but one that may have been too expensive in the past. All suggestions must be given to one of the PAB Members. Please give it to them in writing and include your name and telephone number so they may call if they have any questions. If you have any questions, please talk to Ron, Jeff or Michelle.

## Good News/Bad News

The good news is that the membership of MBS has been growing. The bad news is that we have outgrown our meeting space at the Wehr Nature Center. As discussed at the last general meeting, we have been in the process of looking for a new meeting location. At their October Meeting, the Executive

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Committee (The Board) voted to change our meeting location to Grace Lutheran Church at 3030 West Oklahoma. The church has a large and well-lit parking lot. The meeting room is more than adequate, with an adjacent kitchen and they also have some storage space for us. We have had several workshops there in the past. **We will have our first meeting there in February 2003.**

## Buddy Bucks

Congratulations to the following people who will receive complimentary Holiday Party dinners because they earned 5 "buddy bucks" in support of club events:

Jack Douthitt, Michelle Zimmer, Pam Woythal, Ron Fortmann, Rita Luedke, Yvonne Szatkowski, Mary Turner, Jeff Moths, Steve Carini, Sharon Schmidt, Ken Krueger, Cindy Binkowski, Ken Lenz, Peter Alba, Kris Ziemann, Ken Hahn, Brian Palevac, Houston Sanders, Tony Plicka, Russ Weiss, Scott Hurula, Joe Nemecek, Jean Sher and Larry Michael.

And with 4 Buddy Bucks:

Erv & Dorothy Schenzel, Jim Toepfer, and Delores Day.

3 Buddy Bucks:

Melba & Ralph Stockhausen, Milt & Audrey Baas, Milt Mandelin and Penelope Ackerman.

2 Buddy Bucks:

Erskine Tucker, Dick Butula, Jerry Niemiec, Gen Molling, and Jeff Eigenberger.

1 Buddy Buck:

Tom & Kate Kerner, Eleanore Nemecek, Jim Wenders, Pat Krueger, Carol Butula, Mike Nold, Jim Kosmowski, Mike Evans, Cindy Dries, Donna Zerrien, Bob Litzau, Kim Baus, Jackie Mau, Len Wegryn, Allen Koszarek and Paul Watzka.

## Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year again! Payment of dues will be accepted at the November meeting before or after our speaker presents the program. Out of courtesy to the speaker, no dues will be accepted during the program. Better yet, consider mailing your renewal in with the form enclosed in this newsletter. It would minimize disruption at the meeting. Thank you.



Ivan Watters

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## MBS Program Questionnaire

Attached is a questionnaire concerning proposed programs for 2003. Please complete the questionnaire and either mail it to the club P.O. Box or give it to Jack Douthitt or Russ Weiss at the November meeting. By completing and turning in this questionnaire you can help the Executive Committee decide which programs are of the most interest to club members. Thank you.

MBS PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Please circle your answer to each question. The responses that are received will help your Executive Committee decide on the club programs for 2003.

1. We will be bringing Warren Hill in for a demo and a workshop in May. Warren is an internationally known bonsai artist who was the Curator of the National Collection in Washington D.C. for several years. We are also considering having demos and workshops by several regional bonsai artists. The first is Jack Wikle, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, who is very well known for his talent in growing mame bonsai under lights. He would present a demo and workshop on mame bonsai. The second is Tim Thimios, who used to be a member of our club, now from North Carolina. He would present a demo and workshop on Kingsville Boxwood. The third is Randy Clark, a well-known bonsai artist, also from North Carolina who would present a demo and a workshop on phoenix graft bonsai. Which of these regional artists would you like to have for a club program (number from 1 to 3 to indicate preference, 1 is most preferred, 3 is least)

Preference

Jack Wikle \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Thimios \_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Clark \_\_\_\_\_

2. We are considering having several workshops that are not accompanied by a demonstration during a club meeting. In which of these would you be interested in participating? (number from 1 to 5 to indicate preference (1 is most preferred, 5 is least)

Preference

- A. *Wiring Workshop* – (Led by Club Members) A session to teach the basics of wiring. Each person would be wiring on one of his or her own trees \_\_\_\_\_
- B. *Turntable Workshop* – (Led by Scott Hurula) Each person would be assembling and creating a professional quality bonsai turntable. It could be either tabletop or floor standing. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. *Refinement Workshop* – (Led by Jack Douthitt) Each person would be working on a tree that has already been given its initial styling but that they wish to improve. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. *“What Next?” Workshop* – (Led by Club Members) This would be for the benefit of people who have started a bonsai and want to know “What do I do next?” \_\_\_\_\_
- E. *Collecting Trip* – a trip to a selected area for collecting of potential bonsai material. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Last month Michael Yanney gave an informative and entertaining program on propagation by the use of seeds. Would you like to have him back to present a program on propagation by the use of cuttings?

Yes No

4. The club has a Christmas party each year. At times in the past they have had a picnic in the summer. Would you be interested in having a picnic during the summer of 2003?

Yes No

5. It is advisable to photograph your trees each year. Would you like to have a program devoted to photographing your bonsai?

Yes No

6. Would you be interested in a “Study Group” that would meet on a Saturday separate from Club meetings? There would be no dues or officers. Just a group that meet to work on bonsai.

Yes No

7. Please list below any other suggestions that you have for a club program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Holiday Party

The 2002 Milwaukee Bonsai Society HOLIDAY PARTY will be held on Tuesday, December 3, at Meyer's Restaurant. This is the last club event of 2002 and a great way to get together with your fellow bonsai enthusiasts. Chicken and pork are on the menu, and dessert is included. Gifts to exchange are welcome! To sign up, bring the form below to the November meeting or mail your completed form and check to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 198, Brookfield, WI 53008-0198.**

*Date:* **Tuesday, December 3**

*Time:* **6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cash Bar**  
**7:30 p.m. Family-Style Sit Down Dinner**

*Place:* **Meyer's Restaurant**  
**6015 W. Forest Home Avenue**

*Price:* **\$15.00 per person**

## Holiday Party Reservation Form

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

NUMBER OF DINNERS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BUDDY BUCKS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 each - ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (subtract the value of your  
buddy bucks)

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to:* Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS), and send to address above.

Reservations (even if you're using only your well-earned Bonsai Buddy Bucks!) and payment must be received by Tuesday, NOVEMBER 19.

## MBS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2003

Fees: Individual  one year \$22  two years \$42  three years \$60

Family  one year \$30  two years \$58  three years \$84

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

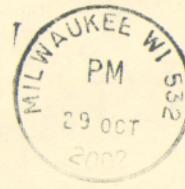
*Do you have any talents or interests that you would be willing to share with our members?*

*If so, please describe* \_\_\_\_\_





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*Next Meeting of MBS  
November 5, 2002  
7 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center*

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**Remaining Events '02**

Nov. 5 Club Meeting -  
Wintering with  
Houston Sanders

Dec. 3 Holiday Party

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*Fallowing leaves play  
their own crackling game of tag,  
loosed by the harsh wind*

*~ Mary Turner*



**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](mailto:mbs@asapnet.net) Look for us on the web at: <http://www.asapnet.net/milwaukee-bonsai/index.html>