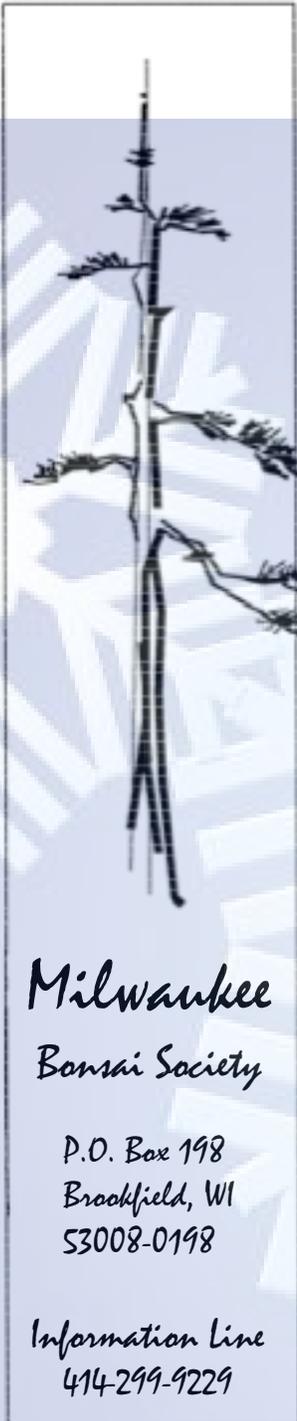


Bonsai News



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Holiday Party Tuesday December 4

Our annual Holiday party will again be at Meyer's restaurant at 74th and Forest Home. It's a festive occasion with great food served family style. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a wrapped gift as a contribution for our door prizes. If you get lost along the way, call for directions after 6:00. 414-614-6525.

6:00-7:00 cash bar
7:00 dinner

(We're sorry, but if you haven't already sent in your reservation, the deadline has passed. Please join us next year.)

NEXT MEETING
Holiday Party

Happy Holidays

President's Message

'Tis the week before December
And the first snow has fallen.
Leaves are all raked,
And the pies are all eaten.
The bonsai are snuggled
Asleep in the cold frame,
And tropicals under lights
dream of spring rain.
I had just settled down
with past bonsai issues to spot
When the UPS man arrived to deliver
more pots.
It's really cold and soon is the MBS
dinner
Our bonsai friends will gather before
settling for winter.
So rest, relax, read and renew
It soon will be spring with so much to do.
The New Year commences, soon bonsai
awake
There'll be MBS events in which to
partake.
So here's my last wish for the outgoing
year
Happy Holidays, Health, Joy and Good
Cheer.





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PEST CONTROL

Now that you have moved some of your trees indoors, you might find some flying critters around them. Here is a pest solution that is harmless to your trees:

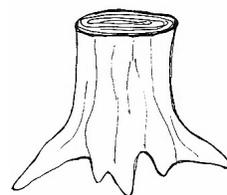
- 1-2 Tablespoons dishwashing liquid (original Dawn works very well)
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil

Pour above two ingredients into gallon jug.
Fill the gallon with water.

*Pour into a spray bottle and add 1-2 capfuls of alcohol. Spray your trees. Cover all leaf and stem surfaces. 3-4 times with 3 day intervals. Discard any unused solution.

The soap/oil solution can be stored for a while. When you need to spray again, follow the directions*

Here's your chance to get answers for all your bonsai questions! Just email your question to:



Tree.Stump@yahoo.com

by the 18th of the month. Your questions will be answered in the order they were received.

American Bonsai Society

Fall Bulletin October 2007

Published by the ABS Board of Directors

Dear ABS members:

ABS is the oldest bonsai organization dedicated to promoting bonsai in all of North America. **The ABS leadership is sending you this special message to share important information on the status of the American Bonsai Society.**

ABS, as a 503-C non-profit educational organization, provides its members as much value as possible from its limited sources of revenue: members' dues, Journal advertising, the Book Service, tax deductible contributions and profits (if any) from the annual learning symposium.

The largest regular expense for ABS is layout, printing and mailing of the Journal. The cost to put the journal in the hands of our members four times a year is greater than the ABS membership dues received plus the income derived from advertising revenue. In the past this shortfall between expenses and income has always been met or somewhat exceeded by the profits from the convention or symposium, including its raffles and auction proceeds.

In the case of any symposium, agreements are made with class teachers for their teaching fees and expenses; contracts are signed with the hotel for classrooms, display and vendor areas, and meals. Total expenses for the event are projected using the anticipated number of registered attendees. As the number of registration-paying attendees staying at the host hotel increases, the per capita cost to ABS decreases. If the actual number of attendees/hotel registrants is less than projected, ABS may not meet expenses. If the guaranteed number of sleeping rooms is not booked by ABS attendees, the hotel imposes a penalty.

At our 2007 Symposium in Virginia Beach, the expenses were much greater than planned because of the penalty imposed by the hotel for too few sleeping rooms booked by ABS attendees. Even using all proceeds from donations, the raffles, and auction to cover symposium expenses the income shortfall was so significant that ABS had to use all of its reserve funds to meet expenses.

Adding to our financial crunch, the much anticipated bonsai photo book featuring North American bonsai and the expected profit to ABS from its sale have been delayed. The color photos in the printed book were not of acceptable quality. However, Martin Schmalenberg, editor of the book has secured new financing for the book and a new printer. The book is currently being printed and will be available in mid November. When it is available we encourage you to purchase a copy. Meanwhile we have a major investment funded by a small group of ABS board and other members as a debit for the financing of this book.

The leadership of ABS is working very hard to return this organization to financial stability via the following actions:

ABS will not publish a Fall issue of the Journal but will combine the scheduled materiel with the Winter issue and send in January.

- This newsletter is the ABS bridge between summer and winter issues of the Journal so that our membership is informed of our present and projected situation and our upcoming seminars.
- A new, restricted budget for the balance of the 2007 fiscal year will be constructed and followed.
- A three-year financial plan will be developed with the goal of returning ABS to its previous financial sound status.
- Costs to produce the Journal have been reviewed and less expensive alternatives are being studied.
- We have located a new printer, new financing and will have the North American Bonsai Book ready for purchase in mid November.

What can you as a member do to hasten the financial recovery of The American Bonsai Society?

- Renew your membership at the Supporting Level or above.
- Encourage at least one person in your bonsai group to become a member and enjoy the Journal that is focused on North American bonsai.
- Make a tax deductible contribution to ABS as part of your annual giving program (as soon as possible). Some employers may match your gift.
- Make plans now to attend the 2008 Learning Symposium in San Antonio.
- Via the ABS website, purchase a copy of each of the bonsai booklets, our annual calendar, and the unique book by David De Groot, Basic Bonsai Design.
- When you purchase bonsai items from one of the vendors who advertise in the Journal, thank them for their support of ABS and encourage them to continue to advertise.

Should any of you have suggestions for the good of ABS, please feel free to contact any of your board members. They are all listed in the Journal and on the ABS website at www.absbonsai.org. ABS is YOUR organization that actively supports bonsai in North America. We look forward to your support in working out our difficulties and in the future.

Looking forward to your continued support of ABS,

Pauline Muth, ABS President
and your entire ASS Board of Directors

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***** See the ABS website to: Renew you membership at a higher level; order books or the 2008 calendar, and to register for the ABS Learning Seminars in San Antonio Texas. Dennis Howke is working hard with our website. Much has been added to make it a great educational resource for all ABS members.**

***** To correspond by mail, send letters to: American Bonsai Society, Gloria Duncan Executive Secretary, P O BOX 351604, Toledo, Ohio 43635-1604**

Milwaukee Bonsai Society Membership Form 2008

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Please confirm your e-mail address here for your monthly online newsletter:

(This e-mail address will not be shared with other parties and is for MBS Board use only.)

Do you have any hidden talents / interests that you would be willing to share with our members?
If so, please describe:

Librarian needed for 2008. It doesn't take much time, you just need to be organized. Contact Laura L (414-771-7526)

If you are having challenges opening the online newsletter, please email: hagr8d@mac.com

Thanks to the following for working at Folk Fair 2007. (Your Buddy Bucks will count for next year).

1 Buddy Buck - Jerry Niemiec, Gen Molling, Rocio Saybe, Jorge Rossette, Laura Larrabee, Allen Koszarek, Delores Day, Don Gumieny, Karen Gumieny, Kris Ziemann and Scott Hurula

2 Buddy Bucks - Susan Lindell, John Moore and Tony Plicka

6 Buddy Bucks - Jean Sher



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Bonsai from your backyard

Holly - *Ilex* sp.

General Information: Available in both evergreen and deciduous species, holly is grown for its toothed glossy green leaves and its showy berries, which are red in most popular varieties, but can also be a showy yellow. Holly can range from under one foot to over 80, and is found in both temperate and tropical regions. Both male and female plants are needed for fruiting.

Lighting: Can tolerate both sun and shade, although semi-shade is preferable in midsummer. Increased light tends to produce dense foliage.

Temperature: In general, evergreen varieties are hardy to zone 7, deciduous varieties to zone 5. Most varieties will require some frost protection, and all varieties should be sheltered from strong or cold winds.

Watering: Needs a fair amount of water, especially before fruit production. Holly can be badly damaged by draught. Reduce watering in winter. Likes misting, unless it is in full sun.

Feeding: Every two weeks during growth, using half strength liquid plant food, or bonsai food.

Pruning and wiring: Cut back new shoots to the one or two nodes closest to the trunk. Branches can be very brittle, so shaping is best done by pruning rather than wiring. If wiring must be done, it is best to wire in spring-summer, taking care to protect the bark. Leaf pruning to reduce leaf size is possible. Suitable for all sizes and styles,

although the evergreen varieties do not take as well to broom style. *Ilex asprella* has a tendency towards horizontal growth which must be compensated for; *Ilex vomitoria*, on the other hand, has a strong inclination to grow upwards.

Propagation: Seed, cuttings, and air-layering are all possible for deciduous varieties. Evergreen varieties are best propagated through cuttings. Germination from seed requires cold pre-treatment, and seed can take up to three years before sprouting. Cuttings taken from wood grown in the current year root more easily. *Ilex vomitoria nana* may be found growing in the wild and may be collected in early Spring.

Repotting: Every 1-2 years in early spring. Use basic bonsai soil.

Pests: Caterpillars, leaf-miners, leaf spot, scale, mites and spittlebugs. The plant can also be weakened by too much fruit production, so it is wise to limit the amount of fruit on the tree.

Diseases: Twig gall sometimes forms in response to a fungus infection.





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Next Meeting of MBS
7PM, Tuesday, February 5
Grace Lutheran Church
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EMPTY, LONELY BENCH
FORTELLS WINTER SOON TO COME
SPRING BRINGS LIFE AGAIN

-KRIS ZIEMANN