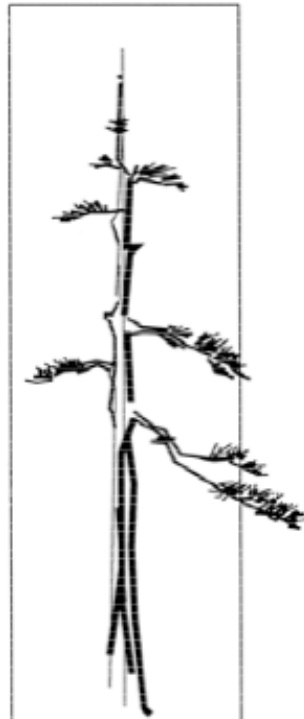


DECEMBER 2009

# Bonsai News



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society*

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414-299-9229

**NEXT MEETING**  
December 1 - 7 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR THE  
**Holiday supper and  
40th anniversary celebration**

Tuesday December 1

There's still time to sign up to bring a dish to our  
Pot Luck supper.

Still needed are:

Appetizers

Main dishes

Salads

(if a green salad, please bring salad dressings)

Meats

Rolls (with butter)

Coffee will be provided  
please bring your own beverage

Please contact Laura  
414-771-7526 or [llarra7603@aol.com](mailto:llarra7603@aol.com)  
with what you will bring

**ALSO, please bring a wrapped gift for our  
gift exchange**

**FEBRUARY 2010**  
Feb 2 - CLUB MEETING

## President's Message

December has arrived closing the outdoor bonsai season, the year and my term as the Milwaukee Bonsai Society president. It really was a special year with great demonstrations from both visiting artists and artists from our club. Numerous workshops and classes were offered to boost the quality of our trees and the quantity of our education. New programs were started to increase the comradery and enjoyment of members. The board of directors also underwent the daunting task of organizing, clarifying, the tasks and policies that govern this club. This was not an easy job, many issues arose, many questions were asked, and many opinions were given. In the end we straightened out most of those issues and are a much healthier club for it. So I'd like to give a special thanks to our board members for all their extra effort, time, and support. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time and talent at our various club activities. I must thank the members who opened their homes to our visiting artists and to the members who are hosting study groups, it takes very special people to offer these services. Last of all I would like to thank the Milwaukee Bonsai Society for giving me the honor and pleasure of serving as your club president, I'll treasure the memories.

Happy Holidays,

- Joe H



## BUDDY BUCKS

Congratulations and THANK YOU!!!!

MBS uses Buddy Bucks to reward those members who contribute extra time to make the Club work. This year, one Buddy Buck was awarded for each hour of work outside of club meetings and over 1,000 hours of extra time have been contributed by 36 members!!

This is a reflection of the enthusiasm and commitment of members to make the club a vibrant, active organization.

**This year, Buddy Bucks will be used in the form of raffle tickets to win some wonderful prizes, including 3 \$50 gift certificates that can be used towards studying with one of our 3 visiting artists in 2010. Currently we are planning visits by Warren Hill, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Ted Matson.**

Pick up your personal Buddy Bucks envelope at the December pot luck meeting and deposit them to win a prize. You **MUST** be present to win. (no cash value, non-transferrable)

#### Suthin Workshops for 2010- Update

Spaces for the 2010 Suthin workshops are filling up fast. Those who are seriously interested should reserve their slot with a \$50 deposit per workshop. Each workshop will have no more than 8 participants.

Here are the availabilities:

Saturday, July 31, 2 openings  
Sunday, August 1, 4 openings  
Monday, August 2, 3 openings  
Tuesday, August 3--available all day for  
private, semi-private, etc.  
Saturday, September 25, 0 openings  
Sunday, September 26, 6 openings

You can forward your NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 per workshop, payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society, to Michelle Z., 7026 N. Lake Dr., Fox Point, WI 53217. We need at least 8 more commitments to go ahead with this project.

REMEMBER, IF YOU INDICATED INTEREST IN OCTOBER, YOUR SPACE IS **NOT** GUARANTEED UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE DEPOSIT.

These workshops are open to all members of MBS of any skill level and will cost \$75-\$115 per workshop depending on the number of participants and the location of the workshop.

### Milwaukee Bonsai Society Membership Form 2010

Renewal must be received by January 31, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

for (circle)     **Single** 1 year \$25   2 years \$48   3 years \$70

**Family** 1 year \$35   2 years \$68   3 years \$100

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:

# Folk Fair 2009



Saturday's People's Choice Award  
Boulevard Cypress Grove - Tony P



Friday's People's Choice Award  
Chinese Elm - Steve C



Sunday's People's Choice Award  
Chinese Elm - Kris Z

## December Bonsai Tips...

Although your bonsai require very little attention this time of year, don't neglect them in the December rush. Root rot can become a big problem, if you haven't modified your watering schedule. Make sure you water only when your bonsai's soil has gotten on the dry side. Your deciduous trees are not transpiring when their leaves have fallen, and the cool temperatures do not promote much evaporation, so your trees are not using much water.



December is a good time to rewire, since the branches won't begin to swell with growth again until dormancy ends. Be careful with your deciduous material, though. Even though they are denuded and easier to wire, there is less sap in the branches now, making them more brittle. Your pines, junipers and most other evergreens are still fairly pliable. Use wire that is harder to bend than the branch is to train. That way you won't need to put your branches at risk from overbending in order to get the correct angle to stay. Also, the heavier wire will be less likely to scar the branch if you don't remove it in time.

Prepare soil now for the potting season. There are so many things to be done in the early spring that any early preparation now will be appreciated then. Tag any trees that will need repotting. Now is the time to order pots (or clean up old ones) so they'll be ready when you need them.



The slow winter season is a good time to photograph your bonsai. Your deciduous material is fully exposed and there's nothing like a black and white photograph of a tree to reveal flaws in the branch arrangement. This can be your blueprint for pruning in spring. Your photographs may also reveal a better front or potting angle. Keep these photos in a record book. It can be quite rewarding to look over your bonsai records and see how your trees have developed over the years. Bring your records to a club meeting to get suggestions from other members for shaping and design. If you're a bit afraid of being pressured to cut off more than you want, just having photos or sketches can save you from regrets and still allow you to get input from others.





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Next Meeting of MBS  
 7PM, Tuesday, DECEMBER 1  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 3030 W Oklahoma

#### 2010 MBS OFFICERS

President	Pam W
First VP	John M
Second VP	Greg P
Secretary	Jorge R
Treasurer	Kris Z
Director	Jerry N
Director	Steve C
Director	
Past Pres.	Joe H

#### Other Club Functions:

Kris Z - Newsletter  
 Pam W - Webmaster  
 Tom A - Librarian  
 John M - Telephone response  
 Don G, Leo S, & Houston S - PAB Board

