


# Bonsai News

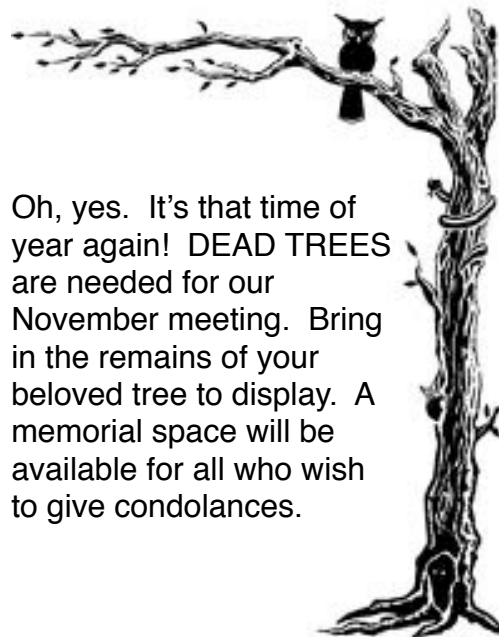


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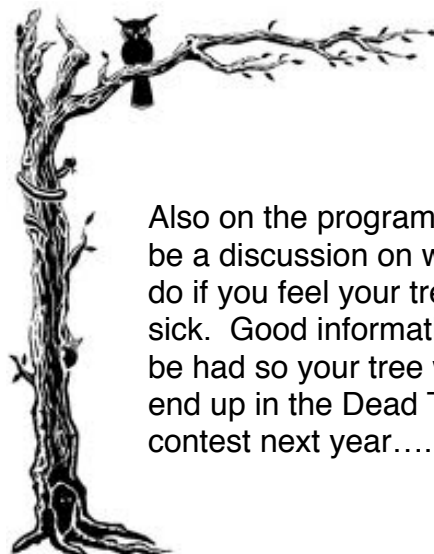
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## NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING



Oh, yes. It's that time of year again! DEAD TREES are needed for our November meeting. Bring in the remains of your beloved tree to display. A memorial space will be available for all who wish to give condolences.



Also on the program will be a discussion on what to do if you feel your tree is sick. Good information to be had so your tree won't end up in the Dead Tree contest next year.....

**NOVEMBER**  
Nov 2 - CLUB MEETING  
Dead Tree Contest / what to do with sick trees  
Nov 6 Open Workshop BBG  
Nov 19-21 - Folk Fair

**DECEMBER**  
Dec 7 - Holiday Party at Meyer's Restaurant  
74th and Forest Home  
6:00 cash Bar  
7:00 Family Style Dinner  
SEND IN RESERVATIONS  
By NOVEMBER 25

2011 MBS OFFICERS	
President	Pam W
First VP	John M
Second VP	Greg P
Secretary	Jorge R
Treasurer	Kris Z
Director	Steve Car.
Director	Steve Con.
Director	Pat B
Past Pres.	Joe H

**NEXT MEETING**  
November 2 - 7 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church

# President's Message

## “So Don't Delay.... Renew Today”

We are very lucky to have many distinguished bonsai enthusiasts in our club. We have a wealth of knowledge available at meetings, workshops, and just generally available to us. Jack Douthitt's presentation on what he has learned in the last 40 years was really great.

On the club business front, we completed our elections, and voted to hold our meetings at Boerner starting 2011.

Our social affairs are always a big part of our bonsai club. We will very soon be holding our holiday party. Remember that volunteer hours offset the cost of the holiday dinner. An exciting volunteer opportunity is coming up for the Holiday Folk Fair. Make our motto of “increasing awareness of the art of bonsai and of the Society's activities among the general public of Southeastern Wisconsin” a meaningful reality.

One last reminder, despite the continuing economic conditions, our membership has held firm. In fact, we are looking forward to increasing our Club membership this year. What this means is that you are more likely to mingle with bonsai enthusiasts, to make new friends, and to enjoy the glorious activities we have planned. So don't delay.... Renew today.

*-Pam*

## Intermediate, Suthin and Matson Study Group members

Please help us with a project for next July.

- Now's the time to pick up an inexpensive tree at a local garden center.
- Bring it to the November 6 Open workshop and style it.
- In spring, repot it and keep it alive until July where we will sell it as a club fundraiser at the Wauwatosa Garden display.

If you have questions, please contact Kris at 262-512-1228 or [hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com) THANKS!

### **NOVEMBER 6 - OPEN WORKSHOP**

**Bring your trees to work with other MBS members at the next Open Workshop on November 6 at Boerner Botanical Garden.**

**9 - noon.**

# BONSAI BUCKS



If we have omitted your name, please email [hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com), or see Kris Z at the club meeting.

## OPEN WORKSHOP OCTOBER 9

1 Bonsai Buck

Tony P, Ron F, Pam W, John M and Joe N

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR GRAND TOTAL OF BONSAI BUCKS

## CLUB SHOW

1 Bonsai Buck

Demitra C, Rebecca S, Bill G, Allen K, Julie McN, Susan L, Tony P, Pat B, Ron F, Bonnie K, Jeff K, Caroline S, Houston S and Laura L

2 Bonsai Bucks

Rocio S, Mike Nold, Tom F, Jean S, Anna S, Jerry N and Greg P

**REMEMBER:**  
WITH 6 BONSAI BUCKS  
YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER  
WILL BE FREE!!

3 Bonsai Bucks

Jorge R and Steve Con

6 Bonsai Bucks

John M

5 Bonsai Bucks

Pam W

10 Bonsai Bucks

Steve Ca

## HOLIDAY PARTY 2010

Our annual Holiday party will again be at Meyer's restaurant at 74th and Forest Home. It's a festive occasion and folks always have a great time. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a BONSAI RELATED wrapped gift as a contribution for our door prizes. Please fill out the reservation form below and bring it with a check to the

November meeting or send to our mailbox: MBS P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224

Date: Tuesday December 7, 2010

Time: 6:00-7:00 cash bar

7:00 Family Style Dinner

Place: Meyer's Restaurant 74th and Forest Home

Price: \$18 per person

Reservations must be

**RECEIVED by NOVEMBER 25, 2010**

**REMEMBER: EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER,  
YOU MUST FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM!!!**

..... HOLIDAY PARTY Reservation Form .....

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Buddy Bucks \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3 each = - ( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society (MBS). Bring check to November meeting or send to the P.O. Box 240822, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

**Reservations must be RECEIVED by NOVEMBER 25, 2010**

**BONSAI BUCKS 2010 (includes Folk Fair 2009 thru Open Workshop 10/9)**

1 Bonsai Buck

Tom A, Jack D, Russ K, Bonnie K, Jeff K, Ken K, Laura L, Rob P and Dan R

2 Bonsai Bucks

Demitra C, Dennis G, Chris H, Judy H, Gen M, Jeff M and Rebecca S

3 Bonsai Bucks

Tom F, Joe H, Joe N and Pauline J

4 Bonsai Bucks

Ken J, Mike N and Anna S

5 Bonsai Bucks

Barb S

PAID DINNERS

6 Bonsai Bucks

Bill G, Susan L, Houston S and Rocío S

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVE FREE DINNERS AS WELL AS A COUPON FOR EACH BONSAI BUCK OVER 6 - TO BE USED IN A SPECIAL DRAWING.

7 Bonsai Bucks

Pat B

10 Bonsai Bucks

Ron F and Allen K

12 Bonsai Bucks

Jerry N

14 Bonsai Bucks

Steve Con

15 Bonsai Bucks

Tony P and Jorge R

16 Bonsai Bucks

Greg P

20 Bonsai Bucks

Steve Ca and Pam W

21 Bonsai Bucks

John M

24 Bonsai Bucks

Jean S

29 Bonsai Bucks

Kris Z

If we have inadvertently missed your name, please let us know!

Contact Kris 262-512-1228 or [hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com)

***EVEN IF YOU ARE RECEIVING A FREE DINNER, PLEASE FILL OUT A RESERVATION FORM (in this issue) SO WE KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING.***

***Those who have earned more than 6 Bonsai Bucks will receive coupons for 3 drawings of \$50 gift certificates to be used at a Milwaukee Bonsai Society function.***

***Also, please bring a wrapped, bonsai related item for our gift exchange/door prizes.***

***THANKS AND HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.***

## Problems for Trees...

By Pam W

### Excessive Leaf Shedding and Yellow Leaves

If your tree sheds an abnormally high amount of leaves, or the leaves are yellow, it is symptomatic of three things; too much water, too little water or not enough sunlight.

Typically the cause of yellowing leaves is not enough sunlight. Make sure your tree is placed in an area where it gets six hours of direct light exposure daily. Some trees, depending on the species, can suffer from too much shade. Simply put, many conifers and hardwood trees have to be in full sunlight most of the day to survive. These trees are what foresters and botanists call "shade intolerant". Trees that can take shade are "shade tolerant".

Excess leaf shedding is usually a watering issue, or your tree may be pot bound. Normally it is a result of too much or too little watering. The soil should be on the dry side of moist before you water.

### Pests Have Invaded My Tree

Every once in a while, your tree might become infested with common garden pests, this can be easily rectified. First of all, you will be able to see the pests on or around the tree. A good misting usually does the trick. Every so often, you may have to remove pests by hand. Use a tweezer to remove the pests, usually aphids or possibly scale. Then, mist the tree and add misting to your



maintenance schedule. That should resolve the issue.

Make sure you regularly cleanse the bark according to the problem areas. You can use a home based solution such as vinegar to clean up the bark problems. Apple cider vinegar can also be used. This will regularly clean up the bark and provide you with a great texture of the plant.

### Evidence of Decay

Decaying trees are prone to failure, but the presence of decay alone does not necessarily mean failure. Still, advanced decay (soft, crumbly wood with a cavity) is

serious. Advanced decay is associated with cracks, weak branch unions, or other defects.

### Cankers and Splits

Canker-causing microorganisms often become established on dying branches before invading the trunk. Most cankers start from poorly healed branch stubs.

The bark often splits above and below poorly healed branch stubs. These splits are additional entry points for trunk-infecting microorganisms.

## Holiday Folk Fair 2010

The 2010 Holiday Folk Fair is coming up on Friday November 19th through Sunday November 21st. This will be our eighth year to participate in this annual extravaganza.

It is an annual affair sponsored by the International Institute of Wisconsin. You can explore the customs and traditions of the world's diverse cultures as you sample regional cuisine, enjoy lively music and dance and purchase beautifully handcrafted goods. Experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the world right here in Wisconsin!

During the day on Friday, attendance is primarily young people of school age who are brought to the event from all over Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Several tree sitters will be needed on Friday so that we are not overwhelmed by the visitors. Saturday and Sunday are not quite so hectic. Signup sheets for trees and for tree sitters will be available at the November meeting. If you need additional information please contact Steve Co and John M. Your entrance to the Fair is free as a volunteer!

Come and have some fun with us!!!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
7PM, Tuesday, November 2  
Grace Lutheran Church  
3030 W Oklahoma

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### Other Club Functions:

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



**Shadows on the wall  
Images without blemish  
Moving with the sun  
-Joe Nemec**