December 7
HOLIDAY PARTY at
Meyer’s Restaurant
74th and Forest Home
6:00 cash Bar
7:00 Family Style Dinner
RESERVATIONS must be
received by
NOVEMBER 26
If you wish to attend and
it is after the deadline
date, please call to see if
there is room.....
262-512-1228

BECAUSE WE DO
NOT HAVE A
MEETING IN
JANUARY,
please keep
checking the
website for
updates on
activities in
December and
January.

IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN
WORKING WITH
TED MATSON
DURING 2011,
PLEASE SEE THE
ARTICLE ON PAGE 2.

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
February 1 - 7 pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens
President's Message

“Time to Take Stock”

This year is coming to a close. We had a special year of demonstrations equally shared by club members and visiting artist. Being able to have our own members present is a result of the educational programs in which our members participate as they improve their skills and experience. The quality of our shows and trees has taken a great leap. Our novice trees are wowing the public and bringing in membership. Our members enjoy bonsai and each other. You can see the members who have been in the club for awhile enjoying activities and sharing duties right alongside new members.

Now it's time to take stock of our past, look hard at what we're doing, keep what works, get rid of what doesn't, and add new things to fulfill our mission: clear, conscious choices about where to spend energy, time, and money. It's time to explore new ways of bringing bonsai to people. Your club needs your input, ideas and help. Let us know what you like, where you would like to see us head.

To close out the year I would like to thank our volunteers for their time and talents. Thank our members who opened their homes for classes, study groups and hosting artist. Thank our board members for all the extra effort and support. Our club is very healthy because of you!

Happy Holidays!

-Pam

2011 TED MATSON
STUDY GROUPS FORMING...

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced students are all welcomed.

Ted is scheduled to come to Milwaukee
March 29 - April 5 (classes on Friday
April 1 - Sunday April 3) and
September 30 - October 5 (classes on
Friday September 30 - Sunday
October 2)
*Day and evening classes will be offered.
*Private and semi-private lessons will be offered.

The costs will be discussed with interested parties at a future meeting when we have an idea how many MBS members will be participating.

To express you interest and for more information contact:
Kris Z 262-512-1228 / hagr8d@mac.com.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Holiday party December 7 at Meyer’s restaurant.

Intermediate, Suthin and Matson Study Group members

If you have picked up a tree to work on for the July Wauwatosa event, please contact Kris at 262-512-1228 or hagr8d@mac.com  THANKS!
I have been a bonsai artist in training for over twenty years. Recently I had the opportunity to work on the Bonsai Collection North under the direction and instruction of Kathy Shaner. I have attended countless workshops all over the country learning hands on with many notables such as Roy Nagatosh, Colin Lewis, Mas Isumi, Ernie Kuo and Ted Matson.

This presidency is my second time as president of Milwaukee Bonsai Society. The first time was in the early 1990’s. I also served as a director and Secretary of the American Bonsai Society. I have been instrumental in putting Milwaukee in the heart of the bonsai world. I proposed and chaired the first convention (1995) as well as co-chaired the second (2002), and was registrar of the third convention (2006) in Milwaukee.

Jack Douthitt mentioned that knowledge is cumulative so maybe I am just making more connections, but yes there is more information. More books, better quality magazines, and more club members sharing their personal experiences as our club grows in experience.

First and foremost, bonsai is a vision of nature, and everything you do should exemplify that vision. Think of each work of bonsai representing your unique perspective on nature. To be hands on with nature, surrounded by a collection of bonsai, perhaps the highest form of creative expression that human beings can muster. washing away soil from his maples at one of our demonstrations. I watched as Kathy worked on roots for two days before repotting. She cut dead root tips until she saw live tissue on each root of a rotting pine. As she explained it is the only way to get resulting roots to sustain the tree.

With nearly 60 trees in my collection in varying stages of development, I strive to make each tree a little better. I take this same approach with our club. Let’s make each event, each exhibit, each workshop or class participant’s experience and each other a little better.

I also share the vision of some of our other members for showcasing our talented members with a formation of a permanent collection in the greater Milwaukee area. Having worked on the Bonsai Collection North with Kathy Shaner, I understand what a great educational opportunity the club could provide.
RESULTS OF NOVEMBER’S DEAD TREE CONTEST

1st Place - Itoigawa shimpaku

2nd place - Blue Moss Cypress

3rd Place - Buttonwood

(Owner of all three - Kris Z)
A few shots of this year’s Folk Fair..

Note… there are 3 addresses for Boerner Botanical Gardens all in Hales Corners:
A  5555 S 106th St
B  5879 South 92nd St   and
C  9400 Boerner Drive (where we will meet)

Use Google to get a better map...
Next Meeting of MBS
7PM, Tuesday, February 1
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Other Club Functions:
Newsletter    Kris Z
Webmaster    Pam W
Librarian    Tom A
Telephone response    John M
PAB Board    Ron F, Leo S, & Houston S

Dried leaves skittering
Madly chased by angry winds
To and fro - swirling

- Joe Nemec