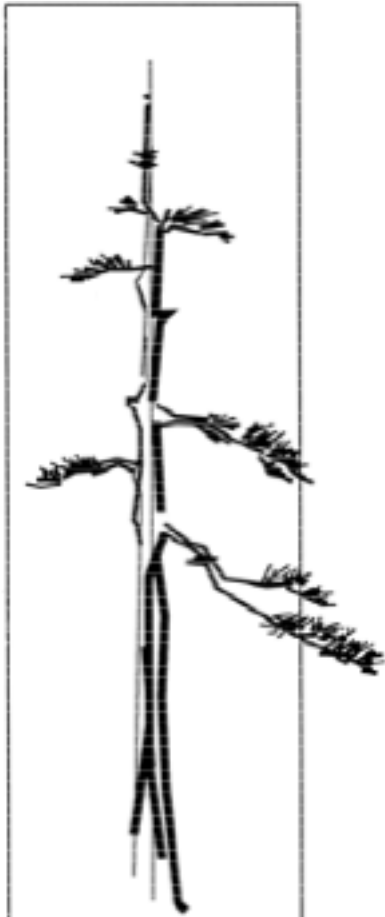


JUNE 2012

# Bonsai News



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## June Club meeting

Tom Longfellow is returning to work on the club's large hemlock. Last year, the tree did not come out of winter very well. It perked up a bit during the summer, but there are dead areas on the tree. This is an excellent chance for you to see how your plans have to change when Mother Nature does her work before you do!! We suspect that Tom will be doing a lot of jin work with power tools!

Tom has been working with bonsai for over 17 years. While enjoying all manner of potential material, Tom really enjoys working with conifers and collected trees. With a career as a technical project manager for many years, Tom has completed his horticulture degree in landscape design to further his knowledge and to work full time with plants instead of computers.

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## 2012 Events

### JUNE

#### June 5 - Club Meeting

Guest Artist - Tom Longfellow  
Hemlock/spruce display

### JULY

#### No Club Meeting

July 7 - Tropical repotting  
workshop 9-1 Boerner

July 14 - Wauwatosa Garden  
Tour and bonsai exhibit

July 15 - MBS picnic.

### AUGUST

August 2-12 - State Fair

August 7 - Club Meeting  
AUCTION!!

August 17-19 - Chicago Show

### SEPTEMBER

Sept 4 - Club Meeting

Fall maintenance discussion

Sept 15 - Public Workshop

Sept 14-16 MBS Annual Show

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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday June 5 - 6:30 pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens

## President's Message

It was warm, sunny and breezy on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>, a perfect day for MBS to participate in the celebration of National Public Gardens Day. MBS members Greg P. Kris Z, Joe N and myself staffed our booth in the gardens at Boerner throughout the day and received compliments on the bonsai display. Several people actually brought their trees for consultation and two Milwaukee Public School teachers brought some of their students to our display. The teachers were so enthusiastic that they want to attend the fall public workshop and ultimately become involved with MBS in an outreach program at their school.

As our Society grows, as we strive to provide more activities for our members, the amount of work necessary to accomplish all our goals increases also. If we are to succeed in our endeavors, the Executive Committee needs some help. The EC needs a couple of people who are willing to become more involved in the Society to come forward and participate as members of the EC. The EC includes three "Directors at Large" positions. Being a Director is best way to be initiated into the EC. The term for a Director is three years, which allow the new EC member to "learn the ropes" without having any further specific duties. This is the way that most EC members got their start.

The 2012 Wisconsin State Fair will run from August 2nd thru the 12<sup>th</sup>. The

Bonsai display is essentially an MBS Exhibit and is a big undertaking for our Society, providing trees for the exhibit and tree sitters for security, demos and answering questions from the public. I will have the tree sitters sign up sheets at the June 5 meeting. Last year the response was very good so I didn't need to call many people to fill in the blanks. I hope it works that way again this year. Don't forget that you get a ticket to the Fair as a volunteer tree sitter!

I remind you that there will not be a July meeting, but there will be an MBS picnic on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Don Gumieny has again graciously invited the Society to his home for an afternoon of gemütlichkeit, bonsai and lawn trains. Further information and a map will be included in the July newsletter.

**-Steve**



Tom with our hemlock in June of 2010.  
BOY HAS IT CHANGED!!!

[Milwaukeebonsai.org/42ae](http://Milwaukeebonsai.org/42ae)

MBS42AE (Milwaukee Bonsai Society's 42nd Annual Exhibit) only three months away!

I'm just checking in with all of you to let you know how the plans are developing for our 42nd Annual Exhibit of our very best trees and trees in training. Your nine member committee met on Saturday, May 26th and I am very happy to say that all the sub-committee chairperson-positions have been filled and the weekend looks great. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help make this exhibit the very best our club has ever seen.

The Exhibit will run from 6:00PM Friday, September 14th - 5:00PM Sunday, September 16th. Everyone, mark those dates on your calendars and plan for a bonsai-packed weekend... right here at Boerner Botanical Garden. The other important date to be aware of is the tree drop off date of Wednesday afternoon and evening, September 12th. So begin your thought process and choose the tree that you will enter in the Exhibit and in the tree in training display, and work on developing them for the show.

Speaking of the show, there will be many different ways you can participate. Peter Tea will be presenting a Critique on Friday evening at the Exhibit Opening Reception, free and open to the public. There will be opportunities for you to sign up for two BYO material workshops, priced at about \$50, or three material provided workshops at a yet undetermined fee. The materials that are being considered are Japanese five needle pine, Cryptomeria, and Liquidamber. Of course, this will depend on what trees the committee will be able to secure, and will be priced at three different \$ and quality levels; \$, \$\$, and \$\$\$\$. This pricing structure will offer members the opportunity to participate at a cost and quality level that will fit most everyone's budget and experience. There will be six half day private sessions with Peter Tea where just you and Peter will have the opportunity to discuss your trees at your own home and priced at about \$175. Ted Matson

has offered these for the many years that he has been coming to Milwaukee and I'll tell you, these are worth every penny. And finally, there will be two or three evening workshops offered at little or possibly NO COST to members. The topics of these evenings have not been determined yet so stay tuned for next month's newsletter for more information.

Last, but far from least, is YOUR involvement in presenting this club event. As with any club that is as active as our club, WE NEED YOUR HELP! There will be spots for volunteers which will include tasks like tree sitters, workshop attendants, poster distributors, welcomers, tree registration aides and spots that I cannot think of yet. The time commitment will be reasonable especially if EVERYONE helps out. Thanks for considering to help out. Any questions... contact me.

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42 annual exhibit  
milwaukee bonsai society

EXHIBIT TREES  
TREES IN TRAINING  
VENDORS  
RAFFLES  
BEGINNER WORKSHOP \*  
ARTIST WORKSHOP \*  
\* PREREGISTRATION AND FEE  
Friday 6-10 pm Reception & Critique  
Saturday & Sunday 10-5 pm

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special guest Peter TEA 2012 september 14-16

BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS  
Boerner Botanical Garden Education & Visitor Center 9400 Boerner Drive Hales Corners WI

## Intermediate Classes

Intermediate classes start June 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3-8 hour classes with the 4th get together being a workshop with a guest artist.

The cost will be \$125. This year we will have more structured classes. This will aid new students and be a review for more experienced students.

If the class is larger, there will be two teachers, one will work with the newer students and the other will work with the more experienced students.

The other classes will be in July, August, and the workshop in September.

To sign up please call Susan 414-744-2808.

\*\*\* REMEMBER the club auction at the August meeting. This is a great way to get new trees, pots and Bonsai items. Also a great way to pass on these items.

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. proudly present its **18th** annual

### **Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour**

Saturday, July 14, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Tour Headquarters: Kneeland-Walker House

7406 Hilcrest Dr, Wauwatosa, WI

Tour seven private gardens plus the beautiful gardens at the Kneeland-Walker house, where master gardeners and plant societies will be on hand selling plants and garden related items. Melinda Myers, the "plant Doctor" will be available. She is sponsored by Kanavas Landscape Management.

Advance tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased beginning in early June at the following ticket outlets: Alfa Flower Shop, Blue Lapin, The Flower Lady, Fruit of the Bloom, Hawks Nursery, Locker's Florist, Rose's Flower Shop, and Wisconsin Garden & Pet. On tour day, tickets are \$12.00 and will be available at the Kneeland-Walker House (7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa), the starting point for the tour.

## Bonsai from your backyard

### VIRGINIA CREEPER - PARTHENOCISSUS

Parthenocissus is a genus of about 10 species of deciduous tendril climbers found in the forests of the Himalayas, E. Asia and North America. Most commonly they cling by tiny disc-like suckers on the end of their tendrils. They are fully hardy and can be grown in sun or partial shade. Species suitable for bonsai

**Position:** Full sun but shade in strong midday light.

**Feeding:** Every two weeks; if the plant does not receive enough fertilizer the leaves tend to drop before they change color.

**Repotting:** Every second year though vigorous specimens may require annual repotting.

**Pruning:** Prune back hard in the autumn after leaf-drop; continual pruning of new growth, tendrils and damaged leaves required through the spring and summer.

**Propagation:** Very easy at any time from cuttings and layering.

**Pests and diseases:** Relatively trouble free though caterpillars can cause unsightly damage to leaves.

**Styles:** Semi-cascade, cascade, root-over-rock, clump styles in medium to large sizes.

**Other notes:** Parthenocissus are very soft-wooded so exposed deadwood can rot very quickly unless protected or removed.

**Warning:** Parthenocissus tricuspidata/Virginia Creeper can cause severe allergic reactions in some people as it contains 'Oxalate crystals', a known skin allergen. Repeated exposure to such plant species can cause sensitisation in some people and lead to 'allergic dermatitis' when in contact with P. tricuspidata/Virginia Creeper. In this sense it can have a similar effect on some people to 'Poison Ivy'.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Meeting of MBS  
Tuesday, June 5  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

## 2012 MBS OFFICERS

President	Steve Con.
First VP	Tony P
Second VP	Kris Z
Secretary	Ron F
Treasurer	Susan L
Director	John M
Director	Greg P
Director	Allen K
Past Pres.	Pam W

### Other Club Functions:

Newsletter - Kris Z  
Webmaster - Pam W  
PAB Board - Ron F, Anna S & Houston S



**TRY A LILAC!**