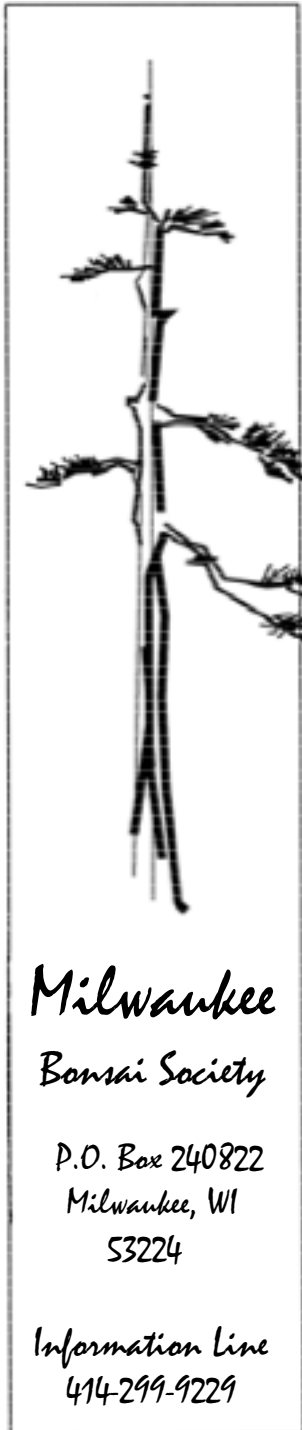


JUNE 2014

# Bonsai News



## JUNE MEETING

Arthur Joura will do a presentation to our Society at the June 3rd Meeting. His program is titled "Doing Bonsai like a Native". He will share with us what he is doing with bonsai at the North Carolina Arboretum. His program will entail not only showing high quality pictures of the trees in their collection and the bonsai garden they built for displaying them, but also discussing the unique approach that they have taken to bonsai and the success with which it has been met.

Mr. Joura has agreed to head 2 workshops for our novice and intermediate classes (a requisite is not having taken a guest artist workshop in the past). We have never tried this approach before and if it works out we will have more workshops specifically for those who have not participated before.

(Just a note of thanks to everyone who will be participating in the two Arthur Joura workshops in June. They are both sold out and even have a waiting list in case of cancellations. This has worked out so well that we should consider doing this again in the future.)

**See bio-sketch on page 3**

## 2014 Events

### JUNE

**June 1-2** - wkshop w/ Arthur Joura\* 9-4

**June 3** - Club Meeting

Guest Artist - Arthur Joura

**June 21** - Intermed. Class #2\*

**June 22** - Children's workshop at Lynden 9-12

**June 28-30** - Peter Tea classes #2\*

### JULY

**July 1** - NO MEETING

**July 12** - Intermed. Class #3\*

**July 12** - Wauwatosa Exhibit

**July 20** - Open repotting workshop at Boerner 1-4

**July 31** - State Fair Exhibit

**\*Members only**

### AUGUST

**August 1-10** - STATE FAIR

**Aug 5** - Club Meeting

Guest artist - painter

Charlotte Fund Miller

**August 15-17** - Midwest Bonsai Show at Chicago Botanical Garden

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday June 3 - 6:45**

Boerner Botanical Gardens

## President's Message

Is it spring yet?

I am glad so many of the new members are taking the Arthur Joura Workshop. It's filled with a waiting list. Great job Steve Co, I'm sure it will be fun and informative for all. We will be looking for your feedback on the workshop to make sure you feel that it was what you expected and what you thought of it. Arthur Joura will also be at the club meeting Tuesday June 3. Hope to see you there.

We, the Executive Committee, are talking about starting a special program for children and would like some input from members. We would like to know how much interest there is from members that have children. We have done classes for children as Jean S (our Director of Children's Education) has a Bonsai Club at Mahone Middle School which is very popular.

Thanks to all members who helped with the spring show at Lynden Sculpture Gardens there were over 200 visitors the two days it was up. Thanks goes out to those that helped set up and take down the display and those who brought their trees for display. Altogether it made for a very successful weekend.

State Fair is coming up in August so be ready to tree sit if you can. There should be sign up sheets at the June meeting. The Fair runs from July 31 to August 10.

(See page 5)

Thank you for your support.

- *Greg*

### Study Group openings

We have openings for anyone wanting to join our study group. The meetings are once a month at my home in Waukesha.

Our Instructor is Steve Carini and our estimated skill level is Intermediate. Our class has been together for about five years and we enjoy our monthly gatherings very much.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Don G [dg@electricalconceptsinc.com](mailto:dg@electricalconceptsinc.com)

The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) is pleased to announce the Indianapolis Bonsai Club will be host for the 2015 MABA Convention. The event will be held at the Clarion Hotel Waterfront Plaza & Conference Center in Indianapolis July 10 – 12, 2015 with Suthin Sukosolvisit as the headline artist. Periodic bulletins will be issued as additional details are finalized. Be sure and mark the MABA Convention in your 2015 calendar now.

### Organic Fertilizer FOR SALE!

I have used an organic fertilizer for over 10 years. In the past, I used Bio Gold. It is composted chicken manure from Japan... and it was expensive!

I saw an ad in the Golden Statements Magazine for a fertilizer that sounded very similar. Unbelievably, I found a distributor in Wisconsin that had a small amount of it for sale. Since then, which is about 3 years now, I have used it and feel that it has been a very easy way to fertilize my trees without mixing chemicals and watering with a watering can. "Grow Better Fertilizer" is 2.5N, 4.5P, 3K, plus macro and micro nutrients.

Anyway... I have a stock of it that I picked up early this spring and if anyone is interested in using an organic product on their trees, I have it for sale. The bags I have are 16# bags and sell for \$18.00. I barely use 1 bag per year on 65 trees.

Steve Carini

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Arthur Joura has been the Bonsai Curator at The North Carolina Arboretum, in Asheville, NC, since the inception of the bonsai program in 1992. Joura's educational background is in fine art. He has studied bonsai with some of the leading bonsai authorities in the United States, and was received as an official student to the Nippon Bonsai Association in Japan.

Over the past 21 years Joura has built the bonsai program to be one of the NC Arboretum's strongest components. He has extensively toured the eastern U.S. as a lecturer and teacher, and has been featured in numerous regional and national publications for his work with the Arboretum's bonsai collection. In 1996 he organized the first Carolina Bonsai Expo, a show featuring the work of bonsai enthusiasts from organizations in a 6-state region. Now in its 19th year under Joura's management, the Expo attracts over 4,500 visitors for the 2-day event and is recognized as the premier annual bonsai show of the Southeast. In 2005 Joura was featured in a 4-part television series entitled, "Bonsai – Nature Reflected", produced by UNC-TV. Also

in 2005, he was an invited guest speaker at the World Bonsai Convention in Washington, DC. In 2010 Joura received the "Ho Yoku Award" for Finest Creative Western Formal Display at the 2nd US National Bonsai Exhibition.

In 1999 the Arboretum began design work on a new display garden to showcase the bonsai collection. Joura was given the responsibility of leading the 10-person design team that worked on the project for 5 years.

Construction of the NC Arboretum's \$1.8 million Bonsai Exhibition Garden began in May 2004, and opened to the public in October of 2005. Since then, Joura has managed the operation of the garden and guided its continued aesthetic development. The World Bonsai Friendship Federation (WBFF) in 2012 designated the NC Arboretum's Bonsai Exhibition Garden a "WBFF Resource Center", at that time only the 2nd such entity in the United States.

In his development of the NC Arboretum's collection (which now numbers well over 100 specimens, plus many others in production), Arthur Joura constantly seeks to forge connections between the art of bonsai and the Arboretum's mission to promote appreciation of the flora and culture of the Southern Appalachians. The inspiration for his design work with the Arboretum's collection are not the bonsai depicted in books and magazines, but rather the example of nature as represented by the wild trees in the fields and forests that cloak the Blue Ridge Mountains. Joura feels this is a return to the roots of bonsai, as an artistic vehicle to express an individual's experience of the natural world around them.

# First MBS Spring Show at Lynden Sculpture Garden is a Success

*by Michelle Zimmer*

A welcome warm front and plenty of sunshine brought over 200 visitors to our first spring show at Lynden Sculpture Garden on May 10 and 11, 2014. Chinese quince, wisteria and dwarf iris cooperated by blooming and adding color to the emerging greenery of willow, currant, lilac, zelkova, white cedar, birch, ficus, hawthorn, Japanese maple, ginkgo, shimpaku and larch.

The beautiful 10 x 10 wall hanging of artist Kyoung Ae Cho served as a stunning backdrop for an informal display which took advantage of the intimate, homey atmosphere of the LSG sunroom and entryway. Visitors of all ages enjoyed being able to approach and appreciate the bonsai which were informally displayed at various heights on individual stands.

Thanks to MBS members Jorge R, Stephen Co, Greg P, Kris Z, Steve Ca, Pam W, Jack D and Michelle Z for their participation in planning and executing this event which was enjoyed by everyone involved.



**STATE FAIR 2014** - Are you interested in entering a tree at State Fair? If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. Please sign up at Club meetings or call 262-512-1228 to participate.

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

JULY 31 - AUG 10

## STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2011

Exhibit #1 (July 31 - August 2)  
Exhibit #2 (August 3 - August 6)  
Exhibit #3 (August 7 - August 10)

### Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, July 30 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Sunday, Aug 3 from 9am - 9:30am

### Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Saturday, Aug 2 from 6pm - 6:30pm

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Thursday, Aug 7 from 9am - 9:30am

### Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, Aug 6 6pm - 6:30pm OR  
bring to Society meeting Tuesday Aug 5

Pick up trees from \*\*  
Monday Aug, 11 from 9am - 9:30am

\*\* Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Sentry/Fashion Bug sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National)

### When checking in please bring:

+ your list of scientific names and common names,  
+ the approximate age of the tree,  
+ stand, accent, sketch of display, and the proposed style of tree.

HAVING A PICTURE OF YOUR SET-UP IS RECOMMENDED!!

It is also wise to mark all components of your display with your name.

(an address sticker is usually adequate)

**Note:** If the drop off/pick up schedule is not good for you, please make personal arrangements for your trees with someone who will care for them. YOU must alert the crew about these arrangements so trees will not be misdirected, lost or stolen.

### Call or email

Susan at 414-744-2808, [angus77@att.net](mailto:angus77@att.net)

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2014 State Fair committee.

For specific information as to whether your tree will qualify to be entered at State Fair, please go to:

[http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry\\_info/general\\_info/hort/society\\_shows.pdf](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/hort/society_shows.pdf)

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If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Steve by phone or email: 414-774-7714 or [stephen.contney@att.net](mailto:stephen.contney@att.net)



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Next Meeting of MBS  
Tuesday June 3, 2014  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

## 2014 MBS OFFICERS

President	Greg P
First VP	Judy S
Second VP	Susan L
Secretary	Julie McN
Treasurer	Barbara S
Director	
Director	Teri W
Director	Steve Ca.
Past Pres.	Steve Con.

### Other Club Functions:

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

