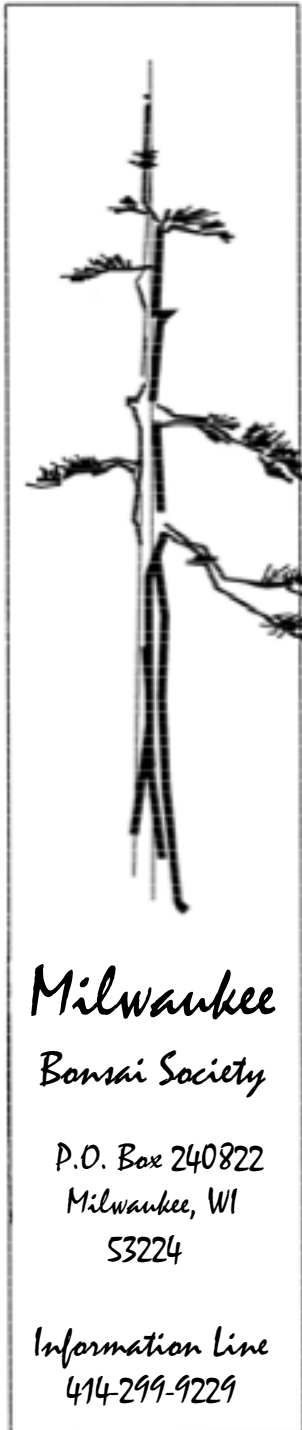


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Bonsai News



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Tuesday night meeting

At the September meeting, Jack Douthitt will be working on the club Spruce. It is an Englemann Spruce, collected by Andy Smith in 2009 and is estimated to be about 80 years old. The tree was first styled in 2012 and, since then, has been cared for by Greg P. Greg and Jack repotted the tree this spring, putting it back into the same Sara Raynor pot.

The tree had a fungus infection this year which Greg controlled by spraying with Daconil. There was lots of new growth this year and there are plenty of new buds ready for next year, so it is safe to do a restyling this year.

Jack and Greg will wire the tree before bringing it to the meeting. This approach will allow plenty of time to discuss different design options and for Jack to continue the styling of the tree. Future care will also be discussed.

Don't miss this episode in the development of the club Spruce!

2014 Events

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2 - SOCIETY MEETING
Spruce follow-up with
Jack Douthitt
- Sept 19 - Annual Show
reception/critique with
Colin Lewis
- Sept 20-21 - ANNUAL SHOW
and workshops*
- Sept 20 - Public Workshop

OCTOBER

- Oct 4-5 Suthin workshops*
- Oct 7 - SOCIETY MEETING
Artist Suthin Sukosolvisit
- Oct 12 (Sun) - Open workshop
fall clean-up 10-2
- Oct 19 Intermediate Class#4*

NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 - SOCIETY MEETING
Bamboo / Update on
Fertilizers with Leo Schordje
- Nov 8-10 - Peter Tea
Advanced Classes #3*
- Nov 16 - Open workshop 10-2
- Nov 21-23 - Holiday Folk Fair

DECEMBER

- No Society Meeting
- *Members only**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Sept 2 - 6:45
Boerner Botanical Gardens

President's Message

Whew, State Fair is finally done for the year. It was a lot of work for MBS but it does give us our most significant public exposure. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and a special thank you to Susan L for all the work she did, getting and supplying trees for this year's exhibit. State Fair is a great opportunity to have a written critique of your trees by knowledgeable judges. It helps you to make your trees the best they can be. Now's the time to get your tree ready for the Annual Exhibit in Sept. They will be judged by our guest artist Colin Lewis.

MBS44AE (Milwaukee Bonsai Society 44th Annual Exhibit) is almost upon us and there are still a few Colin Lewis workshop openings, check the website for the specifics. And remember that there will be a banquet on Saturday evening September 21st this year. It will be a great time to socialize with Colin, and participate in the auction of a tree that he has styled with all the proceeds going to the Permanent Collection Fund. Registration information for the workshops and banquet are elsewhere in this issue.

If you will be exhibiting a tree at the Annual Exhibit, just a reminder that as with State Fair it is a requirement that all non-novice exhibitors winter the show tree for at least 2 years. I encourage all novices to exhibit this year. It is a great opportunity for the tree to be critiqued by one of the best bonsai artists in the country. This is how to get ideas to improve your tree, don't miss the opportunity!

Remember that we have a show during the Holiday Folk Fair again this year. The Folk Fair has given us good exposure over the years. This year the Folk Fair would like us to have exhibitors working on trees. So if you're tree sitting at the Folk Fair bring a tree and tools to work on a tree. You will be able to take advantage of the time to improve your tree and maybe do some of the things you learned from the critique of your tree from a previous exhibit.

Greg

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
about our Annual Exhibit is on pages 3 to 5. Please read carefully as you will be able to sign up for workshops at our September meeting.

Meet Colin Lewis before he gets here. Colin has brand new classes online. His class on wiring is free on the Craftsy website. It will enhance the experience of all taking his workshops at the Annual Exhibit to know his techniques before you attend his workshop. Go to the following website to sign up for free for Colin's class:

www.craftsy.com/class/bonsai-wiring-essentials/4616

You also have the opportunity to purchase more of his online videos at a 20% discount...

Slate of officers for 2015

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44th Annual Exhibit

September 19-21 2014

By Pam Woythal

Engage With help from all of you, we will continue our stellar Annual Exhibit for all our club members and surrounding community. First thing I want to implore you to do is attend! The bonsai exhibit starts the Friday and will be held at the Education and Visitor Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens, followed by our evening traditional reception with Colin Lewis.

Our featured artist is Colin Lewis. He has been growing bonsai as an artistic discipline for over thirty years. He believes learning good techniques and horticultural practices are as important as good design. He helps students observe these traditional aesthetics to achieve their own style.

Our featured event will include a unique educational experience. For the first hour, Colin will work on MBS' hemlock. Then, we invite members to bring in trees for Colin to work on. These trees are limited to conifers with preference toward pines, yews and spruces. Colin will select trees for demonstration based on their teaching potential. Bring any trees that you are willing to put in the selection pool. ***This lecture/demonstration is available to everyone but only members can provide trees.***

Call for Attendance We want to have the exhibit well attended so help us by bringing your address book to the September meeting. We will ask you to address 5 postcards and we will send them to invite your friends. We will have poster and post cards at the September meeting. Pick some up and help get the word out.

Big Thank You Many vendors are participating this year including Ancient Arts, BC Bonsai, potter John Menzel, orchid by Leo Schordjie. Many vendors have provided sponsorship or items for our raffles including Ancient Arts Bonsai, Byron Myrick Pottery, Golden Arrow Bonsai, Meehan's Miniatures, Nature's Way Nursery, Sara Rayner Pottery, International Bonsai Arboretum and

Wildwood Gardens. Our members are providing donations too. You all deserve shout outs as well. Please continue showing your support, **bring any items of value that could be donated** to the meeting! Email or call and I will arrange pick up (mbsweb@hotmail.com).

Call for Exhibit Trees Everyone enjoys viewing these trees and the only way to have a successful exhibit is to have everyone display their art. Please plan on displaying one tree in the Formal Exhibit and one tree in the Tree in Training part of the Exhibit. Complete the form provided (see website or pick up one at the meeting) before hand to make it easy. Or simply try to find and bring the information like the common and scientific names, possibly how old it is.

Tree drop off begins on Thursday, September 18th, at 5:00PM, at Boerner, and runs until 7:30PM. The drop off site is the driveway to the right of the Visitor Center leading around back of the building, to where the recycling dumpsters are kept. If the weather is good, tables will be set up out doors for any necessary final tree prep and cleaning. Like last year, we will have people to help you organize and clean you pots so they do not mark the linen when they are placed on the display tables. Use the elevator to bring your trees downstairs to the Exhibit level. Once downstairs, there will be help for tree registration, books for common and scientific name research, tree tag, printing and final check in.

The Exhibit will run through Sunday, September 21nd, at 5:00PM. **Tree pick up** will begin promptly at 5:00 and must be completed by 5:30PM.

Enjoy a Workshop or Banquet Complete the form: <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/Newsletters/AnnualExhibitRegistration.pdf> Bring your completed registration form to the September meeting or mail to: Pam Woythal, 8670 N Point Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53217

Stay current with the Annual Exhibit at: <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/ae>

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2014 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration



Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)			
Street Address			
City ST ZIP Code			
Cell/Home Phone			
E-Mail Address			
Memberships	<input type="checkbox"/> MBS	<input type="checkbox"/> FBBG	Other Club: _____

Tree Registration Information

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display your bonsai trees and suiseki at our annual exhibit. The set up will include sections for Novice, Intermediate and Open display, as well as, Suiseki and Trees in Training. Display of bonsai will make up its own display with a companion plant or suiseki. Since a display requires significant time and planning to assure balance and flow, all bonsai to be displayed must be received no later than Thursday evening, September 18 by 7:30 pm.

Tree Information

Please Print:

Common Name				
Botanical Name				
Approximate Age	_____	Years in Training	_____	
Division/Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree in Training
Accent Plant				
Accessories	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Accent Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Suiseki	Other: _____
Comments				

FOR ALMOST four decades
I have striven to recreate
images that stimulate in
those who view my trees
the same emotions that
I experience as I wander
through that fanciful
landscape of the mind,
where anything is possible.



Words from our Annual Exhibit's guest artist, Colin Lewis.

See page 2 for info about online classes that Colin is presenting.

Schedule

Thursday September 18, 2014		
	9:00AM---5:00PM	Exhibit Set-up
	5:00PM---7:30PM	Tree Drop Off
Friday September 19, 2014		
	9:00AM---1:00PM	Exhibit Preparations
	1:00PM---5:00PM	Judging
	1:00PM---5:00PM	Vendor Set-up
	6:00PM---9:00PM	Reception and Lecture/Critique with Colin Lewis open to everyone
	9:00PM---9:30PM	Raffle
Saturday September 20, 2014		
	9:00AM---12:30PM	Get Started with Spruce Workshop with Colin Lewis
	9:00AM---12:00PM	Public Workshop Room 114
	10:00AM---5:00PM	Exhibit and Vendor Area open to everyone
	12:00PM---1:00PM	Lunch on your own
	12:30PM---1:00PM	Raffle
	1:00PM---5:00PM	Demonstration and Lecture with Colin Lewis open to everyone
	5:00PM---5:30PM	Raffle
	6:00PM---8:00PM	Banquet
	8:00PM---9:00PM	Auction and Raffle
Sunday September 21, 2014		
	9:00AM---12:30PM	Get Started with Yew Workshop with Colin Lewis
	10:00AM---5:00PM	Exhibit and Vendor Area open to everyone
	12:30PM---1:00PM	Lunch on your own
	12:30PM---1:00PM	Raffle
	1:00PM---4:30PM	BYO material with Colin Lewis
	4:30PM---5:00PM	Raffle
	5:00PM---5:30PM	Tree Pick Up
Monday September 22, 2014		
	9:00AM---5:00PM	Exhibit tear down
	9:00AM---5:00PM	Budget/Accounting wrap-up

An Evening with Charlotte Fung Miller

By J. Sher

What a delightful evening at the MBS August meeting. Charlotte and her daughter, Kimbirdlee, presented a demonstration of Chinese brush painting. Charlotte began by demonstrating techniques for applying paint to rice paper. Her first three strokes created a bamboo stalk. Several more light strokes added



small details in black. Green strokes added leaves! As Charlotte painted both she and Kimbirdlee talked about the symbolism and Chinese philosophy of nature, serenity and peace that influences Chinese brush painting. As the bamboo emerged Charlotte asked the audience about mixing different colors, and our 5 year old guest, Willow (Rita L's Grand-daughter) knew all the color combinations used to create brown and purple.

Then Kimbirdlee took the brush and added dragon- flies to the painting with a few brush strokes and dots. This switch over was a first time collaborating on a painting by the mother-daughter team. They explained that their individual styles of painting are very different. They decided to try a collaborative demonstration for our group to make the evening a bit more exciting. The collaborative painting of "Dragonflies among Bamboo" was wonderful.

Charlotte also demonstrated cutting rice paper with water. Brushing a light coat of water along a line, then pulling quickly on the two sides separated it with a fine soft edge. Charlotte explained the way Chinese writing is formed by symbols instead of letters. She painted as she spoke and painted symbols for several numbers, house, farm and water. She told of her experiences as a child going to school in English and then going Chinese school after that and on weekends.

Charlotte studied 9 years of formal Chinese calligraphy and 7 years of Chinese brush painting under Master Lui-Sang Wong of San Francisco. She earned an M.S. degree in nutritional science and a B.A. degree in bacteriology at the University of California at Berkely. She has also taught courses in Chinese art and cooking, her philosophy being, "I will be able to share my heritage with others."

She and Kimbirdlee shared their joy, heritage and creativity in Chinese brush painting with us at the August meeting, perhaps a scroll painting workshop will be something to consider for the future. Thanks to the MBS Board for inviting Charlotte Fung Miller to the August meeting.



State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice
Show #1 - July 31 - August 2 - Judge: Jack Douthitt
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Best of Show

Shimpaku (A) - Jean S

Awards of Merit

Green Mound Juniper (I) - Rob P
Crape Myrtle (I) - Susan L

Blue Ribbons

Shimpaku (A) - Jean S
Green Mound Juniper (I) - Rob P
Crape Myrtle (I) - Susan L



Green Mound Juniper (I) - Rob P

Red Ribbons

Chinese Elm (O) - Ron F
Korean Hornbeam (O) - Ron F
Japanese Maple (I) - Bill G
Lavender Star (O) - Houston S



Crape Myrtle (I) - Susan L

White Ribbons

Crape Myrtle (A) - Joe N
Japanese Larch (I) - Susan L
Brazilian Raintree (I) - Teri W
Ginkgo (O) - Houston S
Ficus (A) - Joe N
Boulevard Cypress (O) - Tony P
Shimpaku Kishu (I) - Teri W

State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice,
Show #2 - August 3 - August 6 - Judge: Ron Fortmann
Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Best of Show

Smooth Leaved Elm (O) - Jack D



Awards of Merit

Natal Plum (I) - Susan L

Japanese Black Pine (A) - Michelle Z

Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D

Blue Ribbons

Smooth Leaved Elm (O) - Jack D

Natal Plum (I) - Susan L

Japanese Black Pine (A) - Michelle Z

Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D

Hinoki Cypress (A) - Jean S

Shimpaku Juniper (N) - Judy S

Tiger Bark Ficus (I) - Dennis G

Swara Cypress (A) - Jean S

Shimpaku Juniper (I) - Susan L



Japanese Black Pine (A) - Michelle Z

Red Ribbons

Korean Hornbeam (O) - Houston S

Shaving Brush Tree (I) - Teri W

Swara Cypress (A) - Jean S

Tiger Bark Ficus (I) - Teri W

White Ribbons

Korean Hornbeam (O) - Houston S

Tiger Bark Ficus (I) - Dennis G



Natal Plum (I) - Susan L



Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D

State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice, Y=Youth
 Show #3 - August 7 - August 10 - Judge: Tom Longfellow
 Milwaukee Bonsai Society



Best of Show

Chinese Elm (O) - Jack D



Awards of Merit

Crab Apple (I) - Susan L
 Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D
 Lantana (I) - Steve Co
 Gingko (I) - Teri W
 Potentilla (A) Rita L

Blue Ribbons

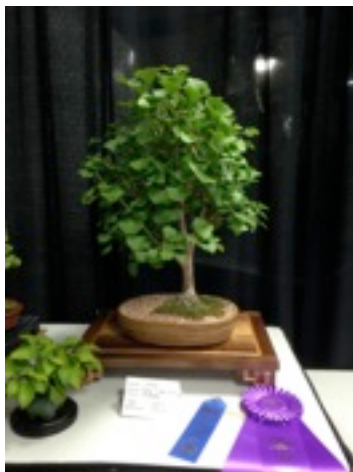
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 Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D
 Lantana (I) - Steve Co
 Gingko (I) - Teri W
 Potentilla (A) - Rita L
 Spek Boom (N) - Kevin S
 Bougainvillea (I) - Susan L
 Arbovitae (A) - Jim T

Red Ribbons

Scots Pine (A) - Houston S
 Dwarf Ming Arelia (N) - Melissa J
 Kei Apple (A) - Houston S
 Japanese Maple (A) - Michelle Z
 Austrian Pine (I) - Teri W
 White Oak (A) Rita L
 Shimpaku (A) - Jean S
 Procumbens nana (A) Rita L

White Ribbons

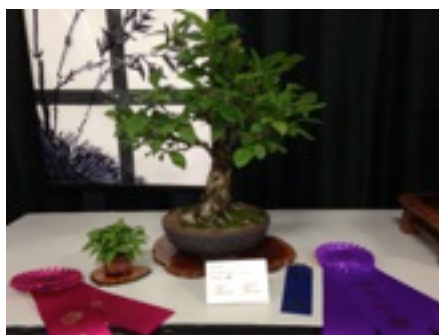
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 Texas Ebony (A) - Mike N
 Juniper (I) - Jim T



Gingko (I) - Teri W



Potentilla (A) Rita L



Crab Apple (I) - Susan L



Shimpaku Juniper (O) - Jack D



Lantana (I) - Steve Co



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Next Meeting of MBS
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