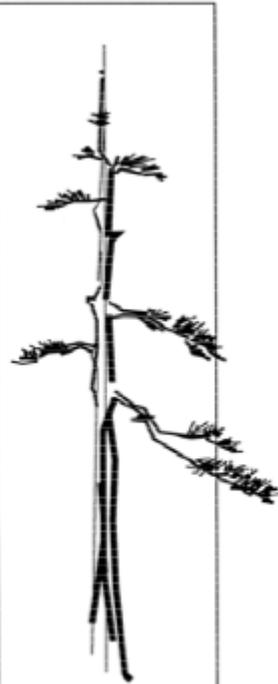


# BONSAI NEWS

May 2015



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## Battle of the Ponderosa Pines

Andy Smith, from Golden Arrow Bonsai in Deadwood S.D., visited Milwaukee and MBS in March for our Society Meeting. During the meeting he styled a Ponderosa Pine that will be auctioned off at the upcoming May meeting.

If you have a desire to have a Ponderosa Pine this will be a great opportunity to get a nice styled tree. The auction will take place while Mauro Stemberger, an internationally awarded bonsai artist from Feltre, Italy, styles a monster Ponderosa Pine collected by Andy in 2012.

Mauro will be here as the first guest artist in the new Excellence in Bonsai Program. Please join us at the May meeting to meet Mauro and bid on the tree styled by Andy.

### May

May 2—Children's workshop (grades 1-5)  
at Lynden 9-12

May 3-Intermediate Class #1\*

May 5 **Society Meeting**

Guest Artist-Mauro Stemberger

May 6-7—Mauro Stemberger workshops\*

May 8 (Friday) National Public Gardens day  
at Boerner

May 29-31 Peter Tea Class #2\*

May 30-Exhibit at Lynden

### June

June 1—Peter Tea Class #2\*

June 2 **Society meeting**

Guest artist—Peter Tea

June 20- Teen Workshop at Boerner 9-12

June 21-Intermediate Class #2\*

June 28-Teen Workshop at Lynden 1-4

### July

July 7 **Society Meeting**—Tropicals

July 11-Wauwatosa Exhibit 9-4

July 18-Intermediate Class #3\*

July 25-Repotting Workshop 9-12

**\*Members Only**

Auction tree:



**Next Meeting**

**May 5, 2015**

**6:45pm**

**Boerner Botanical  
Gardens**

## President's Message

Greetings Everyone

MAY is going to be an exciting month for MBS! We are having our first Excellence in Bonsai Artist here in Milwaukee. Don't miss the meeting Tuesday May 5th. We will have a demo by Mauro Stemberger, a world famous Italian bonsai artist, frequently featured in Bonsai Focus magazine. Check out the newsletter for more information on Mauro and sign up for a workshop, if there is room left.

I hope you have been able to complete all of your early spring bonsai duties. I have my outdoor trees out on the benches; had to spray pesticide because they picked up some pests this winter. This happens when the trees are stored together in tight quarters. Not enough air flow and little critters can easily go from tree to tree. Check your trees. It's best to catch it early. Let's keep our trees healthy. -Greg

A great big



to Kris Z for publishing the MBS newsletter for the past 8 years. It takes a lot of time and dedication to put out an informative monthly newsletter.

And WELCOME to Melissa J who is taking on this huge task.



Many of you who have been in the club for a few years will remember Leonard Wegryn. He lived in Northern Illinois but belonged to our club for a long time and was a vendor at our club meetings for several years.



Leonard died on Wednesday, March 25th at the age of 92. His wife, Gloria, and three children survived him.

For those of you who never met Leonard, he was an avid bonsai lover, a founder of the Rock Valley Bonsai in Rockford IL, and taught bonsai at the Rock Valley college for several years. He was also honored with the Jules Ladany Award from the Midwest Bonsai Society and served as an Ambassador for BCI for several years.

He had not been active on the bonsai scene for a number of years due to his advanced age but always had a smile on his face and a greeting for everyone. He will be missed.

## Bonsai Swap Meet

Open to All

May 23rd 10am—3pm

Grace Lutheran Church

3030 W Oklahoma Ave

Come and visit with friends, swap out bonsai items, buy new material, sell your extra bonsai, pots or any related bonsai items. Outside or Inside set ups (bring a table and lawn chair if outside). Clean out your extra pots, soil or tools. Too many of the same type of tree? Swap or sell for something you like better. Take some time to get to know others. Share good stories and advice. A good place for those getting started to stock up on material/supplies at a bargain.

Hope to see you there!

For more info call Judy H  
(262) 245-6465

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Our April meeting was lots of fun and "slashing".

Styling trees, auctions, prizes, etc. "A good time was had by all !!"



## SOAP SOLUTION FOR PEST CONTROL

Pour 1-2 tablespoons of original Dawn dishwashing detergent and 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in a gallon jug. Slowly add water to fill the jug. Pour part of this solution into a spray bottle and add 2 capfuls of rubbing alcohol. Use immediately. If there is any solution left in the spray bottle, add 2 more capfuls of alcohol the next time you want to spray your trees. It seems that the contents of the gallon jug (soap and vegetable oil solution) can be stored for months without it going bad.

Spray on plants covering all leaf and stem surfaces. You may have to spray from 3 - 4 times with intervals of 3 days. Almost any kind of pest, including scale, can be eliminated using this solution. It is not necessary to wash off the spray as no adverse reactions have been found.



### What are Bonsai Bucks Anyway??

Whenever you volunteer at an MBS function (State Fair, workshops, Folk Fair, etc), you will receive Bonsai Bucks. You will be able to convert these Bonsai Bucks to raffle tickets to be used in a special drawing at the Annual Exhibit in September

*Wanted*  
*A few good dead trees*

If you have lost a tree over the past winter (or previous winters) and would like to donate them to MBS, please email [hagr8d@mac.com](mailto:hagr8d@mac.com) or call Kris at 262-512-1228.

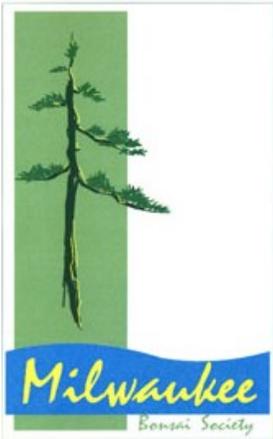
We wish to use them in a display.

**Thanks!**

### Support MBS

Anyone wishing to make a donation to support MBS can now do so using a donation form available on our website. Just click the "what's new" tab on the home page and look in the upper right hand corner for "Support Us" and click on it. The Support Us page includes the Purpose of the Society, a description of three funds that can be supported, tax facts and a link to the printable donation form. Keep in mind that all donations to MBS are tax deductible.

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Breath of scented sweet  
flutters by on soft breezes  
Memories of May  
-Laura L