April Meeting

Peter Tea will be our guest artist at the April meeting. Peter has been the instructor for the Advanced classes for the past two years. He has worked on a large Shimpaku juniper at previous meetings and will be revisiting this juniper at our April meeting. Peter will also be the guest artist at our annual Exhibit in September. This will give newer members a chance to work with him.

April

April 1-4—Peter Tea Classes #1
April 5—MBS meeting—Peter Tea
April 9—Novice Class/Bonsai Basics**
April 16—Intermediate Class**
April 23—Repotting workshop
April 29—Opening Day at Boerner
April 30—Mark Fields workshop

May

May 1—Mark Fields—workshop**
May 3—MBS meeting—Mark Fields
May 12-15—ABS Convention—Michigan
May 21—Novice Class/Bonsai Basics (field trip)**
May 22—Day lily Society of SE WI

June

June 4—Bonsai Basics**
June 7—MBS meeting—Bring your own tree
June 10-13—Peter Tea Classes #2**
June 18—Intermediate Class**
June 25—Children's' workshop

Next Meeting
April 5, 2016
6:45pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens

Peter tea with a Shimpaku juniper
President’s Message April 2016

Looking at the calendar, it’s spring. Being from Wisconsin we all know not to trust the calendar when it comes to working with our trees. I have already repotted a number of my deciduous trees and know that they will need extra protection as the weather changes. But the little dears tell me that it is time to repot as their leaves begin to emerge.

Peter Tea will be here for our April meeting to give advice on handling our trees during this challenging time. This is Peter’s third year working with MBS and he always brings valuable information to aid in our tree development.

I’ve heard that Sean Smith’s workshops and presentation were a great success. Unfortunately, I was unable to participate but was instead on a long awaited trip to Italy. Our MBS schedule waits for no one.

On that note, everyone should be prepared to sign up for Mark Fields’ workshops that will be held on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. Mark is a friend of MBS and calls the Indianapolis area home. Sign up sheets will be available at the April meeting. This is a great deal because you can have a full day workshop for $90. Rarely do we have such a talented bonsai artist allow us to offer workshops at such a reasonable price. I have worked with Mark and he is able to work with all skill levels. So, if you have yet to participate in a bonsai workshop, now is your chance. Go to “bonsaibyfields.com” to find out more about Mark’s work with bonsai. Mark will do a presentation for our May 3rd meeting.

~Judy

Mark Fields working on a Blue Alps juniper
Chris Baker, curator at the Chicago Botanic Garden, has invited the members of MBS to a free demo by Walter Pall on April 13.

Click on the website below for information.

http://www.chicagobotanic.org/calendar/event/walter_pall_bonsai_master_demonstration

Thanks to Chris Baker for his generosity and hospitality.

Bonsai Master Walter Pall

Bonsai master Walter Pall will be at the Chicago Botanic Garden, performing a demonstration on the collection's oldest tree.

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6 – 9 p.m.
Plant Conservation Science Center
No registration required

Please join us for internationally known bonsai master Walter Pall’s demonstration on Wednesday, April 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Pall is known worldwide for the quality of his bonsai creations. He has received several dozen national and international awards for his beautiful, dramatic bonsai, including the most prestigious Cresol Cup Award of Italy for his well-known Rocky Mountain Juniper, and has come in among the top six finalists every time he has entered the competition. He has also won second and third place in the Ginkgo Cup Awards of the Belgian bonsai competition held every two years.

For many years, Pall has been writing a lengthy and comprehensive encyclopedia on bonsai. He has also written more than 100 articles that have been published in Western bonsai magazines. Pall is a fine photographer and has provided many high quality pictures to illustrate his articles. He is also a very active, vocal participant on the Internet in the bonsai scene.

Find additional information on Pall and pictures of his amazing trees and work on his website at www.walter-pall.de. Pall will work on a limber pine (Pinus flexilis) that was donated by Gerald Weiner in 2007. This tree was collected in Estes Park, Colorado, at about 10,000 feet in the early 1980s by Harold Sasaki, and is estimated to be around 800 years old.

Did you lose any trees over the winter? Never fear. Hang on to them until our November meeting when we will be having a dead tree contest (ribbons awarded)!
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Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI  53130

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Shadows on the wall
Images without blemish
Moving with the sun
~Joe N.