August Meeting

MBS is excited to have Jerry Meislik as our guest artist this month. Jerry has been a major influence on American bonsai since the 1980's. Jerry is renown internationally for growing tropica-ls and native North American species. He has traveled extensively to study bonsai in many countries such as Japan, Singapore, Cambodia, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In his presentation, Jerry will have pictures of his 'bonsai room' in his home in Montana. Looking through the windows, you can see the snow covered mountains in the background! He will talk to us about his care of tropica-ls as well as answering your questions as he styles a ficus and schefflera. This is a meeting you want to attend.

August

Aug 2—MBS meeting-Jerry Meislik
Aug 4-14 WI State Fair exhibit
Aug 19-21—Chicago exhibit
Aug 27—Bonsai Basics #1

September

Sept 6-MBS meeting-update on fertilizers
Sept 10—Fall Beginner workshop
Sept 16-18—Annual Exhibit—Peter Tea
Sept 24—Bonsai Basics #2

October

Oct 1—Intermediate Class**
Oct 4—MBS meeting-advanced class reflections
Oct 8—Fall Cleanup workshop
Oct 15—Bonsai Basics #3
Oct 29—Bonsai Basics #4

** Members only

JERRY MEISLIK WORKSHOP

There are still a few spots left in the Jerry Meislik workshops. Please call 262-512-1228 or email hagr8d@mac.com to register.
$125 at Boerner 9-4 on Saturday July 30 and Sunday July 31

Next Meeting
August 2, 2016
6:45pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens
President’s Message August 2016

Have you noticed something new as you entered the meetings during the last few months? I’m going to call it the Greeter’s Table. It is a place where you can sign in for attendance, buy a MBS shirt, signup for a workshop or any one of a number of things. As President, I wanted to get to know every member. I wanted every member to have a nametag that has their name in order for everyone to get to know everyone else.

If you are a paid member, you should have a nametag. If you have forgotten it, you should be able to get a temporary one for the meeting. More importantly, you should be signing in for attendance. Why? Boerner Botanical Gardens is not charging MBS for the use of the room. This would otherwise cost MBS $250 per meeting. All that the Milwaukee County Parks Systems asks is for us to have a record of the number of people who utilize the room. MBS reports our attendance to Boerner for their yearly report and Boerner reports this to the Milwaukee County Parks System. MBS still has to pay Zilli’s to open and lock up the building for every Tuesday night meeting.

Another reason that I like the Greeter’s Table is that we have an opportunity to meet and greet people who are new to bonsai and are just stopping in to see what MBS is like. If we know who these new people are and can make them feel welcomed, I believe that they will be more likely to return. Since I’m running around prior to the meeting answering a multitude of questions, I don’t always catch all of the new people. We always seem to have a few at every meeting. Why do we already have 5 people signed up for the Beginner’s Workshop in September? It’s because we have been able to talk to people and answer their questions about how to get started with bonsai.

What I am urging members to do is to stop for a moment, sign in and see what is happening. MBS needs help on many levels. Check it out and volunteer. Or, participate in a workshop. State Fair, Jerry Meislik’s workshops, the Annual Exhibit are all coming up. Volunteers are needed! It’s fun and it’s a learning experience. See the body of the newsletter for more details.

Bonsai on! Judy

Approved at the last Executive Committee meeting: Responsibilities and privileges of a HOST

Responsibilities
1. Pick up the guest artist at the airport.
2. Feed and lodge the artist.
3. Drive the artist (or make arrangements for someone else to drive the artist) to each activity.
4. Make arrangements ahead of time with someone in the workshop/class to provide for the artist’s lunch and dinner. If no one in the activity will offer to take the artist to dinner, that then falls upon the host.
5. Pick up the artist from the activity or make arrangements for someone in the activity to bring him to the host’s home or meet somewhere in between (perhaps for dinner).
6. Return the guest artist to the airport.

In essence, make sure that the guest artist has a pleasant, well organized stay.

Privileges
Since the host is not reimbursed for any expenses, the following is a way to thank him/her for his/her service to the Society. For each day of hosting, the host will receive 1/2 hour of time with the guest artist (if and only if the guest artist is willing) without having to pay anything to MBS (including travel expenses).
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
2016 Annual Exhibit Workshop / Banquet Registration

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) ________________________________

Street Address: ________________________________

City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ____________

Contact phone # ________________________________

E-Mail Address ________________________________

Workshops with Peter Tea

Saturday September 17, 2016
9:00 - 12:30 Material provided - Chinese Elm (limit 6) $120 $_______

Sunday September 18, 2016
9:00 - 12:30 Bring your own Maple (limit 6) $85  $_______
1:00 - 4:30 Bring your own tree (any species) (limit 6) $85  $_______

Banquet Information (Please refer to the information on the Banquet page)

Number of banquets ____ x $40 $_______

Total for workshops and banquet $_______

Refund Policy: Once your check has been received there will be no refund unless you can find a replacement participant (MBS can help with this). Otherwise, there will be no refunds after Monday September 12.

Workshop Priority: Workshops are allocated by the postmark date of your registration. For the Chinese Elm workshop, order of pick will be determined by the postmark date also.

Notification: Workshop participants will be notified by email as to which workshops they are assigned. If any workshop has already been filled upon receipt of your registration, a refund of the average will be sent after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

Tools: Each participant must have his/her own tools. Wire will be provided for workshop use.

Payment: Please make your check or money order payable to Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Any credits will be refunded after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

Bring your entry form to the August or September meeting or send to the MBS mailbox (attn: Annual Exhibit):
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
P. O. Box 240822
Milwaukee, WI 53224
262-512-1228

Please send this form with your Tree Registration Form and/or your Banquet Registration Form.
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
2016 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration

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PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) ___________________________________________________________
Street Address: ______________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ________ Zip ________________
Contact phone # ____________________________________________________
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TREE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display ONE bonsai tree for judging at our annual exhibit. The setup will include Novice, Intermediate and Open categories, as well as a section for Trees in Training for the students of Peter Tea. The display of your bonsai should include a stand and companion plant or object. To be able to display our member’s trees appropriately, two deadlines will be used:

First: Registration MUST be received by Monday, September 12. If you do not meet this deadline, you must call to make sure there is room available for your tree. 262-512-1228

Second: All bonsai registered must be received between 4:00 and 7:30pm Thursday evening September 15 at Boerner lower level. Please don’t be disappointed if you arrive Thursday with your tree and are turned away for not adhering to these deadlines!!

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To be judged

TREE INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Common Name ______________________________________________________
Botanical Name ____________________________________________________

Approximate age: _______ Years in training ________ I would like my tree displayed on:
Division: Novice _______ Intermediate _______ Open ________ (Circle one) *high table **low table

I have owned this tree over 2 winters (please circle) Yes No

*S - M tree ** L - XL tree

ACCESSORIES:

Stand _____ Accent plant/object (please describe) __________________________ Accent stand ____

Scroll _______ (please show where you want it displayed in your exhibit)

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR TREE MUST BE ON DISPLAY
UNTIL THE PICK UP TIME ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

It would be very helpful if you have a picture or sketch of how you want your display set up..
Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
2016 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration  

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Display only
MBS46AE Banquet
Saturday September 17, 2016, 5:30PM to 8:30PM
Dinner served promptly at 6:15
The Stoneridge Inn Restaurant
11811 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners, WI 53130

The banquet dinner this year will include relish trays, salad, warm Italian bread, choice of entrée, dessert (banana cream pie with pecan crust) and coffee/tea. Banquet registration ends on September 8 with final meal counts going to the caterer on September 9. The cost this year is $40.00. Please indicate the number(s) of each dinner, fill out the information below and bring to the August or September monthly meeting or send to the MBS mailbox with your check.

Dinner choices include:

_______ **Roast Prime Rib of Beef.** Slow roasted prime rib of beef served with baked potato and asparagus.

_______ **Shrimp scampi.** Jumbo shrimp sautéed in garlic butter topped with asparagus served over angel hair pasta.

_______ **Chicken Piccata.** Chicken breast floured and served in a buttery lemon sauce with potato and asparagus.

_______ **Vegetarian option** – Mediterranean Pasta with sundried tomatoes, kalamata olives, spinach and feta cheese tossed with angel hair pasta.

_______ Total meals

X $40.00  Cost per meal

_______ Total (Please enter this total on the Workshop/Banquet Registration page)

Name(s) of banquet attendees

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Meal Choice

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Please include this form with your Banquet / Workshop Registration Form (page 3 of this newsletter).
No matter what experience level you are in the wonderful world of bonsai, there’s always room to work on your basic skills.
So, MBS is introducing …

**BonsaiBasics**

**Prerequisite:** Novice class or like training

Participants must have:
- tools
- pots
- wire
- a deciduous tree
- a conifer - If you don’t have one, we’ll find one at the nursery crawl
- a tropical tree (optional)

**Class #1** (Saturday August 27, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring with wire branches
Tool sharpening
Cut paste...
Homework

Please bring to the July or August meeting or mail to:
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**Class #2** (Saturday September 24, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring with dead trees
Pot cleaning
Fertilizer / pest control / soil
Homework

**Class #3** (Saturday October 15, 9-4)
Field trip to nursery
Cleaning out a tree
Pruning (not leaving knobs…)
Watering system
Homework

**Class #4** (Saturday October 29, 9-12
Boerner)

Wiring on conifers
Wiring with copper wire
Miscellaneous
Wrap up

**Fee:** $75

**Limit of 8 students**

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**BonsaiBasics Class**

Name ___________________________ Contact # ___________________________

Email ___________________________

Experience level: Novice Intermediate $75 Fee enclosed check # _______
2016 MBS OFFICERS

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Director         Penny T
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As the heaven’s cry
tears slip between each petal
the earth breathes new life
~FJ Thomas