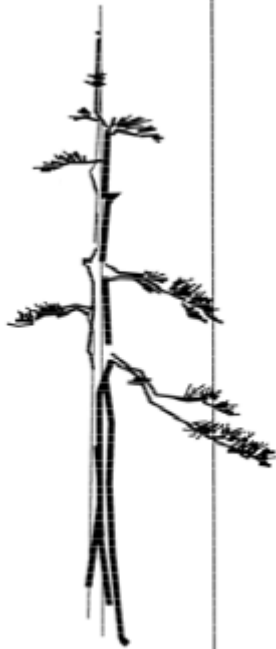


BONSAI NEWS

December 2016



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Bonsai Society
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There will **NOT** be a
December or January
Tuesday meeting

Deduct \$5 from your
membership dues if
you postmark by
December 31.

Keep abreast of
what's happening with
MBS on the website.
A new calendar
should be up by the
end of January.

Happy Holidays!

**The MBS Executive
Committee**



December

Nothing Scheduled

January

Nothing Scheduled

February

Feb 5—Silhouette show—Milw. County
Domes

March

Mar 7—MBS meeting—Chris Baker

April

April 4—MBS meeting

Next Meeting

March 7, 2017

6:45pm

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

President's Message December 2016

As I write this, a successful Holiday Folk Fair has just wrapped up and we are a few days before Thanksgiving. Our unseasonably warm weather has given way to more seasonal, colder weather. Hopefully, all of your bonsai have been snuggled into their winter quarters.

The Executive Committee is in the process of finalizing the MBS 2017 schedule. Our kick off meeting will occur on a Saturday to be determined, sometime later in February. I have been able to acquire a number of the Chinese Lanterns that hung over the bog walk bridge during China Lights this year. As a special incentive to attend our meetings, these will be raffled off throughout the year. I have been told that the Chinese artisans drew the designs on the silk lanterns during the preparation at Boerner. The February meeting will be the first at which the lanterns will be raffled.

February 5th will be our Silhouette Show at the Domes. We will be presenting this concurrently with the Train Show and all of the domes are open to the public. We will be asking for members to volunteer to tree sit and answer questions about our beautiful deciduous trees.

There are also a number of speakers who have agreed to do presentations in 2017. Among them are: Chris Baker of Chicago Botanic Gardens; Ted Matson, who will do a workshop on creating jin and shari; and Dr. Brian Huddleson, plant disease expert from UW-Madison. There are more ideas in the works, so be sure to read the newsletter to keep up with the latest information.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy the company of those near and dear to you, but don't forget to take some time to rest and relax so that you can approach the 2017 growing season refreshed and full of energy.

Sincerely,

Judy

REMINDER

Change in Dues for 2017

Please note, on the Membership form in this newsletter the dues will be raised \$5 for 2017. **BUT**, if you pay by December 31, 2016 you may deduct \$5 (in essence, you pay the same as now). So, save yourself \$5 and renew by the end of 2016.

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2017 Membership Application



Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Membership Type

New or Renewal:

Individual 1 year \$35 Individual 2 years \$62 Individual 3 years \$89

Family 1 year \$47 Family 2 years \$86 Family 3 years \$125

Deduct \$5 from membership fee if paying by 12/31/2016

Overpayment of dues will be considered a donation to the club. MBS is a non-profit organization under 501(3) (c)

Interests

Please let us know in which areas you would be interested in volunteering...

Events Administration Other (let us know your interest)
 Fundraising Newsletter production
 Tree Exhibiting/Sitting Volunteer coordination

Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Mail to: Milwaukee Bonsai Society
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Our Policy

This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Executive Committee members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, to which the public is always invited.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in joining and volunteering with us.

Bonsai Basics 2016



The 2016 Bonsai Basics class took place this past fall and was taught by Kris Z. There were 4 sessions that covered wiring, tool care and sharpening, wiring, pot cleaning, wiring, a nursery crawl and more wiring, among other things. Even after 3 years as a MBS member I discovered that I could use more practice wiring and that there is a wealth of information that I hadn't known about this hobby. Kris was a patient teacher who answered all my questions without judging my level of knowledge. I highly recommend this class to anyone who would like to brush up on their bonsai skills and learn some new tips and tricks.

~Melissa J



The basics class has taught me what I needed to get started with creating bonsai. The greatest help to the beginning bonsai artist is the hands-on practice that is provided, which provides the student the simplest but most necessary tools to start their trees. The class is highly recommended for those that are new to the art or for those that need a brush-up on some of the fundamentals.

~John L

As a new member of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society I took advantage of one of the many classes they conduct each year, Basic Bonsai. It is a four week class that covers the basic's of owning and maintaining a bonsai. Kris Z. is experienced, knowledgeable, patient, open, and makes the classes fun. The stronger component of the class is meeting other people, sharing their experiences and making new friends. I fully endorse this and all of the classes put on by MBS.

~Bonnie P

Pictures courtesy of Jean S.





Please help MBS staff the bonsai collection library at Boerner. Duties would be to check out and check in books and journals. You would need to be available about 30 minutes before each monthly meeting and during meeting breaks. Training will be provided. A spreadsheet listing of collection and master copy of checkout forms will be provided.

Without a volunteer the library would not be available to members. Contact Judy S. if interested.





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Next MBS meeting will be
March 7, 2017 at 6:45pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Director [Rob P](#)
Director [Penny T](#)
Director [Bryan L](#)
Past Pres. [Greg P](#)

Other Club Functions

Newsletter [Melissa J](#)
Webmaster [Pam W](#)
Director of Children's Education—Jean S
PAB Board—Ron F & Houston S



December stillness
Waiting for snow to show up
I write Christmas words