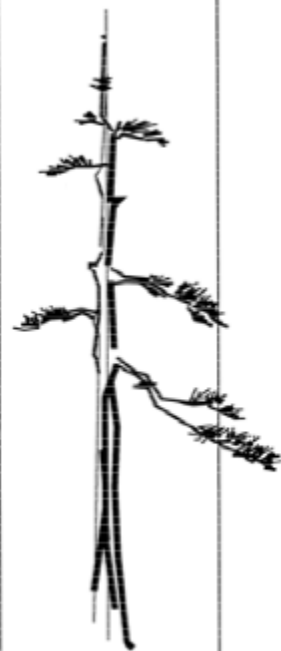


BONSAI NEWS

May 2018



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May Meeting

The May meeting will feature David Kreutz of Satsuki Bonsai-en, Imports LLC from ST Louis, Missouri. David started in Bonsai in 1990 as a hobby. After several years he started working with just Satsuki Azaleas and hired Joe Harris to teach him more about them. After the USDA stopped all imports of material used as bonsai they opened a pilot program. David was given a permit to import plants into an approved quarantine house - and began importing his own trees. Now, he has five nurseries in Japan that he imports from. This allows him to do workshops and demos for many clubs and conventions in the states. He is a continuing student of Satsuki and is still learning new things every year.

David will be talking about and demonstrating more about Azaleas at our May meeting.

May

May 1—**MBS meeting**—David Kreutz-Azaleas
May 26-Novice class*

June

June 5 —**MBS meeting**
Todd Schlafer
June 16-Intermediate class*
June 23-Raft workshop*

July

July 3—**No MBS meeting**
July 14-Picnic

August

Aug 2-12—State Fair
Aug 7—**MBS meeting**
Aug 11-Intermediate class*
Aug 25-Bonsai Basics #1*

September

Sept 4—**MBS meeting**
State Fair winners
Sept 8 — Beginner workshop
Sept 22-Bonsai Basics #2*
Sept 29-Intermediate class*

October

Oct 2—**MBS meeting**
Elms revisited
Oct 6-7 — Annual Exhibit
Oct 20-Bonsai Basics #3*
Oct 27-Bonsai Basics #4*
Oct 27-Intermediate class*

Next Meeting

May 1, 2018
6:45pm

Boerner Botanical
Gardens



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*Open to MBS members only

President's Message May 2018

Hello fellow bonsai lovers!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do April snow storms bring?!?!?

Anyway, my trees are starting to grow like crazy and I can't wait to work on them. I have my plans set for each tree and am ready to help them to live up to their bonsai potential.

Azaleas are the topic of the month for May. We have David Kruetz set to visit us for a workshop and then a demo at the Tuesday night meeting. Unfortunately, I won't be at the meeting, but I'm sure David will be an informative and entertaining guest and everyone will learn something new about these beautiful trees.

Recently the Executive Committee has elected to start using an electronic system for classes, workshops and membership registrations. This system is Eventbrite and is enabling members to sign up for various activities with immediate confirmation. You can renew your membership on-line using this [link](#) for Eventbrite without having to fill in a paper form, write a check, find a stamp and then hope the postal system gets the envelope to MBS. We researched a few systems before deciding to use Eventbrite and we are finding it to be a very user friendly, easy to use system. I hope you utilize this new method to renew your membership if you haven't already done so this year sign up for a future workshop or class.

Although August seems to be quite a long time away, It will be here before you know it and State Fair will be upon us. Now is the time to consider which tree or trees you would like to exhibit in one of the three shows during the 11-day run of the fair. Since we all know bonsai is not an immediate gratification hobby and we all need to have patience with our trees, getting ready now to have a tree at the fair is a perfect time to start. Watch for announcements in the coming months asking for you to sign up to exhibit a tree or two. Chris Baker and Jennifer Price will again be our judges for the fair and each of them is looking forward to seeing some of our trees and to offer suggestions to make each just a bit better. I believe I know which one of my trees I will be showing off this year and am looking forward to getting some constructive criticism and new ideas on how to make my "baby" an even better bonsai.

World Bonsai Day is happening this month and we are proud to be partnering with the Milwaukee Bonsai foundation and Lynden Sculpture Gardens to have a special week showcasing some member's special trees. Please try to attend the opening celebration on May 12th or to at least visit the exhibit some time during the following week.

Happy growing season!

Melissa



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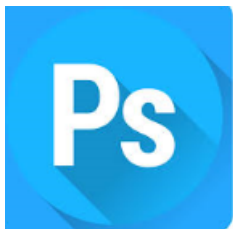


MBS Fundraiser

Please remember to bring any old aluminum or copper wire to the meetings. There are containers to put it in. It would be very helpful if the wire is cut in small-ish pieces. Again, we will recycle this wire to buy new wire for MBS activities.

NEEDED: The small plastic containers that Folger's coffee comes in. Either red or green is fine.

Please bring them to meetings. Leave on the counter (far right) in the Grandparents' room. THANKS!!



'Gifted' Photoshop expert wanted to touch up photos that will be used for MABA 2020.

Contact Kris Z at: hagr8d@mac.com

Library Notes

Your library is open for 45 min (or 30 if I can't find anyone to open the door!) before the monthly meeting begins and usually until you adjourn. There are **SO MANY** periodicals; they are difficult to lend as there really isn't any index available so I will put a stack of them in the meeting room for people to scan and check out if interested.

Take advantage of the knowledge squirrelled away in the stacks



2018 World Bonsai Day Exhibit

By Jack D.

Thirteen MBS club members submitted 29 of their best bonsai for the Juror, Jennifer Price, to consider for the 2018 World Bonsai Day Exhibit. Each entry, as it was received, was numbered and placed into its own file folder. On Friday April 13, I met Jennifer in Chicago with the file folders under my arm.

It was interesting to watch her work. She went through each folder, looking at the picture(s), and the information submitted. With a brief comment about each one, she quickly separated them into three separate stacks – yes, no, and maybe. Then she went through the “yes” stack and studied each one more carefully. Next she reviewed the “no” stack and then the “maybe” stack. During this part of the process, submittals were shuffled from one stack to another.

When she was finished, there were 19 file folders in the “yes” stack and 10 in the “no” stack. Then she reviewed the bonsai in the “no” stack once again to make sure she was comfortable with her decisions.

Finally she selected 2 bonsai from the “no” stack to be used for her demonstration on the Opening Day of the exhibit.

She started at 11 am and didn't finish until almost 2 pm. It was great fun to watch her work and her choices will create an inspirational exhibit.

Congratulations to the members of MBS who had their bonsai selected for the exhibit. They are Susan L, Pam W, Kris Z, Judy S, Rob P, Houston S, Rocio S, Jorge R, Kevin S, Michelle Z, and Jack D.

Bonsai from Bryan L and Susan L will be used in Jennifer's demonstration during the Opening Day ceremony. Her demonstration will focus on improving these two bonsai.

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society and the Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation thank all who submitted their bonsai for consideration.

2018
WORLD BONSAI DAY
EXHIBIT

at

Lynden Sculpture Garden

OPENING DAY

Saturday May 12

1 pm - Demonstration by Jennifer Price

3 pm – Reception

Exhibit will be on view daily

from

Saturday May 12, 2018

through

Sunday May 20, 2018



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Things at readiness
With budding trees, pots and tools
The season begins
~Joe N