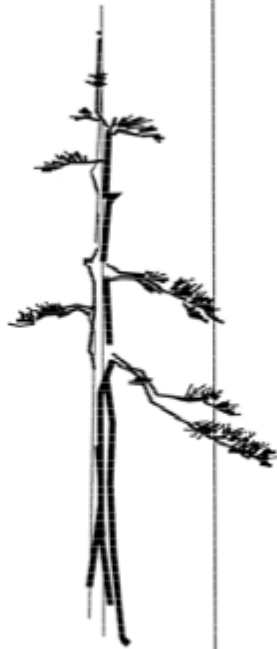


# BONSAI NEWS

July 2018



*Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
PO Box 240822  
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53224*

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414-299-9229*

## July Meeting

There will not be a Tuesday MBS meeting this month. Instead enjoy the annual member picnic at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 14th, starting at 10am.



## July

July 3—**No MBS meeting**  
July 14-Picnic  
July 22-Repotting Workshop

## August

Aug 2-12—State Fair  
Aug 7—**MBS meeting**  
Tropicals  
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\*

## November

Nov 6—**MBS meeting**  
Winter Storage updates

\*Open to MBS members only

**Next Meeting**  
**August 7, 2018**  
**6:45pm**  
**Boerner Botanical**  
**Gardens**



Connect with MBS  
@Milwaukeebonsai.org

## President's Message July 2018

I recently helped out at the Raft workshop back in June. I really enjoyed helping other people learn more about bonsai while I continue to learn new things. This latest workshop had me thinking about all the activities the club has offered so far this year.

Everything has been very well attended and have enabled all participants to grow in their bonsai journey. Although this year is only about half over the board is starting to think about which artists, workshops and activities to offer in 2019. If you have an idea for a workshop or a subject for a meeting that might be interesting, please let a board member know and we can look into getting your idea on the calendar for next year.

Although there will not be a July Tuesday meeting, we will be getting together on Saturday, July 14th for the annual picnic at Grace Lutheran Church. I have once again

volunteered my husband to grill for the picnic; and I have to say so myself, he grills a mean burger! You won't want to miss out. Plan on joining us on the 14th to mingle and take part in the bonsai flea market at the same time. Sign up is available on Eventbrite. While MBS is providing the meats and buns we do ask that everyone bring a dish to pass.

Don't forget to sign up a tree to exhibit at State Fair and to help out by tree sitting. We cannot have a successful run at the Fair without your help and participation. The judges for the exhibits this year will be Chris Baker for the first exhibit, the second show judge is Jennifer Price and Chris Baker will be back for the last show.

Have a great month,

Melissa



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www.WiscoBonsai.blogspot.com  
www.WiscoBonsai@gmail.com

## **WISCO BONSAI**

**DELIVERY TO MBS MEETINGS AVAILABLE.**  
(ALSO TO THE GENERAL METRO AREA WITH MINIMUM PURCHASE OR SMALL FEE)

**PROVIDING SUPERIOR BONSAI  
PRODUCTS SUCH AS U.S. SOURCED  
SUBSTRATES, U.S. MADE CUT-PASTE  
AND CUSTOM BLENDED FERTILIZERS.**

**SEE ALL THE PRODUCTS: [www.WiscoBonsai.blogspot.com](http://www.WiscoBonsai.blogspot.com)**  
**ALSO TAKING ORDERS FOR LARGER QUANTITIES OF PRESIFTED & SIZED  
SUBSTRATE ORDERS FOR SPRING 2018•DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED !!!**

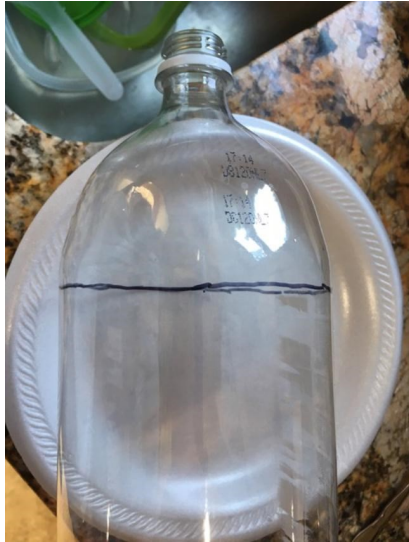
**contact: [WiscoBonsai@gmail.com](mailto:WiscoBonsai@gmail.com)**

## Make your own bee/wasp/bug catcher

By Kris Z

Take a 2 liter bottle and cut it about 1/4" above the label at the top

Turn the top part upside down and staple into the bottle



Add sugar water or soda with sugar in it.

Put in a covered place (under eaves, umbrella, etc) or when it rains the sugar water will be diluted.

It's amazing how many critters you can catch!



We have often heard and read that there is no such thing as an "instant" bonsai. That is often not the case.

If a nursery or collected tree is carefully selected it can, with skillful pruning, wiring and pot selection become an "instantly impressive" tree...one that can be enjoyed immediately as a bonsai, and over subsequent years of refining.

~Joe N

I'm in love with .....

# Yamadori



(Don't tell my wife)

By Bryan L

It used to be just a relationship, beginning way back in 1976. Since I'm back into bonsai now, and married, I guess it's an affair.

My first love was a hemlock from my Grandma's lake cottage. It grew on the point of land that jutted out into the water. It grew in sandy soil, faced into the north wind and survived. My Grandmother, on the other hand, did not and I was in charge of selling her cottage. I also got to take a few of the things from around the cottage home with me. One of them was that hemlock. It was probably 50 or more years old. It was all bent and gnarly. It was a love from my childhood. After my last day at the cottage we came home together. We had a long and wonderful conversation on the 200 mile trip home. We talked about our future together and how I would care for her. (Sappy but it works into the story)

I took her to the bonsai meeting. In those days we met in a building behind the domes. (Until there was a knife fight one night outside the back door). Back to the story. They showed me how to repot her and how to care for her in the winter. I built a cold frame for her in my front yard. In the spring my love had died. :(

Four years ago I got started back into bonsai. I am still in love with yamadori. <http://www.nibonsai.co.uk/bonsai-knowledge/yamadori/>

First I got some larch and hemlocks from the Tomahawk area. After that it was game on! Juniper from South Dakota, many elms and other trees from the Mayor of Blueberryville, a 4 foot tall burning bush from my brother's neighbor's yard. (Yes, he knew about it) Then, a yew from my neighbor's house. (He knows too) An apple from a wilderness nearby and most recently 2 junipers from Kansas.

What I like about it is that is the closest one can get to making a bonsai all by yourself, unless you are crazy enough to grow trees from seed. That would be really bonkers.

Most of my trees are not "finished" bonsais. Are they ever finished? But they are making progress. And I love them.

See some of my babies here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Jv3bgd7HPCJXiwcZA>



No matter what experience level you are in the wonderful world of bonsai, there's always room to hone your basic skills.  
So, MBS is offering ...

# 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 25, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring with wire branches

Tool sharpening

cut paste...

Homework

Please bring to the July picnic or August meeting or mail to:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

P.O. Box 240822

Milwaukee, WI 53224

Or use EVENTBRITE to sign up online.

**Class #2** (Saturday September 22, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring with dead trees

Pot cleaning

fertilizer / pest control / soil

Homework

**Class #3** (Saturday October 20, 9-4)

field trip to nursery

cleaning out a tree

pruning (not leaving knobs...)

watering system

Homework

**Class #4** (Saturday October 27, 9-12  
Boerner)

Wiring on conifers

wiring with copper wire

miscellaneous

wrap up

**Fee: \$75**

**Limit of 6 students**

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## BonsaiBasics Class

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Experience level: Novice Intermediate \$75 Fee enclosed check # \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, June 5th meeting  
Special guest: Todd Schlafer







**STATE FAIR 2018** - Are you interested in entering a tree at State Fair? If you have never exhibited before, please consider doing so this year. Classes are: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. **Please sign up at Club meetings, email or call John hernejb@msoe.edu (414-514-0594) or search on Eventbrite for MBS State Fair to participate**

## STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2018

Exhibit #1 August 2 - August 4  
Exhibit #2 August 5 - August 8  
Exhibit #3 August 9 - August 12

### Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, August 1 from **6pm - 6:30pm**  
Pick up trees from \*\*  
Sunday, Aug 5 from **9am - 9:30am**

### Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Saturday, Aug 4 from **6pm - 6:30pm**  
Pick up trees from \*\*  
Thursday, Aug 9 from **9am - 9:30am**

### Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to \*\*  
Wednesday, Aug 8 **6pm - 6:30pm**  
Pick up trees from \*\*  
Monday Aug, 13 from **9am - 9:30am**

**\*\* Strip mall parking lot approx. 102nd and National, just west of Baker's Square. Turn in by the Piggly Wiggly sign. Meet in the area nearest the street (National Ave)**

**Note:** If the drop off/pick up schedule is not good for you, please make personal arrangements for your trees with someone who will care for them. **YOU** must alert the crew about these arrangements so trees will not be misdirected, lost or stolen.

## When checking in please bring:

- + your list of scientific names and common names
- + the approximate age of the tree
- + stand, accent, sketch of display, and the proposed style of tree.

**HAVING A PICTURE OF YOUR SET-UP IS RECOMMENDED!!**

It is also wise to mark all components of your display with your name.

(an address sticker is usually adequate)

**Call or email for exhibiting trees (414-514-0594) or [hernejb@msoe.edu](mailto:hernejb@msoe.edu) or search on Eventbrite for MBS State Fair**

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2018 State Fair committee.

**\*\*\* If you wish to help out at State Fair by **greeting people** who pass by our exhibit, please contact Rob P by phone or email: 414-453-7317 [rstylingcourt@yahoo.com](mailto:rstylingcourt@yahoo.com)**

**For specific information** as to whether your tree will qualify to be entered at State Fair, please go to: [http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry\\_info/general\\_info/hort/society\\_shows.pdf](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/hort/society_shows.pdf)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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August 7, 2018 at 6:45pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
9400 Boerner Dr  
Hales Corners, WI 53130

### 2018 MBS OFFICERS

President	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
First VP	<a href="#">Bryan L</a>
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Secretary	<a href="#">Leo S</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Wally V</a>
Director	<a href="#">Rob P</a>
Director	<a href="#">Bonnie P</a>
Director	<a href="#">Phil R</a>
Past Pres.	<a href="#">Judy S</a>

### Other Club Functions

Newsletter	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
Webmaster	<a href="#">Pam W</a>
Director of Children's Education	Jean S
PAB Board	Ron F, Houston S & Jean S



The object is not to make the tree look like a bonsai, but to make the bonsai look like a tree.

~John Naka