September Meeting

Join us at the September meeting to share insights from the top award winners at this year’s State Fair. Members who received an Award of Merit or Best of Show will be bringing their trees to discuss. (See their pictures in this newsletter.)

Find out what it takes to have a show stopper! Here’s your chance to ask these members what they did to get their tree/s to be show ready. A small gift will be given to all who attend!!! See you on the 4th.

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

December

No meeting

January

No meeting

*Open to MBS members only

Next Meeting
September 4, 2018
6:45pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens

Connect with MBS
@Milwaukeebonsai.org
The end of August is quickly approaching, giving way to September and thoughts of fall. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our time at State Fair a success. Having a booth at the fair is a great way for the public to learn more about our wonderful hobby. It is also a time we get to show off our trees to people! We had a few new members volunteering for tree sitting and entering trees in the exhibits this year. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will volunteer again next year. My husband, Michael, even manned the booth with me for one shift, proving that all of us who participate directly or even indirectly in this hobby know quite a bit more about bonsai than the general public. He had such a good time we will be tree sitting again together next year.

September will be an interesting month for MBS. First with the Tuesday night meeting where the State Fair winning trees will be brought back so we can all see them and talk to the designers about the future plans for the trees. Bonsai is an art with an ever changing canvas since our trees are constantly growing.

October and the Annual Exhibit are only a few weeks away and there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make the event a success. First, if you have anything you would like to donate for the raffles, please contact me (I am heading up the raffle committee this year). I would be happy to help you with your donations. You may either call or email me or bring your items to the meeting in September or October. The AE raffles are a great fundraiser for the club and we wouldn’t be able to have the raffles without contributions. Second, make sure you sign up for a workshop or the banquet either on Eventbrite (search for bonsai) or complete and return the registration forms found in this newsletter. And lastly, don’t forget to sign up to have a tree (or two) in the exhibit. Walter Pall will be the judge this year and getting feedback on your tree from him will only enable you to have a better tree in the future. I hope everyone will consider helping out at the Annual Exhibit in some way this year. We can always use volunteers.

With 2018 winding down it is also time to elect board members for 2019. If you would like to be a member of the board please contact the nominating committee which is being headed up by Kris Z. Having new people on the board helps to keep ideas fresh and interesting.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday and I hope to see everyone at the September 4th meeting.

Melissa

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THANKS TO THE STATE FAIR TREE SITERS

A very sincere THANK YOU to all the club members who volunteered their time and expertise to man our displays at the State Fair. We manned 3 different shows; there were very nice trees on display. So, to Kris Z, Judy S, Tony P, John N, Ron F, Ben H, Kevin S, Pam W, Kyle T, Erich B, Tom S, Melissa J, John H, Laura C, Richard W, Teri W, Jim W, Dennis G, Christine H, Susan L, Bryan L, Steve C, Randy W, Wally V, Greg P, Jon G, Ian G, Bonnie P, Greg B, Michael J, please know you made our show possible, you were integral to our success.

And, kudos to those who did the demos. It can be intimidating to stand up in front of an audience and talk for a 30 to 60 min. Hopefully next year we can add new names to our volunteer list.

Rob Plichta

Library Notes

The bonsai library recently received book donations from 2 club members. They are listed briefly below.

From Jan Schley

The Art of Flowering Bonsai
Bonsai for Beginners
Bonsai School
Keep Your Bonsai Perfectly Shaped
Bonsai Art, Science, History, Philosophy
Bonsai Survival Manual
Growing and Displaying Bonsai

Peter Adams
Craig Coussins
Craig Coussins
Herb Gustafson
Deborah Koreshoff (2copies)
Colin Lewis
ColinLewis/Neil Sutherland

From Greg Polack

The Artisans Cup 2015 Retrospective

These are wonderful additions to your collection from very generous members. Come to the library and check them out before they get shelved. And, please remember to return any books you have checked out.
Below is the slate of candidates for the 2019 Executive Committee:

President-Melissa J 1st VP-Bryan L
2nd VP- Secretary-Leo S
Treasurer-Wally V Director- Rob P
Director-Phil R Director (3 yr)-

A vote will be taken at the October meeting to elect your 2019 officers

Annual Exhibit Info

Please bring your entry forms (trees to be judged, workshop registration, dinner reservations) to the September or October Meeting or sign up on Eventbrite (search for bonsai) Extra forms will also be available at the meetings. To ensure your place in the workshops of the Annual Exhibit, get your reservations in ASAP.

Please bring anything you would like to donate for our Annual Exhibit to the Tuesday evening Sept 4 or October 2 Society meeting.

And remember, this is a tax-deductible donation to MBS 501 (C) (3).

Your help is greatly appreciated!
State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice

Show #1—August 2-August 4—Judge Chris Baker

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Best of Show

Chinese Quince  Ron F (A)

Awards of Merit

Willow Leaf Ficus - Kevin S - I
Cork Bark Elm - Kris Z - A
Schefflera - Kris Z - A
Twisted Juniper - Judy S - A

Blue Ribbons

Chinese Quince - Ron F - A
Willow Leaf Ficus - Kevin S - I
Cork Bark Elm - Kris Z - A
Twisted Juniper - Judy S - A
Schefflera - Kris Z - A
Yew - Susan L - I
Ponderosa Pine - Judy S - A

Red Ribbons

Ficus - Dennis G - I
Cherry - Dennis G - I
Ginkgo - Susan L - I
Chinese Elm - Jean S - A

White Ribbons

Princess Earrings - Teri W - I
Juniper - Susan L - I
Burning Bush 0 Jean S - A
Yew - Bryan L - I

Yew

Willow Leaf Ficus

Cork Bark Elm

Twisted Juniper

Schefflera
State Fair Results

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Show #2—August 5—August 8—Judge Jennifer Price

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Best of Show

Ponderosa Pine  Teri Wall I

Awards of Merit

Willow Leaf Ficus - Susan L - I
Natal Plum—Susan L— I
Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - I
Dawn Redwood Forest - Judy S - I

Blue Ribbons

Ponderosa Pine - Teri Wall - I
Dawn Redwood - Wally V - I
Willow Leaf Ficus - Judy S - I
Dawn Redwood Forest - Judy S - I
Willow Leaf Ficus - Susan L - I
Natal Plum - Susan L - I
Boulevard Cypress - Tony P - A

Red Ribbons

Maple - Jim W - N
Ficus - Ian G - Youth

White Ribbons

Jade - Jim W - N
Twisted Pomegranate - Jim W - N
Jaboticaba - Erich B - N
Yew - Bryan L - I
Bougainvillea - Susan L - I
Ficus - Jim T - I

Willow Leaf Ficus

Natal Plum

Dawn Redwood Forest
State Fair Results

O=Open, A=Advanced, I=Intermediate, N=Novice
Show #3—August 9—August 12—Judge Chris Baker

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Best of Show
Japanese Cork Bark Maple—Judy S (A)

Awards of Merit
Dawn Redwood Forest — Rob P - I
Mugho Pine — Rob P - I
Japanese Weeping Willow — Kris Z - A
Azalea — Judy S - A

Blue Ribbons
Japanese Cork Bark Maple — Judy S - A
Dawn Redwood Forest — Rob P - I
Mugho Pine — Rob P - I
Azalea — Judy S - A
Japanese Weeping Willow — Kris Z - A
Juniper procumbens — Brian S - A
Ponderosa Pine — Penny T - I
Fukien tea display — Greg B - A
Juniper — Greg B - A
Pine — Greb B - A
Sequoia Sempervivens — Steve C - A

Red Ribbons
Korean Hornbeam — Brian S - A
Crape Myrtle — Susan L - I
Weeping Fig — Dennis G - I
Tiger Bark Ficus — Dennis G - I
Tiger Bark Ficus — Dennis G - I
Juniper, Tea, Jade Display — Dennis G - I
Apple — Steve C - A

Dawn Redwood Forest
Mugho Pine
Japanese Weeping Willow
Azalea
Brava to Jennifer Price, this was the BEST workshop I have attended since joining MBS. Jennifer is a talented and knowledgeable woman who shared with everyone her special gifts.

She could come back every year.  ~Bonnie P
Milwaukee Bonsai Society  
2018 Annual Exhibit Workshop / Banquet Registration

CONTACT INFORMATION  PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) ________________________________________________

Contact phone # _________________________________________

E-Mail Address ____________________________________________

Workshops with Walter Pall

Saturday October 6, 2018

9:00 - 12:30 Must choose from material listed below (limit 10)  $65  $_____
  Scot’s pine $100-$150, Colorado Spruce $100 - $200,
  Japanese white pine $250-$300, assorted pines $100-$125

Sunday October 7, 2018

9:00 - 12:30 Bring your own tree (limit 10)  $65  $_____

1:00 - 4:30 Bring your own tree CARVING (limit 10)  $65  $_____

Banquet Saturday October 6 - Meyer’s Restaurant - dinner served at 6:00

ALL YOU CAN EAT salad, bread, broasted chicken, Polish sausage and sauerkraut,
steak stroganoff, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dessert, coffee, tea or milk

Number of banquets ____ x $27  $_____

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 Tuesday October 2.

Workshop Priority: Workshops are allocated by the postmark date of your registration. Also, for the Saturday morning workshop, order of pick will be determined by the postmark date / Eventbrite.

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 overage 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 - or charge on Eventbrite. Any credits will be refunded after the Annual Exhibit weekend.

Register online on Eventbrite or bring your entry form to the August, September or October 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
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
2018 Annual Exhibit Tree Registration

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) ________________________________________________________________
Street Address: __________________________________________________________
City _______________________________ State _______ Zip ____________________
Contact phone # ________________________________
E-Mail Address __________________________________________________________

TREE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to invite you to display TWO bonsai trees for judging at our annual exhibit. 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, October 1. 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 7:00pm Thursday evening October 4 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!

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

TREE INFORMATION

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 ______

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..
First Find of Boxwood Blight in Wisconsin

We have found boxwood blight in Wisconsin for the first time at a nursery grower’s operation in Kenosha County. DATCP inspectors found suspect specimens during a routine annual inspection and USDA-APHIS confirmed July 19 that they were positive for *Calonectria*, the genus of the fungus that causes boxwood blight. While *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* (syn. *Cylindrocladium buxicola*, *C. pseudonaviculatum*) is the only species known to cause boxwood blight in the US, a closely related pathogen, *Calonectria henricotiae* is associated with boxwood blight in Europe. USDA-APHIS staff are currently working to grow this this pathogen in clean culture in order to confirm the species responsible for boxwood blight in our state.

The nursery involved is working closely with DATCP to test its remaining stock, destroy plants in the block already found to be infected, and sanitize in an attempt to eradicate the disease. There was no sign of the pathogen in the 2017 inspection, so the hope is that we have caught it in a very early stage.

The grower will notify its customers who received stock, so they can take steps to check their boxwood plants. Anyone who finds signs of boxwood blight should submit samples to the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic in Madison.

Boxwood blight causes defoliation and decline of all species of boxwood, although they vary in their susceptibility. It also affects *Pachysandra terminalis* (Japanese spurge) and *Pachysandra procumbens* (Allegheny spurge). In boxwood, the most characteristic signs are brown leaf spots followed by defoliation, and black streaking on stems. In *Pachysandra*, brown leaf spots are the main symptoms.

Boxwood blight was first found in the United States in 2011, and has since been detected in more than two dozen states. The major means of spread is by movement of contaminated plant material – container- or field-grown plants or greenery used in holiday decorations. Spores can also be carried on pruning tools, clothing, equipment or vehicles that come in contact with infected plants.

There is no curative treatment for boxwood blight. Infected plants and leaf debris must be destroyed by burning, burying at least 2 feet deep, or double-bagging and landfiling. Composting will not work. The pathogen may persist in the soil for 5-6 years, so members of the *Buxaceae* family should not be planted there following removal and destruction of infected plants. Now that Wisconsin has had a positive detection of boxwood blight, nurseries in our state that grow boxwood will need to enter into an annual boxwood cleanliness agreement with WDATCP in order to minimize the spread of this pathogen and protect our nursery industry.

For more information, visit [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/BoxwoodBlight.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/BoxwoodBlight.aspx), email [DATCPnursery@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPnursery@wisconsin.gov), or call 608-224-4572.
Next MBS meeting will be
September 4, 2018 at 6:45pm
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr
Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Second VP    John H
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Director    Rob P
Director    Bonnie P
Director    Phil R
Past Pres.  Judy S

Other Club Functions

Newsletter  Melissa J
Webmaster   Pam W

Director of Children’s Education—Jean S
PAB Board—Ron F, Houston S & Jean S

A bonsai shadow
Elegant tree—gray shadow
Beauty twice enjoyed

~Joe N