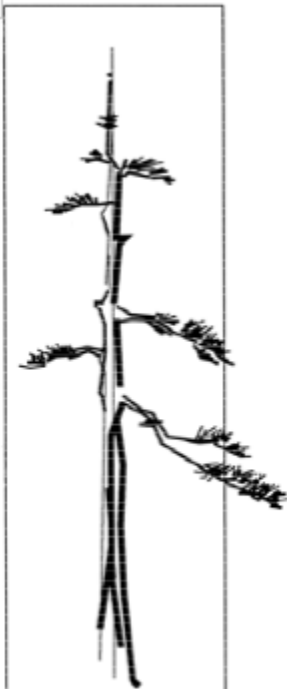


# BONSAI NEWS

December 2018



Milwaukee  
Bonsai Society  
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414-299-9229

There will be no  
December Meeting



Happy Holidays from  
The Executive Committee

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## December

No meeting

## January

No meeting

## February

Feb 16—**MBS meeting**

Chris Baker-pot selection

Feb 17—Silhouette Show-Domes

Feb 23—Novice Class\*

## March

Mar 5—**MBS meeting**

Jennifer Price

Mar 9—Novice Class\*

Mar 23 — Novice Class\*

Mar 23—Intermediate Class\*

## April

April 2—**MBS meeting**

Apr 6—Novice Class\*

Apr 13—Novice Class\*

Apr 27—Intermediate Class\*

## May

May 7—**MBS meeting**

May 11—Novice class\*

## June

June 4—**MBS meeting**

June 22— *Intermediate class\**

\*Open to MBS members only

**Next Meeting**  
**February 16, 2019**  
**9 am**  
**Boerner Botanical**  
**Gardens**

## President's Message December 2018

Welcome to December! At this time of the year I always reflect on the past year and plan for the new year.

2018 was a busy year for MBS. We had quite a few guest artists at our Tuesday meetings and offered many different workshops. Meeting guests included Chris Baker in the beginning of the year to Todd Schaeffler in the middle of 2018; the Executive Committee took the time to plan out a diverse year for you. If there is a topic of an artist you would like to see in 2019, please let a member of the Executive team know and we will look into accommodating the request.

Our exhibits were also very successful in 2018. Starting with the Silhouette Show on a very snowy Super bowl Sunday to the Annual Exhibit in the fall, MBS was represented well to the public. From my time at State Fair tree sitting I believe there is quite a strong interest in Bonsai. Everyone I talked to at each of the exhibits were appreciative of the effort we take to make our trees a thing of beauty.

All in all, 2018 was a great year for MBS!

2019 planning is under way and the board is happy to again offer many different opportunities for you, the members, to learn from guest artists and other members in order to gain insightful knowledge about the wonderful art of Bonsai.

We are pleased to be able to again offer the Novice and Intermediate classes. A new class that is in the works is a set of 3 classes with Jennifer Price. Keep an eye out for t

he email announcement about this new offering.

As always, classes and workshops are open to all members. Which means, at this time of the year, it is the time to renew your membership for 2019. The membership form can be found later in this newsletter or you can utilize Eventbrite (search for bonsai).

Speaking of Eventbrite, this new tool for MBS was very successful in 2018. 81% of all workshop participants signed up using Eventbrite. The board is happy that this new means for signing up for workshops and classes has been so popular with members and we will be using this program again in the new year.

There will not be a newsletter in January so look for a February edition that will be jam packed with information about the 2019 events.

From my family to yours, I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Happy Holidays!  
Melissa J



Join and Pay On-Line at:  
otherwise print, pay and mail in.

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## Milwaukee Bonsai Society

### 2019 Membership Application

#### Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work 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

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

#### Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

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

#### Payment

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#### Our Policy

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

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

# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2019 Novice Classes



If you are in the early stages of learning about the bonsai hobby, these classes will help expand your knowledge of understanding of bonsai styles, practices and techniques and set the foundation on which your future bonsai experiences and lessons will build.

Novice classes this year will be led by Ron Fortmann. This series of five classes will review a number of topics in each session and you will also work on a provided tree in the fourth and fifth sessions. We will work from a text that will be provided as part of the class.

Session 1 Saturday February 23 (9-1 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens – Grandparents Room

Introductions and expectations	Bonsai Terms
Bonsai History	Bonsai Styles
Bonsai Tools	Bonsai Horticulture

Session 2 Saturday March 9 (9-1 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens – Grandparents Room

Review Styles and their application	Pot Selection
Bonsai Rules	Potting/Repotting Practices
Bonsai Development	Repotting Workshop

Session 3 Saturday March 23 (9-2 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens – Grandparents Room

Bonsai Soils	Discussion about Taper
Bonsai Fertilization	Wire and Wiring

Session 4 Saturday April 6 or April 13 (9-3 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens – Grandparents Room

Work on your class tree

Session 5 Saturday May 11 or May 18 (9-1 PM) at Ron’s Studio

Work on your class tree	Review previous sessions
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Now that your feet are wet..... Jump in! Create your own Bonsai ‘masterpiece’! Cost is \$170

Please include your tuition payment with your application. Class participation will be based on first paid first included basis and includes a tree. Each class will be limited to twelve students and you must be an MBS member to enroll.

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## Survey Results of Workshops and Classes

Thank you to everyone who completed the Executive Committee's 2019 Survey. We had 47 people complete our short survey about how many workshops you would like to take, what day of the week you would like to take them and how much you would like to spend on them?

We also asked if you would be interested in taking a series of 3-4 classes each year with the same teacher, what day of the week and how much you would spend on the series of classes each year? The results of the survey were very definitive. You wanted more workshops, especially on weekends, and on the question "Would you like to take a series of 3-4 classes from the same teacher each year?", 44 of the 47 people who answered the question said **Yes!**

Your Executive Committee has worked out a plan. We will offer classes taught by Jennifer Price in 2019. We will begin with 2 sets of 3 classes and will have more classes available as the first ones get filled. After signing up, you would be expected to remain in the classes over the next year. That way you and your teacher will become familiar with your trees and their progress. There will be a few requirements to get into



these classes, which will be announced when the Eventbrite email comes out. We would like all participants to know enough about bonsai that they will be able to work on their own tree with direction from the teacher and not have the teacher do all of the work. Working on your own tree will make the classes run smoother and your tree will be more your own.

From the MBS Executive Committee, thank you for your feedback. We will strive to fill your wishes and make MBS one of the best bonsai clubs in the country.



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# Milwaukee Bonsai Society

## 2019 Intermediate Classes



MBS will again sponsor an Intermediate Class in 2019. This class is recommended for those members who find that they are committed to furthering their understanding and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai. It is designed to deepen the principles that you have learned in the Novice Class or with previous experience. The class will incorporate lecture, handouts, discussion, demonstration, review, repetition, critique, and hands on work with your own trees and each other's. Many members find that they enroll in this class more than once.

The Intermediate Class will be led this year by Brian Susler and assisted by Steve Carini. The sessions will be held at the home studio of Steve C. Each of the six sessions will center around one of the three important seasons of bonsai work: Spring repotting and cut back, Summer tree and branch development, and Fall assessment, cut back, and preparation for next year's growth expectations. Each class will be specific to the season, and all will include an understanding of why we do certain things at this time, horticultural principles, and most importantly, DESIGN. This will be our third year as a 6 session class series, allowing time to focus on display and wiring.

As a course requirement, you will have the opportunity to stretch your new understanding of bonsai principles by providing teaching assistance at the club's Beginner Workshop. Under the supervision of experienced club members, you will be challenged to share what you have learned with new bonsai hobbyists.

The Intermediate Class is limited to six students. Each member is required to bring their own trees, tools and lots of questions to each class. A binder for handouts, soil for one tree repotting as well some practice wire will be included in the class fee. After completing this class, you will be better prepared and encouraged to participate in special club workshops with visiting guest artists, not to mention... you will grow in your enjoyment of Bonsai!

Repotting 1 Saturday March 23 (9-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Why we repot	Soil
Repotting 2-3 trees focus on deciduous	Fertilizing and Design
Introduction to branch development	Next step for repotted trees
Repotting 2 Saturday April 27 (9-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Repeat of all of Repotting 1 with focus on conifers	Repotting 2-3 trees
Summer 1 Saturday June 22 (9-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Branch development review	Fertilizing and Design
Wiring and Jin	Discuss your trees
Summer2 Saturday August 10 (9-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Repeat of all of Summer 1	Discuss your trees
Fall 1 Saturday September 26 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Preview of necessary fall cutback	Fertilizing and Design
Branch development review	Soji
Any necessary fine wiring	Discuss your trees
Design MBS Beginner Workshop September TBD (9-12 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens	
Fall 2 Saturday October 19 (9-4 PM) – Steve's Studio	
Repeat of all of Fall 1	Perform appropriate fall cutback
Evaluations	

## Continuing your education, learn to develop and maintain your bonsai Tuition \$160

Please include your tuition payment with your application. Class participation will be based on first paid first included basis. The class will be limited to six students and you must be an MBS member to enroll. If there is enough interest, there may be a second session planned to accommodate all those who are interested. All in the club will benefit by your participation in the Beginner Workshop.

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### Your Bonsai Collection and history: not necessary to be completed by repeating class applicants.

How many trees do you have? (The instructor is looking to know the size of your collection.) Total \_\_\_\_\_ -

What species? (Common names are fine, please list all of your trees)

Number of these that are: \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Collected \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Bonsai \_\_\_\_\_ Bonsai

In what level of development would you judge they are?

How do you over-winter your trees?

*Please circle one for each question below*

I fertilize using: chemical organic both

I am interested in deepening my understanding of wiring: Y N

I am interested in deepening my understanding of design: Y N

I could possibly attend a Friday class: Y N

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February 16, 2019 9am  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
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Hales Corners, WI 53130

### 2018 MBS OFFICERS

President	<a href="#">Melissa J</a>
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Second VP	<a href="#">John H</a>
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



Blanketed in snow

Life slowed-bonsai joy postponed

Wakening in May

~Joe N