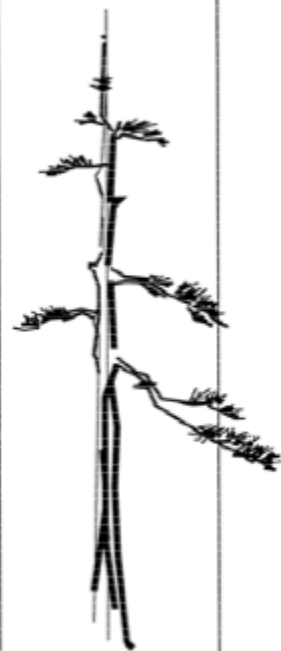


BONSAI NEWS

July 2019



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414-299-9229

No Tuesday July Meeting

Annual Picnic/Swap Meet

Join fellow members at Grace Lutheran Church (3030 W Oklahoma Ave) on Saturday, July 13th from 10am-1pm for the annual MBS picnic/swap meet.

This is a great opportunity to socialize, have a meal and to browse through items other members will be selling.

We ask that everyone bring a dish to pass (sign up on [Eventbrite](#)). MBS will be providing the meats and buns. This event is held rain or shine since it will be held indoors.

If you would like to sell items at the picnic the cost of having a table is \$5 and is payable the morning of the picnic.

July

July 13—**MBS picnic**

August

Aug 1-11—State Fair

Aug 6 — **MBS meeting**

Group slash

Aug 10—Intermediate Class (A)*

Aug 11—Intermediate Class (B)*

September

Sept 3 — **MBS meeting**—State Fair Winners

Sept 7—Beginner Workshop

Sept 7—Jennifer Price Workshop*

Sept 28-29—Annual Exhibit With Tyler Sherrod

October

Oct 1 — **MBS meeting**

Member's 1st trees

November

Nov 5 — **MBS meeting**

Seasonal tree care

Nov 22-24 — Folk Fair

*Open to MBS members only

Next Meeting
Aug 6, 2019
6:45 pm

**Boerner Botanical
Gardens**

President's Message July 2019

Last month I admitted to everyone that all of my outdoor trees died. Well, I now have this little guy, whom I named New Hope.



New Hope is my chance to redeem myself to the world and outdoor trees everywhere. I am going to try to keep this Juniper alive for more than a few months and I foresee him becoming an award winning tree someday (fingers crossed). Let me know if you have any advice for me on keeping New Hope alive.

We are at the height of bonsai season and there is a lot going on in the club right now. We have our picnic/flea market on the 13th, State Fair is quickly approaching and the Annual Exhibit is right around the corner.

The picnic is being held at Grace Lutheran Church and will be held rain or shine. This is a good opportunity to mingle with your bonsai friends, look at the wares people are selling (maybe even buy a thing or two) and to share a meal with members of the club. My husband will be grilling again this year. I have pressed him into duty and he has valiantly stepped up to the challenge. We will have hamburgers and brats and a whole lot of dishes that members have signed up to bring. It should be a yummy meal. Make sure to sign up on [Eventbrite](#) to attend and to bring a dish to pass. I hope we have a great turnout and I look forward to seeing everyone on the 13th.

State Fair tree and volunteer sign up is in full swing. You can contact [Erich B](#) about trees and you can either let [Erich](#) know about volunteering or you can sign up on [Eventbrite](#) for a shift or two. I have said this in the past and I continue to say it because I truly believe it, tree sitting at the Fair is fun. You get the chance to talk to people who know little to nothing about bonsai but appreciate all the work that goes into creating a one-of-a-kind work of art. Each person who stops by our booth is interested in bonsai; they may not have the same level of interest as you and I, but they like seeing the trees each year. Many people have told me over the years that they love our displays and make a point of visiting the booth each time they are at the Fair. You don't need to be an expert to tree sit, even novices have a wealth of information to share.

I remember my first year tree sitting, I was so scared that people were going to ask me questions that I didn't know the answer to that my hands were shaking! After the 3rd or 4th time I was asked "which is the oldest tree in the display?" and how do you keep the trees small, I calmed down and started to enjoy myself. I'm not an outgoing person normally, but tree sitting and talking to people is actually not that difficult and is enjoyable.

The Annual Exhibit committee is starting to reach the home stretch of planning this year. It's hard to believe the AE will be here in a few short months. Tyler Sherrod is our guest artist this year and promises to bring a fresh, new prescriptive to our Exhibit. The following is a quote from his website, Tyler is working to "elevate the level of Bonsai in America. He wants to celebrate the vast landscape of America and celebrate it by capturing the emotions of the changing landscape through Bonsai."

Happy Summer!

Melissa J

Another Culture Learns About the Art of Bonsai

By Bryan L

MBS was contacted through Facebook about having a workshop with a group of 7th graders at the Yeshiva Ultra-Orthodox Jewish School in Milwaukee. That sounded interesting, so I said "yes."

The teacher, Cori, and I decided to use five portulacarias, which worked out well for two other workshops. They are easy to care for, as long as you don't treat them like a jade plant. Since they have lots of branches, students learn how to cut branches and have many design possibilities.

The girls had lots of fun! With ten girls and five trees, they made an agreement that the one girl would keep the new bonsai and the other girl would take the first choice of the cuttings. A few girls who were not in the class looked in the classroom to see what we were doing, and they were envious of the fun.



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2019 Novice Class Graduates

The Milwaukee Bonsai Society would like to congratulate the following individuals for completing the 2019 Novice Classes

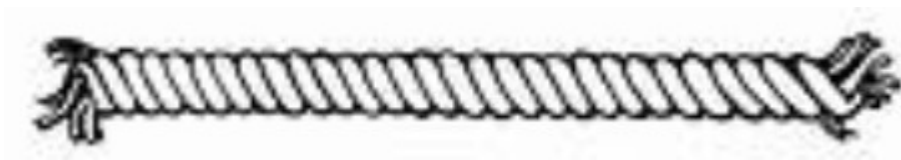
We had a bumper crop of 16 new members starting their bonsai journey, learning some of the basic skills needed to cultivate bonsai.

If you see these individuals at meetings or workshops encourage them to continue to build their skills:

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| Gayle B | Richard H | Jeff K |
| Mike B | Richard L | Angela O |
| Mary Lynn C | Jacob O | Carlos O |
| Judy D | Elisa P | Helga W |
| Greg R | Sarah V | Grant S |
| Daniel R | | |



Their bonsai journey has started with this short trip.



Black Pines — June 4th Meeting

Thank you to Steve C & Brian S for teaching MBS about Black Pines.



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 1-11

STATE FAIR 2019 - 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 eab659@outlook.com (262-989-0875) to participate.**

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2019

Exhibit #1 (August 1 - August 3)
Exhibit #2 (August 4 - August 7)
Exhibit #3 (August 8 - August 11)

Exhibit #1

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, July 31 from **6pm - 6:30pm**
Pick up trees from **
Sunday, Aug 4 from **9am - 9:30am**

Exhibit #2

Deliver trees to **
Saturday, Aug 3 from **6pm - 6:30pm**

Pick up trees from **
Thursday, Aug 8 from **9am - 9:30am**

Exhibit #3

Deliver trees to **
Wednesday, Aug 7 **6pm - 6:30pm**

Pick up trees from **
Monday Aug, 12 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)**

When checking in please bring:

- *your list of scientific names and common names
- *the approximate age of the tree
- *stand, accent, sketch of display
- **OR bring a copy of the Eventbrite sheet

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)

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.

Call or email for exhibiting trees

(262-989-0875) or eab659@outlook.com

Good luck and thanks for supporting the MBS 2019 State Fair committee.

***** If you wish to help out at State Fair by greeting people who pass by our exhibit, please contact Erich by phone or email: 262-989-0875 eab659@outlook.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

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Next MBS meeting will be
Aug 6, 2019 at 6:45pm
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Hales Corners, WI 53130

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| Director | Rick W |
| Director | Phil R |
| Past Pres. | Judy S |

Other Club Functions

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| Newsletter | Melissa J |
| Webmaster | Pam W |

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



Dust and summer winds
Molten sun and heat conspire
And green life trembles

~Joe N