MBS Picnic-Take 2

Hopefully the weather will cooperate September 19th from 10am—5pm so we can finally have our annual picnic!

There will be a mini tree exhibit, judged by fellow members.

Social distancing will be taking place and wearing masks is optional. Everyone should bring their own chairs and drinks.

Lunch provided by MBS and will be served 12-2pm.

Stop by when you are available-no need to stay the entire time.

Whitnall Park Beer Garden-Area 1-1A

Sign up using this Eventbrite link so we know how much food to buy or to show a tree
Downsizing

I don’t have enough room to overwinter the trees I have. Some tropicals and deciduous trees need to find new homes. Please contact me and I will send a sheet with what’s available.

~Kris  hagr8d@mac.com

Gloria Roisler Lifetime MBS Member

By Pam W.

Milwaukee Bonsai Society’s last remaining Charter Member, Gloria Roisler found peace on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the age of 98 years. When asked if she was interested in forming a club, Gloria stepped up and took leadership to ensure the Milwaukee Bonsai Society was founded.

Gloria had the distinction of membership number 5 and was awarded the June Kelly Award of Merit and lifetime membership in recognition of sharing her time and talent with members of MBS.

Gloria lived independently until she was 98. She moved into Care-Age for approximately 2 months. She was ready and appreciated the extra care and attention. She worked hard to adjust. Doing physical therapy right up to the end of her stay.

Gloria was a wonderful woman that was loved and will always be remembered as instrumental in establishing MBS.
**FOCUS ON QUALITY MATERIAL**

**HOW QUALITY WORKSHOP MATERIAL IS SELECTED**

Given that many young bonsai trees will undergo some fairly substantial changes in the course of their life, it is easy to see how this is considered more of an art than a science. Some enthusiasts might even argue picking bonsai material is a magic, peering into the future to see the bonsai at its final stage of development.

When picking material, the experienced selector leans on years of experience, and knows what to look for when viewing pre-bonsai material. It’s the experience of looking at developing bonsai that gives the selector a unique insight into the changes that a bonsai will more than likely undergo as it matures.

**SELECTING MATERIAL TO GROW OUT IS A PERPETUAL LEARNING PROCESS—YOU’RE NEVER FINISHED, AND THERE IS ALWAYS MORE KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED**

It is complicated. And this is the value of the trial and error that experienced selectors have undergone. They will know, for example, young pines that look this certain way have a very strong chance of maturing to look this certain way. Often what looks to the untrained eye like a low-quality tree at a young age can have the potential to mature into a high-quality bonsai as it ages.

Vendors and nursery growers know the qualities that make some bonsai versus others stand out in the crowd, even if they might not be able to articulate it exactly what they see. This ability to see the quality is a gift that is well respected.

Of course, in any profession where aesthetic judgment is called for, there is always the element of personal taste or even bias. Our guest artists have the experience and ability. And we relied on their expertise to help arrange quality workshop material.
Next MBS meeting will be TBD
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