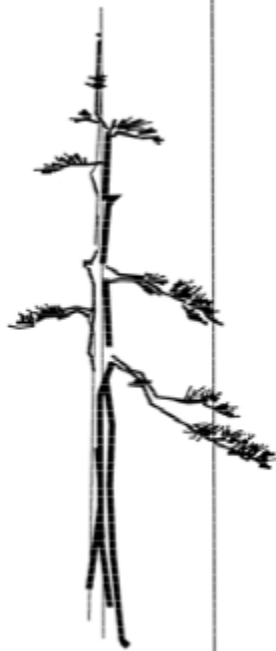


BONSAI NEWS

August 2022



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Bonsai Society
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Upcoming meeting

Now that MABA is done bring in your new tree or pot and show off what you have, bring in the tree you put in the exhibit or even the tree you used in a workshop.

Ask questions of Ron, Steve and Brian to learn what the next steps might be in the progression of the tree you bring in.

You can also share what you learned in a workshop and show off the tree you worked on. Everyone can learn from your experience.

The August meeting promises to be a fun, and informative event. (more details further in the newsletter)

August

August 4-14 — State Fair

August 6—MABA re-cap

August 7 — Bonsai Skills Building*

August 27-28 Annual Exhibit
Lynden Sculpture Gardens

September

Sept 3 — Wire a tree

October

October 1 — Selecting
Nursery Material

November

November 5 — Fall work,
cutback, shoot selection

December

December 3 — Club meeting

*Open to MBS Members Only

Next Meeting

**August 6, 9am
At Boerner
Botanical
Gardens**

MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020

WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER
THROUGH BONSAI

President's Message

Hello fellow bonsai enthusiasts! I apologize for the long message this month but please read the entire message, lots going on and some important stuff included.

State Fair is upon us as well and just like every year, volunteers and trees are needed. The links to sign up are on the club website. I encourage everyone to volunteer, new, members, long time members and everyone in between. You get in free to the fair AND your volunteer hours count towards the 20 needed to be invited to our volunteer dinner that will be held on October 11, 6pm at Ann's Italian Restaurant in Hales Corners. Your ticket is not timed so you can work an early shift then enjoy the fair the rest of the day or do the fair in the morning then relax at the exhibit in the afternoon or evening. If there is a band you want to see, schedule your volunteering around the time so you can get in free. If you're not computer savvy, you can contact me and I will get you signed up. Just shoot me an email, eab659@outlook.com or text or call me at 262-989-0875.

I also wanted to address the club on why we are having meetings on Saturdays rather than going back to Tuesday night. We have received another round of questions about this. I have spoken to our Boerner contact about possibly going back to Tuesday nights and have been informed that neither Boerner nor Zilli's, who is contracted to run the building for Milwaukee county parks, have the staff to allow for us to hold meetings when the building is closed in the evening so we're stuck with Saturday mornings.

The executive committee has discussed this and have come up with an idea. With the meeting schedule set for this year, we will finish the year out on Saturday mornings at Boerner. Beginning next year, we are willing to look at other locations for 2-3 meetings. If anybody has any suggestions, please let me or one of the other EC members know before the end of October and we will look into the location. We want to have next year's schedule set to be posted by the end of November. We are open to any location in Milwaukee County close to the county border. This will be a test to see if this is something that we will continue offering and hopefully allow more club members in outlying areas to attend meetings in person.

Lastly, we are looking for feedback from every club member about what topics and activities you would like to have offered at club meetings. I can't tell you how important this is to the EC. We want to make sure that we continue to offer educational opportunities and information as well as activities that keep you interested and engaged with the club.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next club meeting.

Erich

August MBS Meeting... Lets talk about all your new trees from MABA!

After the dust has settled from all the excitement and work of MABA, let's spend a meeting just looking at our new or improved trees.

Many club members have either exhibited a tree in the MABA Exhibit, or have taken a material provided workshop and find themselves with a new tree on their bench. Or maybe you brought one of your own trees in for a BYO workshop, or maybe you won a tree or bought a new one from Golden Arrow or First Branch Bonsai.

It doesn't mater which one of the above categories you happen to fall in... **why not bring the tree in to the August meeting**

Let's come together on Saturday and tell the group why you bought the tree or what you learned at the workshop. If you exhibited the tree, you may have questions about the judges' comments. If you won a tree, you might wonder about what your next steps in development might be. Even if you just bought a pot and want to show it off and talk about what tree you plan to put in it.

All things above are a go for the August meeting. Brian, Ron and Steve will be there and help sort the trees/pots you bring into some sort of order. They will ask you to talk a bit about them... and might even have an idea as to a next step. Please bring your things at the beginning of the meeting so the set up can happen beforehand.

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Email – aabonsai@charter.net

Phone – 262-490-8733

The word "HELP" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below the text are three horizontal red lines of varying lengths, creating a stylized underline or shadow effect.

Annual Exhibit Raffles Need your help

The Annual Exhibit is quickly approaching and the raffles are a great way for the club to help pay for this. We can't have raffles without your help. We need donated items to raffle! Please consider donating your gently used bonsai items that you no longer want to be used for the Annual Exhibit raffles. Arrangements can be made for picking up items. Contact Melissa J @ missyuc2@yahoo.com or 414-350-5924.

One of the most respected artist will be here for our 51st Annual Exhibit – Jim Doyle

by Pam W

MBS has invited Jim Doyle to be our guest artist in August at the Lynden Sculpture Garden. Jim received a degree in horticulture from Delaware College of Science and Agriculture in 1973. By 1980, through the influence of Chase Rosade, Bonsai passed from being a hobby to a business/life-style. Jim attends many symposia and teaches year round at his studio. As time goes by, Jim continues to enjoy the benefits of knowledge through bonsai. He has discovered a caring and understanding friendship with plants and with people.

With 49 years of experience to call on, Jim knows bonsai. From his perspective, Bonsai is the only living art, and it is always changing. There is Discovery with bonsai: see a tree for the first time, collect it, bring it home, and maybe someday it will be a bonsai. Inspiration: see something in a tree, what are its possibilities in 5, 10 or more years? Essence: a bonsai as it has developed with the ideas you put into the tree is a strong element of why we do bonsai. Your tree evolves and becomes more. Continuation: This is a living art, always ongoing. The tree will keep growing, even past our life-times. All these ideas make up bonsai.

Jim Doyle also specializes in literati bonsai. Traditionally Literati bonsai have trunks that twist and turn in multiple, often dramatic curves, usually have slender trunks which have no lower branches to speak of, and have an obvious lack of Nebari in most cases. Jim's soft-spoken and meditative flow during workshops helps participants to enjoy and discuss the essence and form of literati style bonsai. Don't miss this chance to learn and work with Jim.

Jim's work and classes can be viewed on the internet at www.natureswaybonsai.com.



Jim with friend Chase Rosade



Example of Jim's bujin



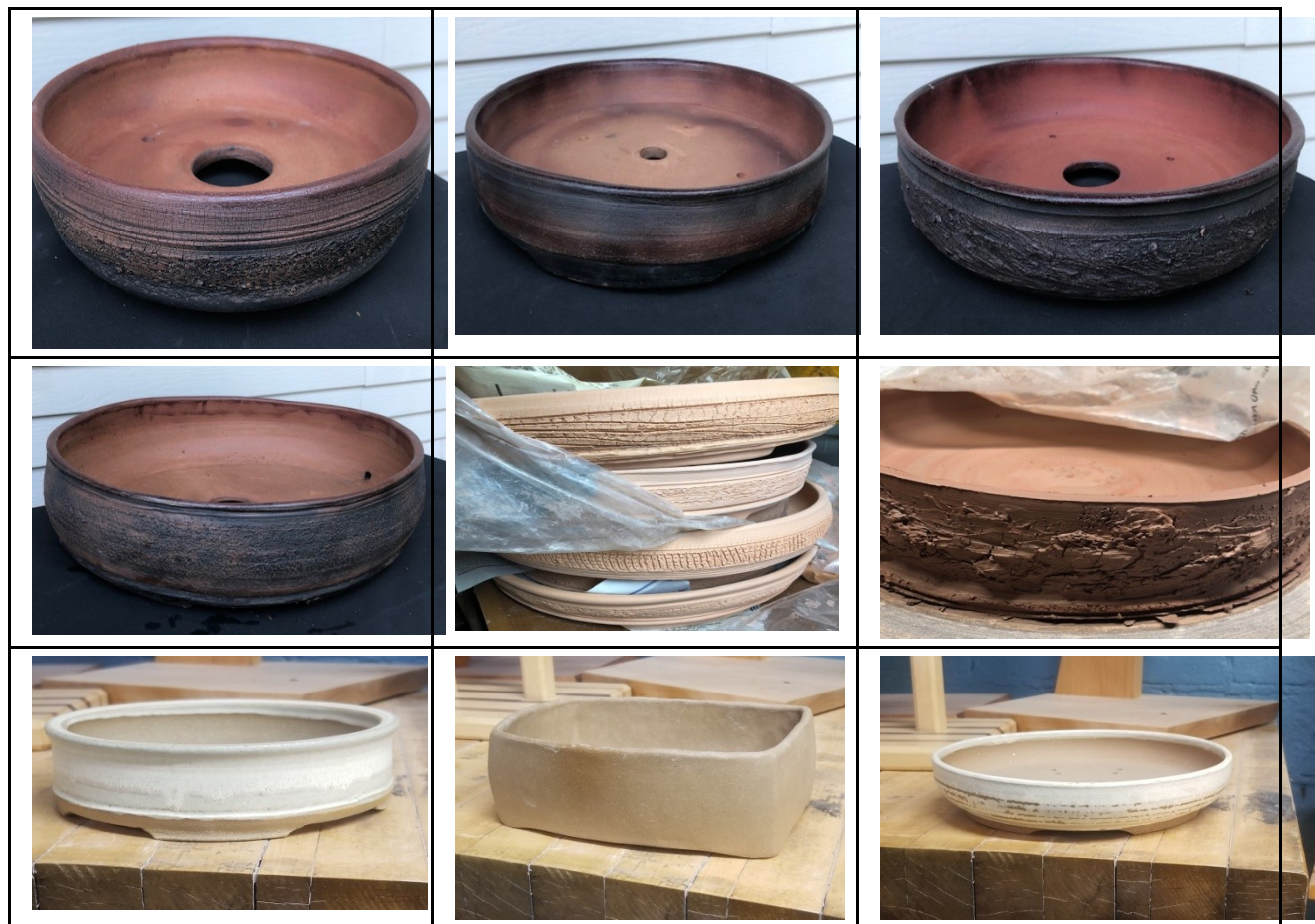
Another example demonstrating his breadth of experience

Your local pottery artists will be selling bonsai pots at our Annual Exhibit

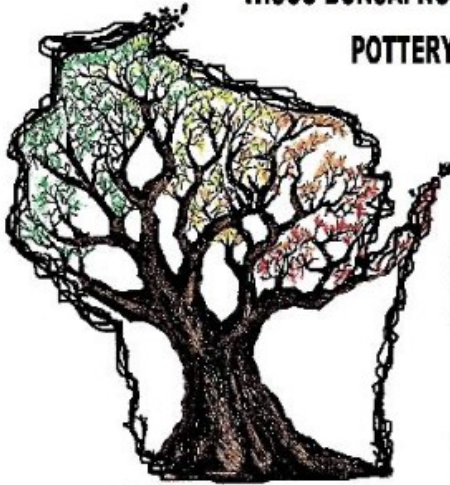
John M. and Bryan L. have been doing pottery for years. We have a nice selection of pots that will be available for reasonable prices. Many people shop for pots at the Chicago exhibit in August but the great artist Sara Rayner will not be there this year.

So shop local for your pottery.

Enclosed are some pictures of pots that are done already and some that are in the process of drying and will be glazed or treated with oxides soon. Bring cash or I will have a Square to take credit cards. Here is a link to some other pots. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jikRvX9VHvDiedRP6>



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DUE TO COVID, SHOP CURRENTLY OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AND ALL SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE.

THE MBS YAMADORI CLUB

At the last meeting I talked about my love of Yamadori. (Getting trees from the wild) Three times this season some of us got together and dug up trees in the wilds of urban Milwaukee. I passed around a signup to see who would be interested in digging up trees in the future. I, now, have a list of 15 people who would be interested in doing this. If you would like to join with us when we go to dig trees for bonsai please send me your name, cell phone number and email address. bryan11lor@gmail.com

This list will be used to notify members of trees that are available to be dug up and **also** share information between us of neighbor's trees that are available to the group. We already know about 4) 50 year old yews that will be available in the spring. If you know of some trees that want to be collected by us let me know. I will share that with our new group. Bryan

Are you interested in entering a tree for state fair or volunteering to man the MBS booth? Even if you have not participated before consider doing so this year. Exhibit classes are: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open. Please contact Erich B at eab659@outlook.com or 262-989-0875 to participate or use the Eventbrite links at the bottom to sign up.

State Fair Exhibit Schedule:

- Exhibit #1 August 4 – 6
- Exhibit #2 August 7 – 10
- Exhibit #3 August 11 – 14

Trees are dropped off and picked up at the strip mall parking lot in front of Piggly Wiggly at 102nd and National Ave, just west of the old Bakers Square in the area nearest to National Ave.

Drop off/Pick up Schedule:

- Exhibit #1 –
 - Drop off: Wed. Aug. 3 (6-6:30pm)
 - Pick up: Sunday Aug 7 (9-9:30am)
- Exhibit #2 –
 - Drop off: Sat. Aug 6 (6-6:30pm)
 - Pick up: Thurs Aug 10 (9-9:30am)
- Exhibit #3 –
 - Drop off: Wed. Aug 10 (6-6:30pm)
 - Pick up: Monday Aug 15 (9-9:30am)

- [Tree Sitter link](#)
- [Exhibit #1 sign up](#)
- [Exhibit #2 sign up](#)
- [Exhibit #3 sign up](#)

If the drop off/pick up schedule does not work for you, please make arrangements with someone who will care for the trees. YOU should alert Erich B of these arrangements so trees are not lost, stolen or misdirected.

When checking in please bring:

- ~Scientific and Common names
- ~The approximate age of your tree
- ~Stand and accent
- ~Sketch or picture of how you would like the display set up

It is required to have your name on all components of your display including boxes/totes.

Volunteers for the MBS booth work in scheduled shifts with at least one other club member talking to fair goers who stop by the booth to admire the trees.

The most popular questions are: Which tree is yours? Which is the oldest tree? If you can answer those 2 questions you are qualified to volunteer.

State Fair allows MBS to get our name out to the public and recruit new members. Without new members we could not keep the club going. Plus, you get a free ticket for the fair, accrue volunteer hours and after your Shift, or before your shift, you can enjoy all the fair has to offer.

Disclaimer: Although great care is taken with entry items, incidents may occur that are beyond our control

MABA Re-cap

Kris Z.

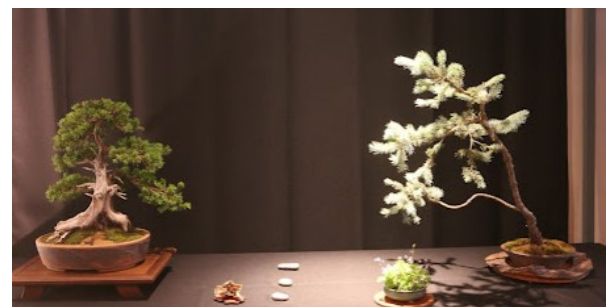
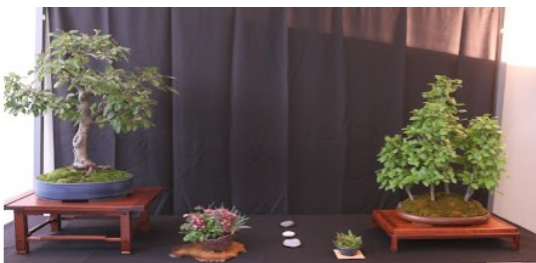
In June of 2017 the idea of having the MABA convention in Milwaukee was introduced to the MBS Executive Committee. It was decided to go forward with the convention. A small committee was established in September of 2017 - Ron F, Pam W and Kris Z.

In 2018 after a long search for affordable hotels, the Four Points Sheraton was chosen as the venue. The Convention Committee expanded to include Judy S, Steve C, Erich B, Bonnie P and Kevin S. Sub-committees were formed, artists and vendors were under contract, trees were ordered and all was going well with our target of June 2020.

It has been an interesting five years!! Ups and downs, construction, Covid, etc but the MABA/Milwaukee ~~2020~~ / ~~2021~~ / 2022 Convention finally came to fruition June 23 - 26, 2022. The artists were happy with their material and workshops, the vendors thanked us for having a great venue for them to show their wares, the participants were exposed to various materials and teaching styles in the workshops and demos.

All agreed that the exhibit was beautiful and well set up. Gorgeous trees showed the caliber of bonsai 'artists' we have in our area. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a great success. It can never be stated enough how valuable our volunteers are!!

Until the next convention...



MABA June 23-26, 2022





Repotting Ficus

For the Fall Beginner Workshop

Six of us members met at my hours to repot 50 Ficus the other day. The narrow leaf Ficus gave us some problems because they had so many enormous roots. Please see the picture where just part of the tree looks like a bagel. They were hard to get a tool around and hard to unwind. My new branch splitter was useful on some of them.

We got our job done in about 4 hours and had time to do some more bonsai talking afterwards. Present were me, Phil #1, Phil #2, Bonnie, Steve and Irene. Thanks to all for your help.

One video <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9ULczCSMGD864ThE9> Bryan



Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2022 Fall Beginner Workshop



Saturday September 17, 2022

Get your feet wet (and hands dirty) by attending our next Public Workshop. Members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society will be on hand to help with the creation of your first Bonsai 'masterpiece'!

Cost start at \$85

(includes tree, pot, wire and membership in the Milwaukee Bonsai Society for the years 2022-2023)
Limit 30

Boerner Botanical Gardens *in Whitnall Park*

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Any questions, email: mbsweb@hotmail.com
or simply send in your registration before August 25.

Contact Information

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Membership Type

New

Individual 1 tree \$85

Family 1 tree \$110

Family 2 trees \$165

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

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August 6, 2022 @ 9am
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When I trim branches
I really mean them no harm
I love my bonsai

~Greg Raleigh