



# MABA/MILWAUKEE 2020NE

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THROUGH BONSAI

## RE-FOCUS

On June 10-13, 2021, Bonsai artists and MABA members are heading to MABA/Milwaukee Convention! [Read more.](#)

## CHALLENGES

As the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak continues, our commitment remains to you. [Read More.](#)

## ARTIST / WORKSHOPS

Beginner friendly artist will help you get started. [Read More.](#)  
Workshop and material opportunities. [Read More.](#)

## PLANNING

Learn from the Best is the first of 10 reasons to attend MABA Milwaukee regional convention. [Read More.](#)

## VENDORS / EXHIBIT

The 2020 convention will feature a Thursday evening reception dedicated to the vendors. [Read More](#)  
And an innovative, world class MABA exhibit. [Read More](#)

## FOCUS ON VENDORS

MABA 2020NE is trying something new for a convention, instead of allowing any vendor that wanted to sell at the event, the convention committee has selected 8 Vendors specializing in covering all your bonsai needs and wants. We looked for vendors that offer high quality goods and have had a relationship with the Midwest Bonsai communities for years and mixed in a couple of new comers. The following is a brief introduction to the 8 Selected Vendors for this convention:

### **Mark Fields – Bonsai by Fields LLC, Greenwood, Indiana**

Mark has been a bonsai practitioner for years and works with many different trees. His booth will carry a wide variety of bonsai items from tools to pots and trees.

### **Byron Myrick – Myrick Bonsai Pottery, Moselle, Mississippi**

Byron has been creating interesting bonsai pottery for years and makes pots ranging from very small (accent plants) to very large pots for large tree (in excess of 20”) has a number of very creative glazes, textures and shapes.

### **Mark & Racie Rhyne – Stands and Stones, Cape Coral, Florida**

Mark and Racie supply just what their company names states, Stands and Stones. Mark handles the Stands part of the business and he makes some very beautiful stands in many different sizes and styles. Racie handles the Stones part of the business and always has a wonderful collection of stones to choose from.

### **Jeff Schultz – The Hidden Gardens, Willowbrook, Illinois**

Jeff is the owner of The Hidden Gardens and has a wonderful facility and has been bringing in top notch bonsai talent from around the world to conduct workshops.

### **Todd Schlafer – First Branch Bonsai, Denver, Colorado**

Todd is the owner of First Branch Bonsai and will provide a variety of collected trees. His specialty is collected Spruce and Pines of various species.

### **Andy Smith- Golden Arrow Bonsai, Deadwood, South Dakota**

Andy Smith is the owner of Golden Arrow Bonsai and has been vending at MABA conventions since his first one in Milwaukee in 1995. Andy always has a wide selection of collected trees from Ponderosa Pines to Black Hills Spruce and many other species.

### **Brian Soldano – Brian Soldano Pottery, Augusta, Maine**

Brian is the owner of Brian Soldano Pottery and makes some very cutting-edge pieces. His pots have very creative textures and finishes and shapes. Look forward to adding a few of his pots to your collection. There is no end to this potter/tattoo artist creativity.

### **Andy Yountz- Superfly Bonsai, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

Andy is the owner of Superfly Bonsai and for those of you who are not aware of him. Andy bought out Roger Lehman of Meco Bonsai when Roger decided to retire. Superfly Bonsai will have soils, tools, pots especially Mica pots which do really well in the Midwest winters. Don't forget he also carries the work stands and carts that Roger produced.

To get first looks at what the Vendors are offering make sure you are a Full Registrant as only full registrants will have access to this Meet the Vendors Event Thursday Evening.