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NEXT MEETING:

Aug 9 | 6:30

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

MEETING AGENDA:

Bring in a problem tree to work on.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Karl
 Vice President Mary
 Treasurer Gary
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President's Message

Many thanks to Molly and Peter for hosting the July picnic! It was a delightful day with low humidity and comfortable temperatures in a beautiful setting. I've said it before and I'll say it again – this group can cook! They have a wonderful home and the landscaping has a very nice relaxing Japanese feel to it. Nary a weed was in sight - thanks to the hard work of our hosts. We even got to meet the 'girls' in the chicken coop.

Past BBS president Matthew , a man of many talents and interests, brought in boxes of bonsai materials that we will use as door prizes over the coming year. Matthew plans to establish a micro-brewery just outside xxxxxx, Wisconsin in the near future. We wish him success in his new endeavor!

Bill brought in a very nice schefflera that has had the care of several BBS members over the years. It originally belonged to Brian B and was one of the items that Brian donated to the BBS auction in 2015 (or maybe 2016). Intense bidding between Mary and Bill ensued with Mary ultimately winning out. Upon repotting the tree, Mary discovered that she could separate the clump into two trees, one of which she gave to Bill. In the subsequent years the tree grew significantly and stood well above the box Bill brought it in. It needed a haircut. So Molly got out her tools and Bill went to work. In a few minutes the tree was transformed from 'over-grown' to 'show-worthy'. Derek purchased the tree with the proceeds going to the club. I don't know if anyone gathered up the cuttings, or not, but schefflera are incredibly easy to root in water. Bill also brought in a bag full of Texas ebony seeds that were divided up. I planted about one hundred and will bring to share those that germinate. Like most seeds that have a hard exterior covering, they need to be scarified either via acid or by abrasion. I held each on my bench grinder for about one second. Then, soak the seeds in warm water for a day; then plant.

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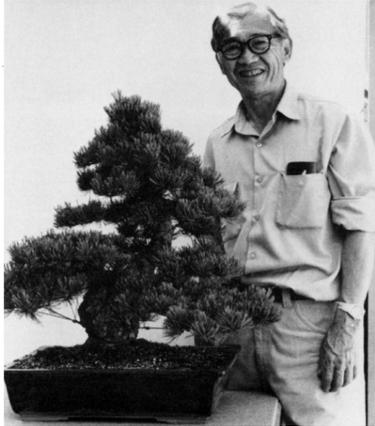
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August 9 Meeting

Bring in a problem tree to work on. Most of us have a tree (or two, or more) that is still sitting in the nursery pot because we were unsure how to style it. Well, here is your chance to get some suggestions from other members. So bring a tree, your tools, wire and plastic to cover your space.

Toshio Saburomaru

The latest ABS newsletter had a link to the legacy of Toshio Saburomaru. We had 'Tosh' a few times as guest sensei about thirty years ago. He was a kind, gentle man. Those members who remember Tosh will



find this link interesting. Even if you didn't know him, the link is an interesting history of bonsai in the US.

All of the early teachers in American bonsai were Japanese-Americans. Three of these early sensei, now all deceased, were John Naka, Yuji Yoshimura, and Toshio Saburomaru. Naka-san and Saburomaru-san were Californians, and Yoshimura-san lived in NY. They taught thousands and thousands of bonsai hobbyists how to create and care for bonsai.

<http://kusamurabonsai.org/ClubHistory/ToshioSaburomaruRetrospective.pdf>

Fair Oaks Nursery Closing

The nursery at 134 S. Fair Oaks is closing and they are selling everything. I haven't been there since they announced this so I don't know for sure what they have.

Other Upcoming Shows

WI State Fair
Milwaukee, WI

August 2-12

Prairie State Bonsai Society
Lisle, IL

August 3-5

Chicago Botanic Gardens
Chicago

August 17-19

U.S. Bonsai Exhibition
Rochester, NY

September 8-9

BCI

Mulhouse, France

October 12-14

Golden State Bonsai Fed.

Sacramento, CA

October 24-28

"There are no borders in bonsai. The dove of peace flies to palace as to humble house, to young as to old, to rich and poor. So does the spirit of bonsai."

— John Yoshio Naka

