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## Free Bonsai Society Exhibit at Boerner Botanical Gardens, Sept. 16-18

Milwaukee (Aug. 26, 2016) – Peter Tea,, a bonsai master from California, will headline the 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibit of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society, Sept. 16–18 at the Boerner Botanical Gardens. The Botanical Gardens, “Milwaukee County’s Living Museum,” is located at 9400 Boerner Drive in Whitnall Park.

“In Japanese ‘bon’ is tree and ‘sai’ is pot, so bonsai—pronounced bone sai’—is the art of growing trees in a pot,” said Kris Ziemann, Exhibit Chairman of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. “Our members are excited to share their work, and we invite everyone in the community to come out to see and learn about this form of living sculpture.”

Last year, nearly 2000 people attended the event to see intricately pruned trees as old as several hundred years. The annual event also includes a vendor area, with trees, tools, pots, soil, and other bonsai supplies, as well as raffles of vendor donations and membership to the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

Exhibit hours are Friday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. –3 p.m.

During Friday’s opening reception, the public will have the opportunity to hear Tea’s critique of the 10 best trees styled by Milwaukee Bonsai Society members.

On Saturday from 1-5 p.m., Tea will offer a free demonstration. He will style a large Cork Bark elm. Tea’s demonstration bonsai will be auctioned at a banquet Saturday evening. Registration and payment for the banquet must be received by Sept. 8.

While in town, Tea will also be offering workshops to members of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

For more information on the exhibit and related events, visit the Milwaukee Bonsai Society website at [milwaukeebonsai.org/ae/](http://milwaukeebonsai.org/ae/).

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