



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## NEXT MEETING:

**December 13, 2012 | 6:30-8 pm**

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

## MEETING AGENDA:

End of year holiday cheer. Bring your favorite holiday snack.  
Meeting after next: Jan. 10 | Annual Dinner at Imperial Garden

## CLUB OFFICERS:

**President** .....Matthew

**VP/Communications** .....Devon

**Treasurer** .....Mike

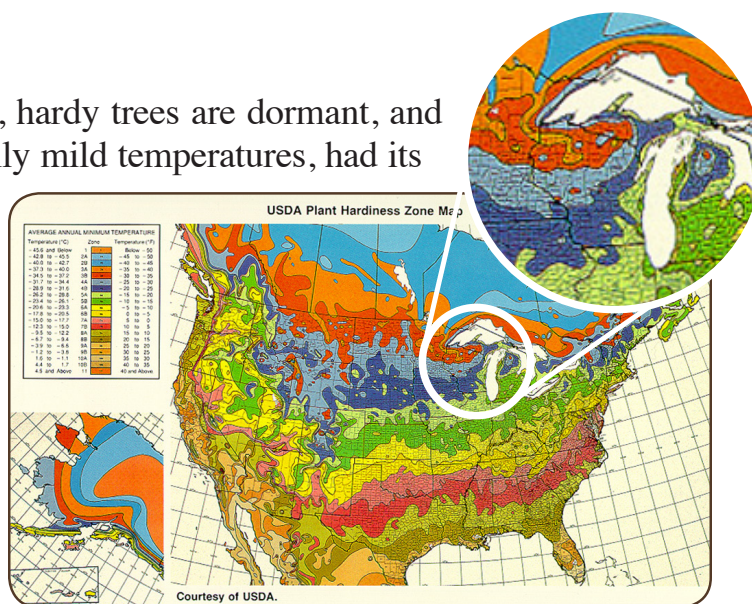
**Secretary** .....Orion

**Librarian** .....Greg

**Refreshments** .....Elaine

## Happy Holidays!

December is here. That means elections are over, hardy trees are dormant, and it's time to have fun. Last winter, with its unusually mild temperatures, had its pros and cons. The above average temperatures in Wisconsin were very gentle on overwintering trees. Here in Madison, we are classified as a climate zone 5. If you could look at it on a year-by-year basis, last winter we would have been in a zone 7. One major disadvantage if this is how insects and other pests and pathogens are affected by temperature. The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is one that may have been able to move in and establish because of the mild winter. This bug will not likely be a pest on our bonsai trees, but fruit growers will have their hands full trying to battle this one. I found one this last summer on the East side of Madison. UW Extension confirmed that it was indeed the BMSB. They also said it was not the only one reported. There are also a handful of fungal pathogens that may be moving North if we do not get the cold weather that has kept these restricted to more southern states in the past. Of course I don't want to worry everybody with doom and gloom, I personally enjoyed last winter and am hoping for another like it.



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Devon and Orion and I have sat down together a couple of times now to discuss what we would do this coming year and I'm pleased to say that we have some exciting ideas. We are planning to have events outside of the monthly meetings on a regular basis. These will include but not be limited to nursery crawls and workshops.

Additionally, from the other side of the globe, Beau suggested a kind of apprenticeship program that people may be interested in. Since we have some great talent and experience in our club, it would be neat if long-time members and new members would be able to partner up for the growing season. This would happen outside of club time. It would offer new members an opportunity to learn from local "masters." The level of involvement would be decided by the participating sensei and minarai (teacher and student or master and apprentice). We will talk about some of these ideas and more next week.

Eggnog: good for you, not your trees.

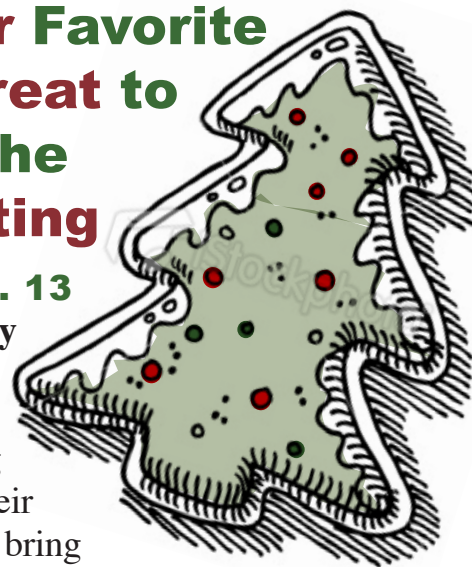
-Matthew

## Bring Your Favorite Holiday Treat to Share at the Next Meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 13**

This is a completely informal meeting.

Members are encouraged to bring a holiday treat of their liking and ability to bring to the next meeting. You can think of it as a potluck, but there will be no effort to coordinate any dishes. Participation is completely voluntary.



## Officer's Notes about 2013 Bonsai Season for BBS



The timeline above shows the predetermined meetings and remaining topic slots. Below are notes from our two officer meetings since the elections. We have eight meetings to work with and we would like add two non-meeting workshops, a nursery crawl and a meet-up at the Chicago show in August. If you have a topic or presentation, please speak to me at the December meeting. We hope to have the calendar set by the January dinner.

### Goals for BBS

- Select a May Show Coordinator or Committee
- Increase memberships / retain new members
- Occasional longer meetings for hands-on activities
- Tap experienced members for meeting presentation
- Private club workshops on non-meeting dates

### Potential Meeting Topics

- Pests: what to watch for, how to prevent
- Rhizosphere: soil, roots and microorganisms
- Pottery: picking the right pot for a bonsai
- Repotting: unpotting, root pruning and soil
- Wiring: proper gauge, proper application, removal
- Water and nutrients: feeding your bonsai
- More demonstrations and hands-on help
- Watching short videos related to meeting topics

### Potential Private Workshops

- Repotting in early spring
- Species workshop (details to be worked out)
- Madison East-to-West Nursery Crawl
- Meet-up at Chicago August show



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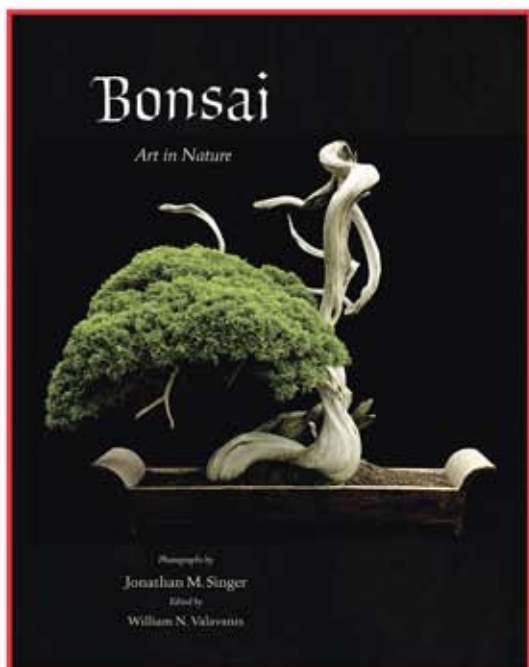
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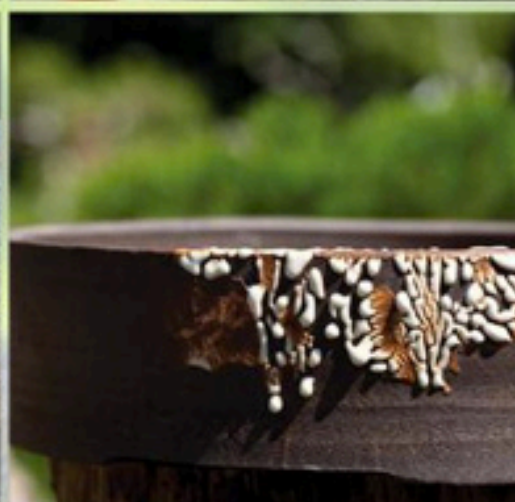
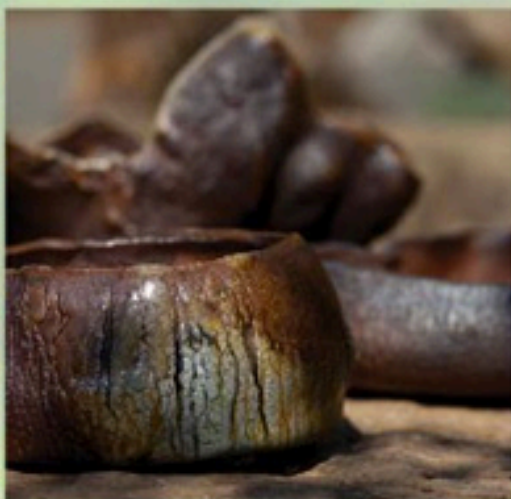
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