



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING:

March 14, 2013 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

MEETING AGENDA:

Amur Maple Workshop details
Annual Show Touch-Base
Pottery; pick the right pot for the bonsai

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Matthew
VP/Communications Devon
Treasurer Mike
Secretary Orion
Librarian Greg
Refreshments Elaine

Konichiwa,

The theme for this month is repotting. In February I presented some facts and ideas regarding the biology in a bonsai pot. Some of these interactions can greatly benefit the health of a growing tree. Remember that bonsai is both art and science. For me, it is this combination that brought me here to begin with. This month Devon will discuss some of the artistic aspects of selecting the right pot to complete and compliment the tree it holds. There are many conventions that have proven themselves to be aesthetically pleasing over the development of bonsai as an art. The shape, texture, and color of a bonsai pot is not without guidelines of its own.



Get ready to start playing in the soil, Spring is almost here.

The following Saturday we will have the opportunity to get together and repot some trees. This will be happening in Olbrich's head house. Space at the potting benches will be somewhat limited. We can set up additional tables if necessary. It's hard to say what the weather may bring and it is looking like most trees may still be comfortably frozen.

Our annual show is only two months away; it tends to sneak up. I think it might be fun to have a bit of a contest to create the best show flier.

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Need some help with that bonsai?

Come to the BBS Repotting Party
Saturday, March, 16 @ 10 am
Olbrich Gardens Head House
Badger Bonsai Society members only



BBS Annual Dues

If you've not already paid your annual dues, now is the time.

To pay your dues, see Mike; Treasurer

Membership dues are
\$25/year (individual)
or \$35/year (family).

More information here:
badgerbonsai.net/membership



(Presidents's message cont.)

We should have the fliers printed by the time of the April meeting to ensure that they are distributed and posted well before the actual show. This may be short notice, but it would be great to see some different fliers at this months meeting and we could cast votes at that time. Electronic copies would be preferable. I do have the proper adapter to display my computer through the projector now. If we are not able to choose a flier this Thursday, Let's say that by April first, if you have a design to submit, send it electronically to Devon or me and we will give everyone the opportunity to vote then.

As it turns out I will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting. I will be taking a Biochemistry exam. I'd rather be doing bonsai.

Sayonara,
Matthew

Amur Maple Workshop



SAVE THE DATE

April 20 | The O'Rourke's

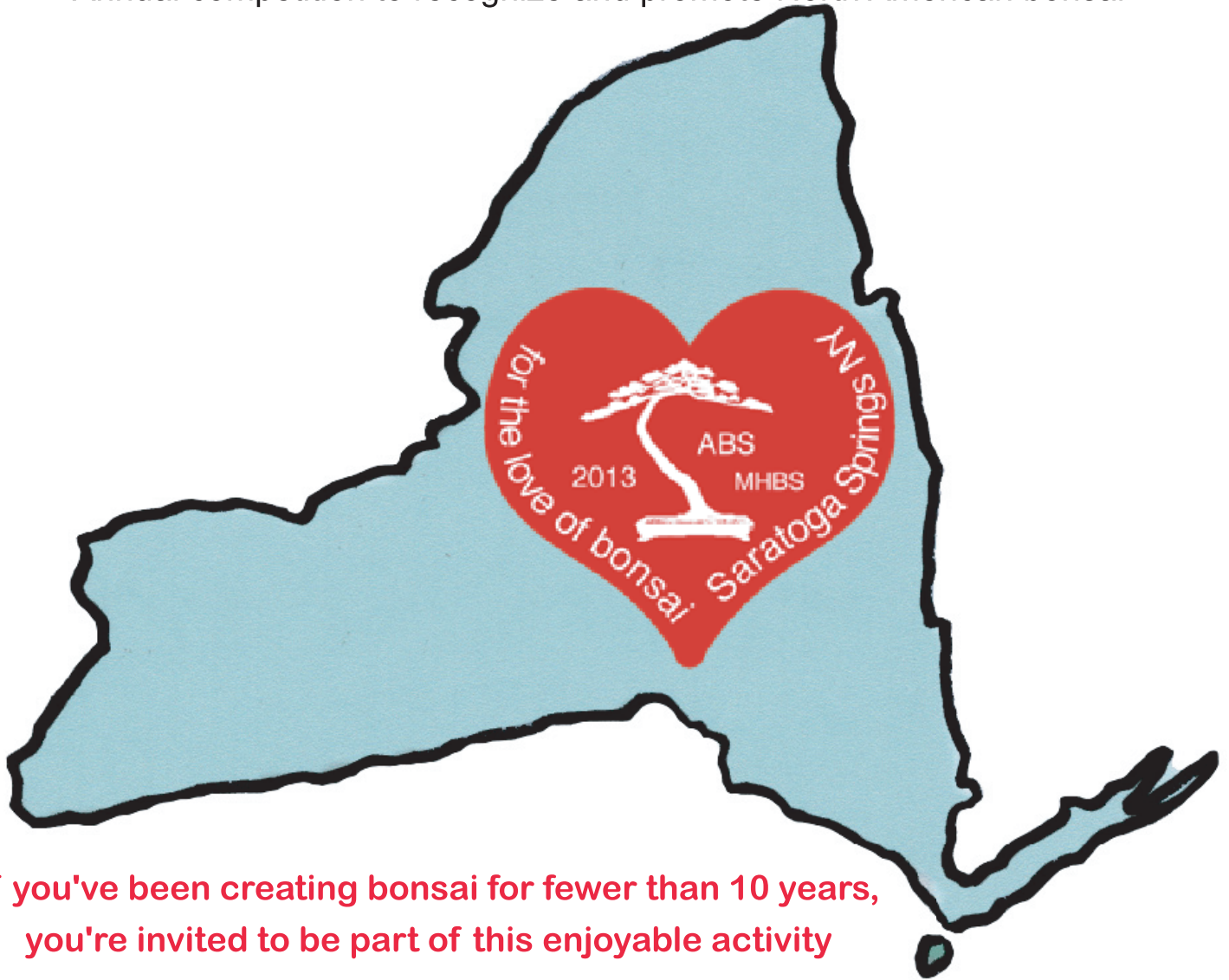
Tim has graciously offered up their driveway and garage on Madison's west side for our Amur Maple workshop to be held April 20th at 10 am.

Email info@badgerbonsai.net for details.

Joshua Roth

New Talent Bonsai Competition

2013 Learning Seminars in Saratoga Springs, NY
sponsored by ABS and Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society
Annual competition to recognize and promote North American bonsai



If you've been creating bonsai for fewer than 10 years,
you're invited to be part of this enjoyable activity

Two Stage Event:

1st Stage - judging of submitted bonsai photos

2nd Stage - participants will design their own tree

For information and contest rules check out:
<http://absbonsai.org/latest-news/87-new-talent-competition>
or email John Wiessinger natureetours@gmail.com

Bonsai are Everywhere in Vietnam

BY: DEAN D, GLOBE TREKKING BONSAI ENTHUSIAST



Seriously, I see more bonsai'd trees than non-bonsai'd trees. Root over rock seems to be especially common, especially in the area I am in now which is where a lot of the cool rocks come from. Most of the trees (90%+) have poor taper and obvious signs that they were larger trees that had the big limbs removed. The type of thing you probably only notice if you know the tricks of bonsai.



Unfortunately they don't photograph too well because there's usually not a good backdrop. I'm not exaggerating when I say that nearly every house has a bonsai, every park and temple has a few and the streets are pretty much lined with them. It seems to be one of the only consistent things between the north and south of Vietnam.



Also pretty much every business and many of the houses had a bonsai'd fruiting kumquat tree for the new year. I believe the Mai is supposed to bring good luck and the kumquat good fortune (the more fruit the more money you'll make next year).

The style of nearly all the bonsai is the same. Most of the trees are planted in the center of a circular pot and have corkscrew trunks. Root over rock bonsai are planted in large, shallow, rectangular dishes and seem to be of one primary variety (a strangler fig I'd guess). The non root over rock trees don't seem to have a front to them, so if I remember what Matt said correctly, that means they're more in the Chinese style (which would make sense).

In other horticultural matters, nearly all the trees here (I'm talking like 95%+) have the bottom 1 to 2 meters of the trunk painted white. I've asked lots of people and looked on line and the most consistent answer I could find is that it's some sort of insecticide or bug deterrent. I've also read many other possible explanations and can't seem to find an official answer.

This is a Mai tree (*Ochna integerrima*) and literally every house had a bonsai'd one of these for the lunar new year (Tet).





2013 Calendar of Events V3.0

March 14:

Pottery; right pot for a bonsai (*Devon*)

- **Repotting party**
Saturday, March 16, 10 am
Olbrich Head House

April 11:

Water and nutrients (*Matthew*)

- **Amur Maple Forest Workshop**
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.
O'Rourke's
Email info@badgerbonsai.net for details
- **Nursery Crawl**
April 27 [rain date May 4]
locations on attached map

May 9:

Preparing your trees for display (*Karl*)

- **Annual Show**
Olbrich Gardens, Evjue Commons
May 18, 10 am – 5 pm
May 19, 10 am – 4 pm
(*Mary and Devon Coordinators*)

June 13:

Pests and Pathogens (*Matthew*)

- Summer workshop

July:

Picnic meeting (date/location to TBD)

August 8:

Wiring: application & removal (*Tim*)

- Chicago Show meet-up

September 12:

Fall Show for meeting

October 10:

Preparing for Winter (*Devon*)

November 14:

Official business, elections

December 12:

Winter Celebration

Meeting Topic (*presenter*)

- Non-meeting date activity

V3.0 Calendar Updates: The dates, times and locations for the repotting party and the Amur maple forest workshop are now listed. We will discuss additional cost details about the Amur maple workshop at the March meeting.

What to do in March

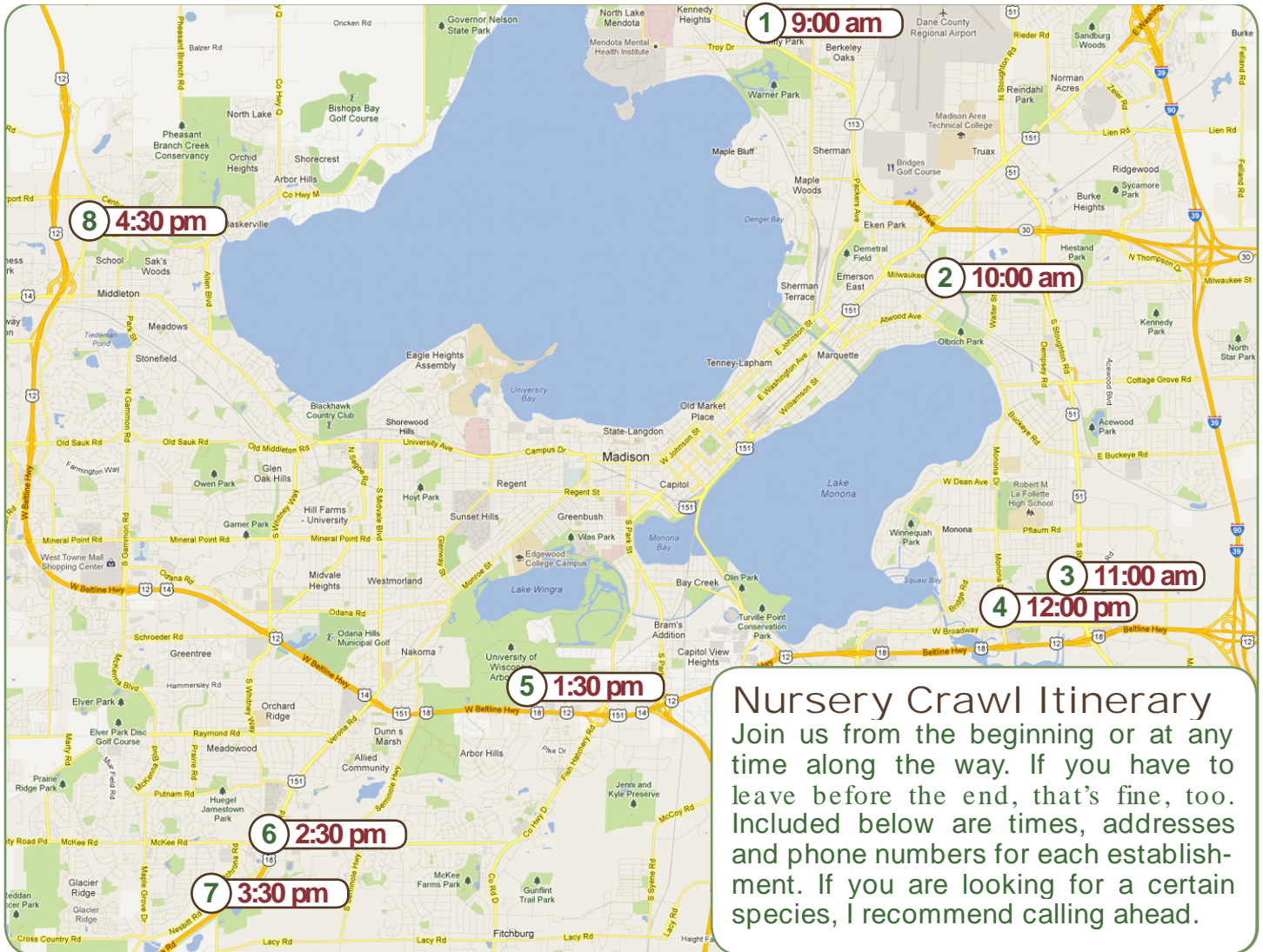
Fertilizing: If buds are swelling or tropicals are starting to wake up, give low doses of balanced NPK

Pruning: Begin watching your tropicals for signs of growth.
Mild pruning now could save wiring these tender trees later.

Cuttings: Start from February and continuing through May is the best time to start cuttings.

Supplies: Start reviewing your inventory. Make arrangements for soil, pots, wire and tools.

Nursery Crawl | April 27 [rain date May 4]



Nursery Crawl Itinerary
Join us from the beginning or at any time along the way. If you have to leave before the end, that's fine, too. Included below are times, addresses and phone numbers for each establishment. If you are looking for a certain species, I recommend calling ahead.

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| (1) 9 am Jung Garden Center
1313 Northport Drive, Madison
(608) 249-8120 | (5) 1:30 pm Johannsen's Greenhouse
2600 West Beltline Highway, Madison
(608) 271-9277 |
| (2) 10 am Fair Oaks Nursery & Garden Center
134 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Madison
(608) 244-2429 | (6) 2:30 pm Jung Garden Center
6192 Nesbitt Road, Fitchburg
(608) 271-8900 |
| (3) 11 am Menards
6401 Copps Avenue, Monona
(608) 221-9100 | (7) 3:30 pm Felly's Flowers
6353 Nesbitt Road, Madison
(608) 845-9592 |
| (4) 12 pm Edo Japanese Restaurant [LUNCH]
6309 Monona Drive, Monona
(608) 226-9828 | (8) 4:30 pm The Bruce Company
2830 Parmenter Street, Middleton
(608) 836-7041 |