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NEXT MEETING:

May 9, 2013 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

MEETING AGENDA:

Preparing your trees for display

Discussing annual show details

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Matthew

VP/Communications Devon

Treasurer Mike

Secretary Orion

Librarian Greg

Refreshments Elaine

Konichiwa,

It is finally here; that time of year that our trees dream about, their two days of glory. It will soon be time to venture out of the backyard garden and into the exhibition hall with all their friends, time to stand tall on a pedestal with a complimentary sidekick and the freshest new cut, time to be admired by hundreds of wide-eyed gawkers, time to be judged...

Bonsai have been formally displayed and admired for hundreds of years. As with other art forms, there are certain protocols for displaying bonsai. A formal bonsai display includes several items beyond just the tree and the pot it exists in. The three that are most commonly seen are: a stand, identification, and accent plants. Displays might also include scrolls and viewing stones, also known as suiseki.



A majestic display of bonsai in show display

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This month Karl B will be discussing the topic of show preparation. With only nine days between the meeting and our annual show it will be crunch time for those of us displaying trees if show prep hasn't already begun. There is often a lag time of one to two weeks between pruning and the emergence of new leaves. I have often made the mistake of pruning too much too soon before the show.

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(Presidents's message cont.)

This year I began my pre-show pruning nearly two months ago (a benefit of tropical trees under artificial light).

There are two types of pruning that I generally do throughout the year: shaping up and trimming. Shaping up is a harder pruning to develop branch structure and open the tree up whereas trimming is simply removing overgrown shoots. The latter is more appropriate at this point.

I hope to see everyone this Thursday. This will be the last opportunity to iron out the details for the show as a group. All and any input is appreciated. Mary and Devon are our show co-coordinators.

On a personal note, our annual show falls on graduation weekend, like every other year, but this year it's a little more personal. You will soon have a more qualified and accredited president. Cheers!

-Matthew

Styling Contest

Win your Free Bonsai Trip to Puerto Rico...
The of Bonsai Magazine Proudly Present Our
Second Progressive Bonsai Styling Contest

Check out details at: <http://ofbonsai.org/contest/2nd-ofbonsai-magazine-progressive-bonsai-styling-contest-sponsored-by-ryuga-bonsai-tools>



Remaining 2013 Calendar of Events

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

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

June 13:

Pests and Pathogens (*Matthew*)

- Summer workshop

July:

Picnic meeting (date/location to TBD)

What to do in May (much the same as last month, just more)

Spring is the time when new bonsai are started. It is the time for any pruning and training of last season's bonsai. The plants then have a whole growing season to readjust to these changes.

Fertilizing: If buds are swelling or tropicals are starting to wake up, give low doses of balanced NPK. Increase strength as month goes on.

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

Cuttings: Continuing through May is the best time to start cuttings.

Supplies: Start reviewing your inventory. Make arrangements for wire and tools. Sharpen tools.

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

**If your dues are still outstanding, please see
Mike soon and make arrangements .**



BONSAI EXHIBIT

P r e s e n t e d b y

Badger Bonsai
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May 18-19
10am - 4pm

Demonstrations
at 10am & 2pm

Free Admission!

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