



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## NEXT MEETING:

March 8 | 6:30

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

## MEETING AGENDA:

Repotting

## CLUB OFFICERS:

President ..... Karl  
Vice President ..... Mary  
Treasurer ..... Gary  
Communications ..... Devon  
Librarian ..... Derek  
Refreshments ..... Elaine

## Repotting Time Again!



if you like. We will have potting soil available. While potting is pretty straight forward for anyone who has done bonsai for awhile, there are a few tricks and tips that will improve your success. Bring plastic to cover your work area, and your tools, pot(s), etc. if you are going to be repotting.

Secondly, the mylar sheets impregnated with silicon carbide grit, that were supposed to arrive in time for the February meeting, but didn't, did eventually come. So, I will have material for your use to sharpen your tools.

Our March 8 meeting will have two components. First, Ron Fortmann will do a potting demonstration. After watching how an expert does it, you can tackle one of your own trees

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## Tool Sharpening Resources

-Compiled by Wayne

Sharpening Stone Grit Chart

<https://goo.gl/yxjMDU>

And go to this home page of this site for wide variety of topics and supplies

Knives Plus

<https://goo.gl/Rvu6fs>

Why can't I sharpen my knife like a factory edge - *Chowhound*

<https://goo.gl/2QY6tq>

A Primer on Knife Sharpening - Ch. 4

<https://goo.gl/8bf1fu>

Mike Casey's Knife Sharpening Page

<https://goo.gl/UX1irq>



**"Fancy cutting down all those beautiful trees... to make pulp for those bloody newspapers, and calling it civilization. - Winston Churchill, remarking to his son during a visit to Canada in 1929"**

- John Vaillant, *The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed*



## Collecting Opportunity

Dig Your Own Tree at the Tim's  
(pending weather)

**Location:** xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx —  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx by the  
xxxxx, off of xxx near xxxxx.

**Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – noon

**Parking:** Spaces for seven near our garage. If full, park along xxx on our side keeping off xxxxxxxx as much as possible so traffic can go by.

**Tree Description:** Trees include honeysuckle, mulberry, and amur maple. Bring your own supplies to dig and store your trees. Trees are wild and self-seeded and come in a variety of sizes.

**Food:** Sandwiches, chili, and beverages will be provided afterwards by the O'Rourkes.

**Questions?** Contact Tim at xxxxxxxx or  
xxxxxxxxxxxx.

# Cellphone Bonsai Sighting ~ Karl

## U.S. Cellular

If you watch television, you no doubt have seen the ad for US Cellular with a customer getting ‘hosed’ when his cellular bill arrives. On the table in front of him is a small bonsai. One of the ads for legal services also has a bonsai in the background. I can’t remember which firm was being plugged, though.

Have you seen a bonsai in pop culture or in another setting that caught your attention? Send your example to [Devon](#) and be featured in the newsletter.



## Shows and Conventions:

Atlanta Bonsai Society Annual Spring Show, Mar. 17-18, Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Phoenix Bonsai Society Show, April 7-8, Valley Garden Center, 1809 N 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies’ Spring Festival, April 13-15, Radisson Hotel, Cromwell, CT  
American Bonsai Society Convention, April 19-22, Collinsville, IL

Nature’s Way Nursery, Spring Bonsai Festival, May 10-12. Harrisburg, PA

Michigan All-State Bonsai Show, May 12-13, Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids  
Alabama Bonsai Society, May 19-20, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Exhibit, May 12-13, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL

Brussel’s Bonsai Rendezvous Convention, May 25-27, Olive Branch, MS

Midwest Bonsai Society 41st Bonsai Exhibition, Aug 17-19, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL  
U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, Sept. 8-9, Rochester, NY

Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous, Sept. 14-16  
Portland, OR

Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention, Oct. 24-28, McClellan Conference Center, Sacramento

The Golden State Bonsai Federation also maintains a list of many bonsai societies in the West. You can follow their activities and find information about their shows by clicking [here](#), and following the links under “Clubs.”

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show, Dec. 1-2, North Carolina Research Campus, Kannapolis, NC

## Conifer Society

I have been asked to pass this information on to our members who may be interested.

American Conifer Society

2018 Central Region Conference

July 21, 2018 4:00 p.m. – July 22, 2018 10:00 p.m.

The 2018 Central Region conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, WI. from Friday evening, July 21 through Saturday evening, July 22. We’ll begin with cocktails at 4 p.m. Friday and end with Saturday dinner and our plant auction fund raiser.

Registration is \$185 and you must be a member of the conifer society to register. Google American Conifer Society for more information about the society and the conference.