



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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No meeting on Thursday Jul-11th:
do not go to Olbrich Gardens

Annual Member Picnic on Sunday Jul-21st:
see details below and sent email for location

CLUB OFFICERS:

Co-Presidents Bill and Karl
Vice President Mary
Treasurer Gary
Web Master / Newsletter Wayne
Librarian Derek
Refreshments Elaine

President's Message Mid-Year Break

Remember that in July we take a break from our monthly meetings, so DO NOT show up at Olbrich Gardens on Thursday July-11th expecting a BBS meeting ... we will not be there! — *Karl*

- *Annual Member Picnic*
- *Prospective Field Trip*

July-21 Potluck Picnic

Instead of our July meeting, BarbaraB will be hosting this year's July potluck on Sunday July 21 starting at 12:30pm. Bring a dish to pass (with a serving utensil) and a beverage (& chair). The club will supply the main course. We also use the picnic for a white elephant sale / swap / free exchange. So, if you have too many cuttings, purple pots, or whatever, bring 'em along.

Wayne will provide the picnic location in the email(s) to members distributing the newsletter.

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Prior to Thursday Jul-18th, please RSVP **via the "CONTACT US" form on the Badger Bonsai website** and indicate the number attending (and the type of dish you plan to bring). Alternatively, you can reply back to the email notice that Wayne will be sending out before Jul-12th. We usually limit this to members and spouses or significant others.

Jul-28th Field Trip ... ??

to Rotary Gardens (Janesville-WI) and Anderson Garden (Rockford-IL); still in the planning stages, but if there is enough interest we will visit these two sites. The Japanese garden portion of Rotary Garden is very nice (better than Chicago in my opinion) and Anderson Garden was one of the premier private Japanese gardens in the country when it was first created.

If you are interested, please indicate your intentions **via the "CONTACT US" form on the Badger Bonsai website** prior to Jul-26th and meet at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride (SE corner of Stoughton Road and the Beltline) and start the car-avan right at 8:30am, and return about supper time. Rotary Gardens admission is \$7 adult, \$6 senior, or free with an Olbrich membership (bring your card). Anderson admission is \$10 adult, \$9 senior, no discount for Olbrich membership.

Demo x 3 at the June Meeting

Demonstrations by BBS members at meetings

and events are always a hit and our June-13th meeting was no exception. Whether it was in anticipation of a great program, or follow-up from our annual show, we had a great turnout of current members, new members and prospective members present.

Our demonstrators - MaryE, RonF, and TimO all did splendid work in transforming rough stock into good bonsai, explaining what they saw as the positive and challenging aspects of the material. As an unplanned, serendipitous bonus they worked on three different species: American Larch, Honeysuckle, and Bluestar Juniper; two conifers and one broadleaf; a nice mix and variety of material. We used all the available seats and still had a few folks standing.

Thanks again to Mary, Ron and Tim for "living in the lime light" (aka, being put on the spot).

See pictures of the before and after trees below!



Mary — American Larch, initial styling from nursery stock



Ron — Honeysuckle, 1st styling of year on established bonsai



Tim — Blue Star Juniper, initial styling from nursery stock



Wins & Losses

Years ago I recall reading that one shouldn't even try to germinate cherry pits because they would never sprout. As I mentioned in the last newsletter there are a few YouTube videos about how to succeed in doing this. Here is the condensed version: eat some cherries (this is the easy part). Next, crack open the pit to extract the seed (I used a needle nose pliers that has a circular portion that is just the perfect size). The pit is very hard and you want to open it without smashing the interior – so don't whale on it with a hammer. You should also wear some eye protection, because the fragments sometimes fly off. Once the seed is extracted put it in damp paper towel and place it in a plastic bag then place the bag in the refrigerator for seven days (cold stratification). After those seven days, remove the seeds from the fridge. Peel off a thin covering that should now be easily separated from the rest of the seed. This resembles the red husk that covers a peanut, but it is only slightly colored.

Take the now exposed inner seed and put it back into the damp paper towel and put it back in the refrigerator for another week. When you remove the seed after this period you will probably see that the seed is starting to germinate. Gently bury the seed in potting soil at a depth of about double the seed size. Place outdoors where the critters can't dig it up, and after a week or two you will see shoots emerging. I planted 24 seeds; 16 germinated. **WIN !**

Still no signs of the ginkgo seeds doing anything; anyone else having similar or better luck with those seeds from March? **LOSS ?**

Azaleas and other flowering bonsai

Don't allow your flowering bonsai to produce seed (a few crabapples / cherries are okay but only a few). We want the energy to go into branch and leaf formation – not seeds. So when your tree is finished flowering, pinch off the ovule with your fingers.

Be sure that you are removing the seed and not just the spent petals

our website: badgerbonsai.net

Show 'n' Tell

... remember, bringing something to the meeting to show and tell about, gets you an additional ticket for meeting door prizes.

Karl showed how a large plastic container, in this case an "Utz Cheese Ball" container (11" tall x 9" diameter) can be used to create a humidity controlling greenhouse environment; add holes as needed for ventilation. Karl first saw this being used when visiting BC Bonsai (Wheaton-IL) in March-2019.

TREE QUOTES

"Remember, if your tree died, you killed it. They don't commit suicide." — Hec DeBrabant



do-it-yourself greenhouse

Other Bonsai Shows or Bonsai Societies:

[Bonsai Societies of Florida](#) is an umbrella organization for 22 bonsai and bonsai-related societies in Florida. If you Google this, you can access the member societies and their activities.

The [Golden State Bonsai Federation \(GSBF\)](#) is an umbrella organization of bonsai societies in California and adjacent states. If you Google this, you can find out about numerous shows scheduled in that region. (Many new listings at the GSBF site; too many to list here; please follow the links.) There also are events scheduled at the three bonsai collections maintained by the GSBF.

The [Lonestar Bonsai Federation](#) is a confederation of 10 bonsai societies in the Texas-Louisiana area. If you click this link, you can see information about the individual clubs, galleries, and much more information.

[Columbus Bonsai Society Annual Show](#), July 20-21, 10a-5p, Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio

[Greater New Orleans Bonsai Society Annual Bonsai Auction](#), Aug. 17, Marine Corps League Hall, 2708 Delaware St., Kenner, Louisiana. Large selection and range of pre-bonsai, bonsai and pots. View items 4-6pm, auction 6-9pm. Free entrance.

[Minnesota Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit](#) at the State Fair, Friday and Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, St. Paul, Minnesota

[24th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo](#), Oct. 12-13, North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, North Carolina.

[Bonsai Society of Greater St. Louis, Japanese Festival Bonsai Show](#), Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society 50th Anniversary Bonsai and Suiseki Show](#), Sept. 7-8, Sat. 9a-8p, and Sun. 9a-4p. Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York St., Denver, Colorado. Guest Artist, Todd Schlafer

[Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati Annual Show](#), Sept 14-15, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

[Cleveland Bonsai Club](#), September 28-29, Rockefeller Park Greenhouse, 750 East 88th St., Cleveland, Ohio

[Milwaukee Bonsai Society 49th Annual Exhibit](#), Sept. 28-29, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3. Boerner Botanical Gardens, Whitnall Park, Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Guest artist, Tyler Sherrod

[Iowa Bonsai Association, Bonsai Show and Sale](#), Oct. 12-13, 9a-4:30p, Reiman Gardens, 1407 S. University Boulevard, Ames, Iowa

Other Shows and Conventions (continued):

[Milwaukee Bonsai Society](#) , [Wisconsin State Fair](#), Aug. 1-11, West Allis, Wisconsin. Rotating Bonsai Exhibits (exhibit 1, Th-Sun; exhibit 2, Mon-Wed; exhibit 3, Thur-Sun). In Champion Hall.

[Indianapolis Bonsai Club](#), Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show, Aug. 2-10, Agriculture-Horticulture Bldg

Annual Prairie State Bonsai Show, Aug 2 - 4, 2019
Hours: Fri, 6pm - 9pm, Sat - Sun, 10am - 4pm,
at the Morton Arboretum, Lisle-IL
get show flyer:

[http://www.prairiestatebonsai.com/images/
PSBS_showflyer_2019.pdf](http://www.prairiestatebonsai.com/images/PSBS_showflyer_2019.pdf)

guest artist: Dana Quattlebaum

[42nd Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition](#)

August 16-18, 2019, Chicago Botanic Garden,
1000 Lake-Cook Rd., Glencoe, Illinois

Guest Master William Valavanis

[Hidden Gardens \(Willowbrook-IL\)](#)

Visiting Bonsai Artists:

- Todd Schlafer, Aug 10 - 11, 2019
- Jan Culek, Oct 26 - 27, 2019
- Mauro Stemberger, Nov 9 - 10, 2019

AND FROM TWO BONSAI MUSEUMS:

Pacific Bonsai Museum, 2515 S 336th St., Federal
Way, Washington (State) July 20, [Bonsai Basics
Classes](#): 1-3pm; 4:30-6:30pm

[National Bonsai and Penjing Museum](#), 3501 New
York Ave NE, Washington, DC July 1 - Sept 29:
Viewing Stone Exhibit July 13 + 14 + 27 + 28
Workshops: Bonsai Basics with Tropical Trees

Bonsai Global Seminars Oct. 8-11, 2020. Kellogg
Conference Hotel and the U.S. National Arboretum,
Washington, DC. Hosted by: American Bonsai
Society, National Bonsai Foundation, Bonsai Clubs
International, Potomac Bonsai Association. This
could be the most significant bonsai event many of
us could ever attend. Please watch for updates.

Info provided by ABS (American Bonsai Society).

Jul-28th Field Trip planning ...

Interested in a visit to Rotary Gardens and
Anderson Gardens, please indicate your intent
via the "CONTACT US" form on the Badger
Bonsai website prior to Jul-26th.

Tentative 2019 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

TBD – Trip to [Davidsan's Japanese Maples](#) in
New Berlin-IL (west of Springfield-IL), stocking
500 of the 1000+ cultivars of Japanese maples

TBD – Slab making workshop TBD

July-21 (Sunday) – Picnic with white elephant
exchange; items for sale / swap / giveaway ...

tentatively, Jul-28 (Sunday) – Field trip to Rotary
Gardens, Janesville and Anderson Garden,
Rockford ... **see page 1 and lower left**

TBD – Field trip to Mayflower Nursery,
Hobart, WI

August meeting – Succulents, guest speaker

September meeting – Bonsai Styles

October meeting – American Bonsai Masters
and examples of their work

November meeting – Tropical workshop;
BBS elections; collection of ideas for 2020
BBS meeting topics and content

December meeting – Suiseki and daiza making

Jan-2020: Annual Membership Club Dinner

2020 Mid American Bonsai Alliance: Insights Into
Bonsai, June 25-28, 2020 at The Four Points
Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore (8900 North
Kildeer Court, Milwaukee, WI). Hosted by the
Milwaukee Bonsai Society.

Additional information is being added frequently.

Watch For
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for link

