



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Zoom virtual meeting session starting at 6:30pm on Thursday Sep-10-2020; no physical meeting

## AGENDA:

Jade grove, BBS "legacy" videos, and other participant "shares", DOOR PRIZES

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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

## President's Message

### September Meeting -- Online

Once again our monthly meeting will be in Zoom-land on Thursday Sep-10th at 6:30pm. Wayne will provide login details (meeting ID and password) in the BBS newsletter distribution email. If you see this on the website and are interested in participating, leave a message on the BBS Contact Us link with your details (name, city-state, and why you would like to participate, you can also leave a phone number in your message comments) prior to Wed Sep-8th, and we will try to accomodate your request (with details in a separate email or phone call). We have a good program planned, and is going to get back to our door prizes for attendees of the zoom meeting, however those lucky winners will have to be local only, and will have to coordinate the pickup or delivery of their prize ... or waiting until the next

face-to-face opportunity. We all hope that will be soon ...

As we indicated last month we are planning on Zoom sessions (and no face-to-face meetings) month-to-month for the balance of 2020.

### September Meeting Agenda

The current meeting agenda includes a brief-er intro to zoom meeting protocols (we seem to be getting better at this stuff ... however if you are new, and want to "practice", contact Wayne via email and he has offered to set up some practice zoom sessions prior to Thursday if needed); MaryE has prepared an excellent presentation on the preparation of a grove planting (see more details on page 3); then Wayne will show one a two clips from club "legacy" presentations (found in our club video library) and maybe have a poll for attendees. we are also going to implement our door prizes again.

If anyone has other items for discussion, or show / tell, please let Wayne or Karl know in advance, or as you join the zoom meeting so that we can plan to review in our meeting session. As there will be no time restriction on this meeting, we can keep going as long as we have worthwhile content or society business to deal with — and Wayne has hard drive space (we will record the zoom session, so be on your good behavior).

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## Success / Failures

Regrettably, we have nothing to report this month for success or failures, though we all know they are out there – particularly with these brutal weather swings: how are you dealing with the weather? ... Remember if you have "instances" that you would like to share with the BBS-community, please submit to our website or Wayne by the last week of each month to be included in the newsletter.

## Door Prizes

Something that has gotten lost in this meeting mix, is our normal face-to-face door prizes ... but as Karl and Wayne talked, we are going to come up with a way to do the door prizes for zoom attendees. Prior to your zoom-attendance, please pick your favorite number between 1 and 100, inclusive – meaning that 1 and 100 are available choices; and hope that no one else wants to pick your favorite number. Picking order will be based on order of joining the zoom meeting. Participation is open to zoom attendees, but winners are responsible for coordinating the pickup of your winnings ... WE WILL NOT deliver. Alternatively, you can wait until our next face-to-face meeting to pickup.

## Lantana trees ... free to good home

BBS recently received this offer from Martha:

***Hi, I have two potted lantana plants that are over 10 years old. They have unusual contorted woody trunks. I think they would make great bonsai projects. I can't overwinter them anymore. Would anyone in your club like to take on this project? Free to good home.***

I have requested photos, and will present the details and information I receive at our Sep-10th zoom meeting. Obviously preference will be given to BBS members. On behalf of some lucky body, thanks to Martha for her gracious offer and commitment to the bonsai-community. A

[check out the BONSAI WIRE Podcasts](#)

from bonsai artists Jonas Dupuich, John Eads, Michael Hagedorn, and Andrew Robson

requirement of this gift will be to take progression photos for future review at a BBS meeting.

Note that this is a typical Lantana, and does not indicate the character or condition of these 2 giveaways. Read about [Lantana camara here](#).

These details and photo from Mistral Bonsai near the east coast of Spain.



It is an evergreen shrub, very branched and fast growing. Its leaves are oval, opposite, dark green, with dentate edges, and a bit rough in the underside.

Lantana is characterized by its abundant flowering, with compound inflorescence, in panicle, with a great diversity of possible colours, from yellow to mauve. Each shrub has a hue of one to three colours at the same time, since the different parts of the flowers appear in several phases with a change of colour from the first to the newest.

It blooms from spring to autumn, and gives fruits in drupes, turning from green to black when ripe.

Both its flowers and its leaves stand out for their fruity smell.

## Zoom Tech Requirements

For our Zoom virtual sessions, all you will need to participate is to join the zoom meeting session and the zoom web client will be installed. You will be able to see video feeds, audio and shared computer screens. If you want to present a live video feed you need a webcam. If you want to speak for all to hear, you will need a microphone for your computer, or have used a dial in phone number for the audio connection. If you would like to "practice" ... contact Wayne.

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I offer a plug for [Eastern Leaf bonsai](#). Jason Chan does an excellent job explaining things and is a good artist. I've also watched [Mike Kincaid](#) on YouTube about collecting and germinating Japanese maple seeds. (The links above are to their YouTube Channels.) — Karl

## Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

Due the current COVID-19 situation ... be sure to check out the individual websites for current status.

### Hidden Gardens, Willowbrook-IL

Bring Your Own Tree Workshops

(9am to 4pm each day; for \$130 each session )

[Jan Culek](#), Sat Oct-24-2020, Sun Oct-25-2020

[Todd Schlafer](#), Sat Nov-28-2020, Sun Nov-29-2020

to sign up: Call Hidden Gardens at (630) 655-8283 or email Jeff Schulz at JSchulz@comcast.net

### US National Exhibition rescheduled to 2021

Sep 11 – 12, 2021 East Rochester, NY

Join people from around the world for the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, where over 200 of the finest bonsai in the world will be on display.

### National Bonsai and Penjing Museum

3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC

Bonsai Global Seminars ~~Oct. 8-11, 2020.~~

This event has been postponed due to COVID-19.

## What Do You Make of This ...?

If you can remember that line from the movie Airplane!, as Steve McCroskey (Lloyd Bridges) asks Johnny Henshaw (Stephen Stucker), I am sure you will laugh. If you don't remember, click this image courtesy of YouTube and enjoy some classic movie humor.



However, more to the point for this month's program — take look at the below photo of a plant that MaryE saw in February. With 7 separate jade plants in the pot, she could not pass up this for a bonsai project. "What do you make of this?"



Make sure you tune into the Sep-10th BBS zoom meeting to see Mary's step-by-step progression from a \$24 planting to a truly impressive grove planting.

our website: [badgerbonsai.net](http://badgerbonsai.net)

## Tentative 2020 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Sep-10 – **Zoom Virtual meeting** – but no physical meeting at Olbrich; Grove preparation

~~Sunday, Sep-27~~ - Info Table at Olbrich Gardens has been canceled (yes due to COVID)

Oct 8 - TBD

Nov 12 - Badger Bonsai Society officer elections

Dec 10 - TBD, Suiseki review ?

## Supplies at Ancient Arts Bonsai:

Ron has a wide selection of pots available: a number of bigger pots 14 to 22 inches wide; also a group of mica pots and ceramic and plastic pots in a 5 to 12 inch wide size.

Plus all types of bonsai soils available for that spring repotting coming next year, be ready with all your needs as that time will sneak up on you.

A number of accent plants: miniature hostas, astilbies, ferns, hens & chicks and others.

And a good selection of trees such as crabapple, Amur Maple, Shimpaku junipers, boxwoods; hinoki cypress, Elms, Ficus, Podocarpus, Suriname Cherries, Pyracantha.

Contact Ron if you want to come by and look at what is available.

You can call or text 262-490-8733 or email at: [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net) to set up an appointment. Ron is available days, evenings, weekends but make an appointment to ensure he will be there for your visit.

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