



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday May-13-2021 | 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

May Annual Show prepping, re-potting demo

## CLUB OFFICERS:

Co-President ..... Wayne / Bill

Vice President ..... Mary

Treasurer ..... Gary

Web Master / Newsletter ..... Wayne

Librarian ..... Ben

Refreshments ..... Elaine

## President's Message

Finally, it is May; normally a time of rebirth and regeneration, garden plantings, Mother's Day (and the usual bonsai trees given as gifts), World Bonsai Day (Sat May-8th), aggressive bonsai tree growth, and our Annual Bonsai Show. However here in Wisconsin and especially the Madison area we must continue to be on our guard against the weather — I wonder if this is another side-effect of COVID. Even as I compose this, we have notice for local frost potential heading into the weekend and next week. Stay abreast of your local weather forecasts and be ready to react accordingly to prevent damage to your bonsai!

Our April meeting, the first face-to-face meeting in over a year was well attended at Olbrich Gardens, with a total of 20 attendees that included 4 newly joined members. Thanks to Mary for an

excellent presentation, and Ron's contributing discussion of pots. Our paid membership is now around 35 individuals, a significant increase from that of the most recent years. This turnout and enthusiasm of new members brings opportunities and challenges to provide interesting meeting content and activities for members with all levels of bonsai experience. It is going to be a fun year! Already we saw great participation in Tim's Amur Maple Dig that should lead to a healthy activity at our June-10th meeting.

For May again, our meeting will be held in the Atrium; the open area below our normal 2nd floor meeting location. Remember that masks and social distancing are still required at all times at Olbrich. And while this area provides us with more space, it acts like an echo chamber, so remember to speak up so that all at the meeting can hear when you speak through your mask.

And most importantly we have our 2021 Annual Show on Sat May-15th and Sun May-16th. Spread the word, and get your trees and displays ready. We expect a huge turnout, even with headcount restrictions, and anticipate an additional surge in bonsai interests and membership. — Wayne

## May Meeting Agenda

The current plans for the May-13th meeting includes: a brief introduction of new members

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(please prepare a brief bio and background on your bonsai / personal interests); final update of plans and tips for our May 15th & 16th Annual Show at Olbrich Gardens (remember show setup begins at 7:30am on Saturday May-15th); discussion of plans for June-10th meeting, and some preliminary discussion of a beginner-bonsai seminar in August; show'n'tell items; door prizes and Ron's repotting demonstration.

### May Demonstration: Re-Potting

As a followup to the April presentation — (thanks to MaryE for her demo of a first potting of a nursery find hydrangea); at our May-13th meeting (*extended length til 9pm*) Ron of Ancient Arts Bonsai will demonstrate repotting a previously potted bonsai, and speak about the special considerations and goals of this crucial activity.

### Amur Maple Dig Recap

Thanks to Tim for opening his property for an

Amur Maple Dig on Saturday Apr-10th. About a dozen people attended, enjoyed excellent weather, and harvested a lot of trees ... though just 2 hours later and the skies opened up and the downpours began. We are strongly encouraging all "diggers" to bring their harvested trees along to the June-10th meeting for a show and tell and potential styling discussions.

### Open House Recap

Ron thanks all people that attended his April-24th Open House at Ancient Arts Bonsai. Weather was great and your interest was appreciated.

### Door Prizes

Congratulations to new member Betty as our April door prize winner of a donated tree — was it a Chinese Elm ?

If you bring a 'show-n-tell' item to our meetings, you get an extra entry for the door prizes.

# Bonsai Exhibit



Badger Bonsai Society  
Annual Show

May 15 - 16, 2021

Saturday & Sunday: 10am - 4pm

at Olbrich Gardens

FREE Parking and  
FREE Admission to Bonsai Exhibit

Demonstrations each day  
at 11am & 1:30pm  
each with 1 drawing for  
annual BBS membership

COVID — Restrictions: Masks Required,  
Safe-Distancing, Headcount Restrictions per Room



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## Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

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

### US National Exhibition

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.

### Your Saver ...

Do you have a "your saver" that you would like to share with members at our meeting? See the Dec-2020 BBS newsletter for background and details.

### Have You Seen An Inspiring Tree ?

Here is another "challenge" for BBS members. While we are constantly thinking about bonsai (aren't we) ... have you eye-balled a regular tree that inspires you? If you can get a picture (I know it is quite often hard to get a picture of a single tree) of that tree and submit it to Wayne with your comments. We will review at a BBS meeting and potentially in the newsletter.

### World Bonsai Day ... May-8-2021

Aside from normally being Free Comic Book Day (but not this year) — another hobby :- ) — Saturday May-8-2021 is World Bonsai Day. Visit the [National Bonsai Foundation](#) online on Saturday to see the special activities that they have planned for your online participation. And check out the history and meaning of this event [Want to learn more about the World Bonsai Day?](#)



Established in 2008 by the World Bonsai Friendship Federation, this special day pays homage to Master Saburo Kato (recall his Ezo forest planting) for his dedication and inspiration for

bonsai, and his idea of *"the spirit of bonsai"*.

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

## Tentative 2021 Calendar for

### Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

May-8 - [World Bonsai Day](#)

May-13 - RonF repots an established bonsai; last minute personal-prepping for show

May 15 & 16, 2021 - [Badger Bonsai Society Annual Show at Olbrich Gardens](#);

- Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm
- demos at 11am and 1:30pm both days (a membership giveaway at each demo)

Jun-10 - Bring in your tree(s) from the Amur Maple Dig (or any other trees you desire) for styling discussions

Jul-8 - TBD

July-2021 - [no membership picnic](#)

Aug-12 - TBD

Aug-2021 - bonsai beginnings seminar ???

Sep-9 - TBD

Sep-2021 - membership picnic ... ???

### BBS member downsizing

A BBS member is interested in downsizing his collection. If you are interested in a large juniper (and pot) shown below, please leave a message using the BBS website [Contact Us form](#), and Wayne will put you in contact with the owner. Tree is 3 ft tall, estimated to be 32 years old and "in-training" for 25 years.



### Recent Link of Interest

- from Magical Miniature Landscapes website; compiled by Robert J. Baran: [SABURŌ KATŌ](#)