



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Aug-12-2021 | 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

AGENDA:

Grove presentation replay, auction/giveaways

CLUB OFFICERS:

Co-President Wayne / Bill
Vice President Mary
Treasurer Gary
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Librarian Ben
Refreshments Elaine

President's Message

Well we are now well into summer, both the hot weather and the unpredictability of the storms, winds, hail and unfortunately for a few areas of Wisconsin, tornados again. And on top of these challenges, we have to make sure that we are keeping an ever-watchful eye on the plants and trees of our hobby and passion. But with these duties come the rewards as we see our trees take advantage of the summer growing season and respond to our feeding, watering, and "grooming". For many of our bonsai, this is also a season that we can take advantage of propagation strategies of air-layering and cuttings to develop future plants. Another constant task is monitoring nurseries for those hard to find (especially this year) plants that can be developed into a bonsai.

Now after we have had a few months of relaxed

COVID restrictions, we see more activities returning to the bonsai community — let us hope that we are able to sustain these activities, even though it appears we are seeing, what we hope is only a temporary backslide of COVID issues.

Our Jul-8 meeting at Olbrich Gardens, had a total of 20 attendees that included at least 2 future members. We reviewed a slide show of the trees, demonstrations and exhibit room from the 2021 Annual Show; looked at some of the prior magazine reviews and enjoyed a more detailed discussion of Zach's collected apple bonsai, both history and his future plans. Thanks also to Loren for some good photos taken during the meeting.

Our Aug-12th meeting will be held in the Olbrich Gardens Upstairs Meeting Room; our normal 2nd floor meeting location. We'll again use a theatre style seating with fewer tables to provide greater seating capacity and a better opportunity for safe distancing as needed. The same [COVID measures](#) established for the Jun-10 meeting will be in effect for the Aug-12 meeting, **though with the recent changes, please bring a mask along in case Olbrich policy changes before our meeting.** Remember to turn your nametag back in at the end of the meeting. — *Wayne*

August Meeting Agenda

Our plans for the Aug-12th meeting includes: new attendees intro; replay of Sept-2020 grove

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presentation; collect any new magazine reviews; show'n'tell items, door prizes; and discussion of ideas for our September and October meetings; boxwood plantings distribution (see details below); silent auction of club pots, books, and and some bonsai; update on BBS Board proposal for September or October get-together (not ready for a picnic yet!) and an update on discussions of other club activities.

Grove Planting Redux

If you have paid attention in the past newsletters / notices on the BBS website, you will recall the Sep-2020 BBS zoom meeting featuring a presentation on [preparing a grove planting](#) by MaryE. As only 8 people attended that zoom meeting, we will replay that recording at our Aug-12th meeting and pause for any of your questions. Mary will bring that grove along as an auction item.



If you have a grove planting, bring it along to the meeting for discussion.

Boxwood Plants

Thanks to KarlB's diligence, he is contributing a flat of Kingsville Dwarf Boxwood 2-years-old plants grown from cuttings of a prior demo. A grouping of plants, a plastic pot and bonsai soil will be provided to those attendees of the Aug-12th meeting at a nominal cost of \$3. Depending on the level of interest, preference is given to paid BBS members.

from Bonsai Outlet: *Kingsville Dwarf Boxwood is the most sought after member of the "Buxus" family. It features dark green, tiny leathery leaves, dense growth habits and rough bark which are all the features that make it a good bonsai subject. Branches grow horizontally making it look like a miniature version of a 100 year old shade tree.*

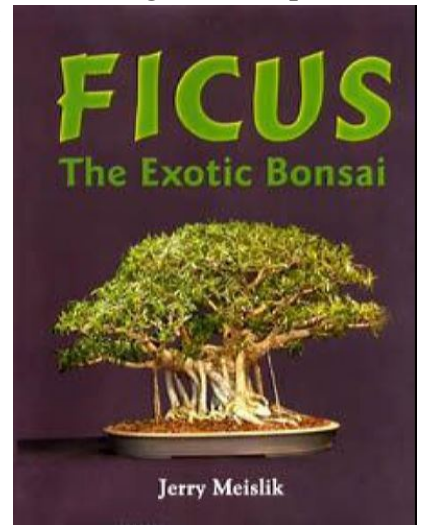
[see the full reference on this plant from Bonsai Outlet.](#)

Magazine Review Challenge ...

At the June BBS meeting several members selected a back-issue bonsai-related magazine from the club library. Several reviews were turned in and reviewed at the July meeting. These will be up on the BBS website shortly. A few more members also grabbed more magazines at the July meeting, and we will look those reviews over as well. Volunteers, please remember to bring in your reviews.

BBS Library Additions

With the recent sale notice from Stone Lantern, and their indication of choosing not to reprint this book, we added **Ficus The Exotic Bonsai** by Jerry Meislik to the BBS Library. Initially published in 2004, this book is the definitive reference to growing figs indoors and using figs for bonsai.



We also picked up several books from a Madison sale; one book – **Bonsai: A Step By Step Guide Growing and Displaying** by Colin Lewis and Neil Sutherland – that will be added to the BBS Library and is a very good reference for beginning bonsai enthusiasts. There were also 5 other books (see below) that we already had in the BBS library, and will be offered in our silent auction at GREAT minimum bids.



Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

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

Aug-5 to 15th [Milwaukee Bonsai Society State Fair Exhibit \(go check it out !\)](#)

Aug-20 to 22nd [The BIG Chicago show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens](#) (well worth the short drive !)

Aug-27 to 29th [Milwaukee Bonsai Society Annual Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Gardens \(Bonus !!!\)](#)

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.

MABA/Milwaukee 202Two

June 23-26, 2022 Milwaukee, WI

Hosted by Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Includes 3 artist demonstrations, 19 artist workshops, and 6 presentations.

Olympics ...

With the delayed 2020 Summer Olympics concluding this week, how many of you that watched those events and coverage saw bonsai prominently displayed on the network sets? I would imagine we should see an increase in questions and interest in bonsai ... be prepared!

See this link to a [very nice photo of the NBC](#) set showing multiple trees.

And here is a video segment from NBC Studios [The Beauty & Balance of Japanese Bonsai Trees](#). A nicely done piece featuring trees from the Omiya Bonsai Art Museum.



Tentative 2021 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Aug-12 - Grove planting review, silent auction of pots / books

Sep-2021 - bonsai beginnings seminar ???

Sep-9 - TBD

Sep- or Oct-2021 - membership "gathering"

Oct-14 - TBD, nomination of officers for 2022

Nov-11 - TBD, officer elections

Dec-9 - TBD, Suiseki / Viewing Stones

Jan-2022 - Membership dinner - date/site TBD

Door Prizes

Congratulations to our 3 door prize winners at the Jul-8th meeting of footed rectangular bonsai pots; Paolo, Karl and Tamaki (who gifted to Renee) And remember ... bring a 'show-n-tell' item to our meetings that is beyond the meeting topic and you get an extra entry for the door prizes. Thanks to Jonathan, Lisa, David and Karl for bringing in bonsai to show.



Recent Links of Interest

- Heron's Bonsai: [Bonsai Forests and Groups](#)
- Greenwood Bonsai: [The Ultimate Maple Group Planting Guide](#)

Reminder from Ron:

Just a reminder that there is still time in the next week or two to do a partial defoliation of your deciduous trees that are healthy, this will give them time to replace foliage as they begin their vascular build up in September into October. This is also a good time to give them a fertilizer boost going into September helping them build strength going into the fall and winter seasons.

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