



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Oct-14-2021 | 6:30 to **9:00 pm**

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

Wintering strategies for our area; flowering mums (we hope); design styles; nursery searches

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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

## President's Message

WOW ... how time flies, especially it seems this past year. Once again our short Wisconsin growing season is starting to show signs that it will soon be time for your trees to be put away for winter. Even already some of the night temperatures should have you on your toes with regard to any tropicals, and even some of the less hardy deciduous trees — then we get hit with another bout of heat spells and inconsistent rains.

As important as these decisions can be to your bonsai collections, this is not the type of thing that you should really procrastinate about or put off until the last moment (remember, do as I say, not as I do) ... now is the time to develop / revisit your approach to wintering your trees, and especially assess what you did last year that did or did not work for you.

Over the past years, we (the BBS) have seen a

substantial increase in our membership — many who are new to bonsai and looking for guidance (and concern) about how to winter their trees, especially in our area of Wisconsin.

Our Sep-9th meeting at Olbrich Gardens, had a total of 18 attendees, with 1 first time attendee. Thanks to Karl for discussions on his donated boxwood cuttings and air layering concept; Ken for comments on his "1st workshop experience"; and to members' show-n-tell trees (TimO - Scotch Pine; Jason - Ficus; Jon - Japanese Black Pine; Zach - Juniper Pfitzeriana).

Our Oct-14th 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. **This meeting ends at 9pm.**

**With the recent changes due to COVID in Dane County ... masks must be worn at all times for our Oct-14th meeting at Olbrich Gardens.**

Remember to turn your nametag back in at the end of the meeting. — *Wayne*

## October Meeting Agenda

Our plans for the Oct-14th meeting includes: new attendees intro; Wayne will have a presentation to discuss different wintering strategies for your bonsai trees in Wisconsin; we might be lucky

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enough to catch some of Ralph's excellent chrysanthemums in full bloom. We are also planning on brief presentations and discussions of several bonsai design styles (informal upright, formal upright and cascades) along with several examples of styled trees, as well as some examples of un-styled trees (planning to be styled these ways in the spring). In addition we should also have open nominations for BBS officers for the 2022 year (with voting at Nov-11th meeting). We would like to discuss what you can look for in late-season local nursery finds ... though many members have reported that there is not very much available this year ... probably another consequence of this past year's COVID challenges with nurseries and growers.

A couple of other topics that we want to discuss is different options of containers for training your trees ... you don't always want to go right into a high quality bonsai pot (that can be very expensive). If you have some examples, bring them along. We also want to kick around the idea of a soil mixing session at one of our upcoming winter-month meetings.

### Recap of Sep-9th meeting

Though Karl was not able to attend the Aug-12th meeting where his Kingsville Boxwood cuttings were distributed, he brought along several examples of these trees from his collection and described the history, key characteristics and care tips for these new plants.



Karl also brought in a maple that he has been working on propagating by the air layering technique. Though relatively simple in concept, successful air layering is very sensitive to preparation technique and post-layering care and monitoring — Karl explained the basic approach and invited all to use Google to explore the many excellent tutorials and videos.

### Saturday Oct-16th events

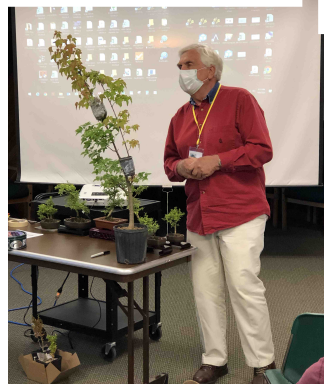
Two events occur on Saturday Oct-16th that should be of interest to Badger Bonsai Society members.

First off, Olbrich Gardens has the Grand Opening of their new facilities from 10am to 2pm, with tours and events.

Secondly, we will have a social get together for BBS members from noon to 2:30pm at Olbrich Park Shelter. This is on Water Street, to the east of Olbrich Gardens and the baseball diamond. Non-alcoholic drinks and packaged snacks will be provided at no charge by the BBS. If you have giveaway or exchange items, please feel free to bring these along to benefit other members. Nothing special other than socializing is planned, but feel free to bring along a tree to discuss with individuals or small groups if you want.

You can bring along non-alcoholic drinks for yourself and your guests if you like, but please do not bring any food for sharing.

While some picnic tables are available, **you might want to bring along portable seating.**





Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

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

### Wisco Bonsai Seasonal Workshop

Oct-23-2021, 10 am to 4 pm

by Steve Carini of WenRen Bonsai, will focus on pruning and cutback of deciduous trees; BYO tree(s) or can purchase suitable trees at workshop;

Contact Kevin at [wiscobonsai@gmail.com](mailto:wiscobonsai@gmail.com) to sign up (if there are still openings); Cost \$30

Held at Wisco Bonsai at N68W23890 Donna drive in Sussex-WI

### MABA/Milwaukee 202Two

June 23-26, 2022 Milwaukee, WI

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

### September show-n-tells ...



### Tentative 2021 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:  
(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Oct-14 - wintering strategies, Ralph's mums are flowering, officer nominations for 2022; bonsai design style discussions.

Saturday Oct-16-2021 - Olbrich Gardens Grand Opening of new facilities from 10am to 2pm; BBS membership "gathering" from noon to 2:30pm (see details on page 2)

Nov-11 - TBD, officer elections

Dec-9 - TBD, Suiseki / Viewing Stones

Jan-2022 - Membership dinner - date/site TBD

### Door Prizes

Congratulations to door prize winners of various pots (Tim, Frank, Barbara and Zach) and Ken of a Zach-donated Ficus bonsai at the Sep-9th meeting. 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.

### Recent Links of Interest

- Bonsai Tonight Blog: [Advice Wanted: Overwintering in Cold Climates \(from 2020\)](#)
- Bonsai Tonight: [Wintering Guide](#)
- Instant Bonsai for Everyone: [Colander vs Bonsai Pot](#)
- Bonsai Mirai: [Wooden Boxes for Bonsai](#)
- Bonsai Tonight: [When not to use a colander for developing a young bonsai](#)

### Interested in custom wood bonsai stands ?

Contact Clif Orphal of Fingerprint Woodworks at email [fingerprintww@gmail.com](mailto:fingerprintww@gmail.com) or call him at 815-354-4540.

Clif (a Milwaukee Bonsai Society member) prides himself on working with you to produce a one-of-a-kind display stand for your trees.

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