



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Apr-14-2021 | 6:30 to 8:45pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

Bonsai tools, multiple demos, library update

## CLUB OFFICERS:

President ..... Wayne  
Vice President ..... Mary  
Secretary ..... Lisa  
Treasurer ..... Gary  
Web Admin / Newsletter ..... Wayne  
Librarian ..... Ben  
Refreshments ..... Elaine

## President's Message

Already it is April and aside from the usual confusion of weather and upcoming taxes, this year seems to be particularly challenging with regard to the weather that we in Wisconsin are experiencing. It seems that the southern-Canada cold-and-snows and the middle-latitude-Midwest warm-and-rains have chosen our Wisconsin to do battle (or is this just a continuation of COVID issues). And while the accumulated precipitation is a welcome relief to the drought concern of a few months back, the inconsistent hot-cold-warm-frigid-warm weather cycles make it considerably challenging for those of us that are anxious to pull our bonsai trees out from winter storage. After all, our 2022 Annual Show is coming up May-21 and May-22 (see poster on page 3)! Just means that we will be very busy once Mother Nature does finally relent and give us our trees back.

Though, since our last meeting, we of the BBS

have also been busy: a members-only workshop (first in a long time) was well attended (see some details on page 2), and in early April, several members were able to take advantage of a local dig of mature bushes (a juniper and several yews) on a soon to be razed property (and even that started out with snow on the ground in the morning, but was almost 60°F by noon). Additional details also on page 2. Thanks to all participants of these activities and their out-reach efforts to educate the curious.

Our Mar-10th meeting at Olbrich Gardens had a total of 25 attendees, with 3 first time attendees that will be joining in the future ... welcome to ChrisE and ChrisV-E and Kevin. Ron talked about bonsai pot aesthetics and demonstrated repotting a bonsai. Our membership approved the proposed by-law changes unanimously. See additional meeting details on page 2. ---Wayne

## Agenda for Apr-14th meeting

At the April meeting Wayne will have a presentation on bonsai tools -- if you have a non-traditional tool, please bring it along to show and discuss. Remember, this will be **an extended meeting**, with cleanup starting at 8:45pm so that we are OUT OF THE BUILDING prior to 9pm. Remember to bring along your show and tell items ... an item not related to the primary meeting topic will get you an extra ticket for door

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prizes! We are also planning 2 to 3 simultaneous demonstrations / activities of members working on their trees -- you are free to bring in your own tree(s) to work on, discuss, or request assistance -- if doing so, please bring along all your own needed supplies, especially a table covering to facilitate an easy and rapid cleanup (a good suggestion from TimO is to use an old or cheap plastic shower curtain). Wayne also has a few "blast from the past videos" that meeting attendees should find valuable and interesting. And finally, I think we can expect an update on the BBS / Olbrich Schumacher Library agreement from BenKo and Eva to share the BBS library, as the BBS Board unanimously approved the proposal on Mar-24th to move forward.

***Masks are not required for this meeting, though you are welcome to wear one if you want.***

### Recap of Mar-10th meeting

Aside from Ron's excellent presentation on bonsai pots, Ron also talked about repotting and did a quick repotting of a prior styled tree, fielding many questions along the way. For show and tells, Colin brought in a flowering red currant and Zach brought in a jade tree. Karl announced that he has ordered 50 black pine seedlings for BBS purchase ... arrival date still TBD. Wayne also pointed out that KenC (remember his Japanese Orchids last year) was highlighted in the UW-Madison alumni magazine On Wisconsin as the world-renowned expert on the vanilla orchids (that supply vanilla flavoring). And finally Lisa and Zach talked about the BBS Facebook pages ... great efforts here to re-connect.

### Do You Have Any Extra Storage Space?

***Does a BBS member have room to store our Annual Show backdrops?***

Please let us know.

Probably takes up a space of about 4ft x 4ft x 6ft.



### Apr-2nd Workshop Recap

The free members-only "workshop" on Sat afternoon had 11 members (Wayne, Linda, Gene, Mary, Colin, Lisa, Paolo, ChrisV-E, BenKo, Zach, and TimO) in attendance at Olbrich Gardens. We found that there was a full variety of



activities going on with good discussions and shared thoughts, ideas and assistance. We also had about 11 curious walk-ins, with probably 2 or 3 that are planning on joining in the future. See links on page 3 for more photos being posted soon. All-in-all, we all found this to be a worthwhile and entertaining activity that merits discussion for future such events ... ***do you know of a weekend meeting space that we could gain access to ... ?***

### Juniper and Yew Dig

Several BBS members took advantage and grabbed a mature juniper and mature yew shrubs from a Monona-property soon to be razed for new construction. See page 3 links of interest for a link to our website page ... where I will have more photos posted in a couple of days. We will look at these briefly at the meeting and perhaps have those lucky few (so far, ChrisE, Loren and Zach) say a few words about their experience. see photos of each below respectively.



Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

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

### Bonsai Design: Online course

by the Chicago Botanic Gardens (CBG)

Wednesday May-18, 2022 (6pm to 8pm) via Zoom

cost \$32 CBG-members / \$40 non-members

must register by May-16th

### MABA/Milwaukee 2022

June 23-26, 2022 Milwaukee, WI

Want to submit a tree. Details [here](#).

Tentative 2022 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Apr-14 - bonsai tools, multiple demos; meeting extended to 8:45pm

May-12 - TBD, show planning

May-14 - World Bonsai Day

May-21 & 22 - 2022 BBS Annual Show from 10am to 4pm each day at Olbrich Gardens

### Door Prizes

Congratulations to door prize winners of various pots: (Karl, Ron & Tamaki) and a bonsai t-shirt

to Frank at the Mar-10th meeting. Remember, bring a 'show-n-tell' that is beyond the meeting topic and you get an extra entry for the door prizes.

### Wisco Beginner Classes

Wisco Bonsai in Sussex-WI will have 2 beginner bonsai classes on Sat Apr-23rd and Sun Apr-24th (11am to 3pm both days). \$25 per class and limited to 6 per day. For absolute beginners, the class will allow you to take a common nursery plant (bring your own or buy one on-site) from its nursery pot, root reduction, & into its 1st bonsai pot with a proper soil mix,

then discuss how to care for your new tree. This will not focus on "styling" the tree! If interested, email Kevin at [wiscobonsai@gmail.com](mailto:wiscobonsai@gmail.com) to request the full information about this class. Note that advance payment is required.

### Recent Links of Interest

- BBS: [Apr-2022 Dig photos](#)
- BBS: [Apr-2nd workshop photos](#)
- from Bonsai Empire: [Repotting Bonsai](#)
- Graham Potter: [Yew Saved from log pile](#)

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



### Ancient Arts Bonsai Open House

Ancient Arts Bonsai will have a Spring Open House to view all the recent trees added to their inventory, along with all the other bonsai items and supplies.

Date/Time: Saturday, Apr-23rd, 10am to 3pm

at: 933 Duchess Drive, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Special 10% discount on all in-person purchases at this event.

Any questions, call or text 262-492-8733 or email to [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net)