



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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Next Meeting Date:

Thursday May-12-2021 | 6:30 to 7:45pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

AGENDA:

Roots and Nebari, prepping for Annual Show

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Wayne

Vice President Mary

Secretary Lisa

Treasurer Gary

Web Admin / Newsletter Wayne

Librarian Ben

Refreshments Elaine

President's Message

Here we are now, suddenly right in the midst of our primary growing and activity time for bonsai in southern-Wisconsin. For the Badger Bonsai Society members, we are 2 weeks out until our Annual Show. This year is going to be especially challenging because of that W-word ... I will only say it once ... the WEATHER has been particularly difficult for WI-bonsai enthusiasts this year with the sudden warm-cold mood swings of Mother Nature; no sooner than we pull our trees out of winter storage, we have often had to put them back to prevent the fragile new growth from some uncharacteristically late (in the year) overnight (or even daytime) temperatures. But short of moving, all we can really do is react and adapt to what our trees are telling us.

As this is being completed on Mother's Day, that is also a time of year that is often quite frustrating to those in the know about bonsai. And while

families and often children are well-intentioned to "pickup" a beautiful small tree in a pot for mother, quite often these experiments end in disaster and disappointment --- that purchase rarely comes with proper instruction on how to properly care for the tree, particularly with regard to watering. We see it every year at our show, and this is the reason it is important for we of the bonsai community to educate the general public. Just like a new puppy, it is important to understand the characteristics and potential of the trees, their needs and wants, and how that meshes with your lifestyles.

Our Apr-14th meeting at Olbrich Gardens had a total of 25 attendees, with 2 first time attendees Jason (joined) and (Philip (joining in May) and 4 guests. See the recap on page 2 for additional details and pictures from that meeting. ---Wayne

Agenda for May-12th meeting

At the May meeting TimO has a presentation on roots, nebari and tips for dealing with their problems. In addition, with our Annual Show coming up on the weekend after our meeting (see page 3) Ron will discuss some of the key aspects of preparing your bonsai and display items for exhibit (see page 3 link for more tips). 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 prizes!

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Recap of Apr-14th meeting

Eva of Olbrich's Schumacher Library indicated that an agreement has been finalized to host the BBS books for BBS members and Olbrich members. BBS Librarian BenKo is completing the cataloging and appraisal and will then provide those books we will share with Olbrich. The BBS and Eva hopes to have all in-place prior to the Annual Show such that Eva can coordinate some Library "focus spots" in conjunction with the BBS Annual Show. Wayne presented an overview of bonsai tools (requested by BBS members). Wayne, Loren, ChrisE and Zach discussed recent "dig" activities in Monona (see pics on the BBS website, and thanks to Greta, Doug and Mary for setting this up). We reviewed the MABA 2022 convention coming up in later June, and reminded all that tree submissions are open until May-15th.

Show'n'tells (pics at right) consisted of amur maple grove (Ken), juniper (Paolo), choke cherry (Colin), pussy willow (ChrisV-E), and Karl passed around an article from the Healthy and Beautiful You newsletter about an Ohio firefighter and his bonsai collection of 100 trees.

Karl also announced that he expects the Black Pine seedlings to be available for pickup the following weekend. Additionally thanks to tree activities by Lisa (native plum), Zach (large schefflera) and Mary (schefflera grove) ... see pictures at the right.

Mary noted the interest survey that Ron prepared for 2021 is available for new members (or anyone else) to contribute their ideas and wishes for BBS.

Mary reviewed Annual Show needs and setup and teardown plans and requests for volunteers.

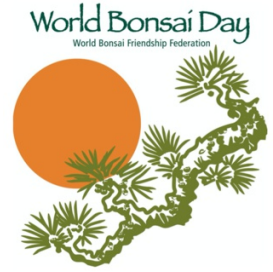
A Sunday demonstrator is needed -- if you are interested, let us know at the May-12th meeting.



Loren, Ken & Colin at Wisco Bonsai workshop

World Bonsai Day

On the second Saturday of each May, World Bonsai Day is held to honor bonsai master Saburo Kato. This year, World Bonsai Day will occur on Saturday May-14th. See [this link](#) for background of this event, then on Saturday see the home page of the [National Bonsai Foundation](#) for its in-person, and **perhaps** some online activities.



BBS Requests ... ?

Does a BBS member have room to store our Annual Show backdrops? Let us know.

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

Do you know of a weekend meeting space that we could gain access to in the Madison area for minimal cost to consider more frequent workshops, training sessions or BBS get-togethers ... if so, please let an officer know ?



Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

MABA/Milwaukee 202Two

June 23-26, 2022 Milwaukee, WI

9th World Bonsai Convention

Oct 8 to 16, 2022 in Perth Australia

The first Virtual World Bonsai Convention with demonstrators from every WBFF region, including some live, interactive sessions with International Demonstrators with unlimited replays for registrants. *Early-bird register before Jun-30th.*

Tentative 2022 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

May-12 - Roots, nebari and their care, prepare your trees for the Annual Show

May-14 - World Bonsai Day

May-15 - Deadline for MABA tree submission

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

Jun-9 - TBD, Annual Show recap



BONSAI EXHIBIT

Badger Bonsai
SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW

May 21 & 22, 2022
10am - 4pm

Demonstrations
at 11am and 1:30pm both days
each with a chance to win a 1-year
membership to the Badger Bonsai Society

FREE ADMISSION
to bonsai exhibit and demonstrations

OLBRICH
BOTANICAL
GARDENS
3330 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI

Door Prizes

Congratulations to door prize winners of various pots: (ChrisV-E, Loren, Colin, Karl), wire to Lisa, and schefflera cuttings to Jason at the Apr-14th meeting. Remember, bring a 'show-n-tell' that is beyond the meeting topic and you get an extra entry for the door prizes.

Recent Links of Interest

- WBFF: [Shimpaku's Secret History](#)
- Bonsai Learning Center: [Get Your Bonsai Ready to Show](#)
- Milwaukee Bonsai Society: [Preparing Your Bonsai for Display](#)

our website: badgerbonsai.net