



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

Promoting and Enjoying the Ancient Art of Bonsai Since 1972

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Jul-14-2021 | 6:30 to 8pm

**NOT** at Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
..... see below, and map on page 3

## AGENDA:

Course proposal, bonsai sells/swaps/give-aways

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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

## President's Message

If you have "put in any serious time" with bonsai, you will have probably learned the frustrations with damage to or losing trees, seemingly from factors all out of your control. In fact, in the middle of June, severe storms coming through the area produced hail that damaged the trees of some members. But you also learn that patience and perseverance over time can yield successes in the development pathway for your trees. Our organization in many ways goes through the same setbacks and growth spurts -- but patience and perseverance can also yield successes. In fact, the social get-together planned for the July meeting is made possible by a new member, whose employer is allowing the BBS to make use of their facility for this meeting, and for future non-meeting events. This presents many opportunities to expand the activities for our membership; in fact

the BBS "education committee" (currently Mary and Ron) has some ideas to present at the Jul-14th and Aug-11th meetings. We hope you are interested and are able to participate in these plans and events.

Our Jun-9th meeting at Olbrich Gardens had a total of 25 attendees, with 3 first time attendees (Tony, Erik and Sarah). We had some interesting show'n'tells and an interesting discussion about Larch bonsai (see details on page 2) --- Wayne

## Agenda for Jul-14th meeting

IMPORTANT ... instead of a normal meeting at Olbrich Gardens, or the prior years' picnic in July, we will have a social get-together. This will take place at our normal meeting time, but will be at a different location, thanks to new member Tyler. See the details and maps on page 3. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks (sodas, water and coffee / tea) and pre-packaged snacks. Please bring along a portable chair if you want to sit; and plastic for table protection if you bring a tree to work on. We encourage you to bring along any bonsai-related materials that you would like to offer for sale, or exchange or give-away. We will have lots of door prizes (but for BBS members only). Once we cover basic club announcements and business, then an overview of a proposal for basic bonsai education course, activities are unplanned and up to your discretion. Please feel

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free to bring along trees to work on or discuss. It is a free-form format ... wander around to the activity that interests you, or just enjoy speaking with other members.

### Recap of Jun-9th meeting

As we noted elsewhere in the newsletter, new member Tyler indicated his employer will allow the BBS to use his workspace when needed, so we will have a July meeting (see page 3 details).

Show'n'tells consisted of Paolo (boxwood), Alex (azalea), Tony ("highway-M" juniper that is prospering after about 5 years), Colin (flowering red currant), Jon (shimpaku from Brussels) ... thanks to all for their trees and discussion.

Multiple people (Jason, Ken, Mary, Ron, Skylar and Zach) brought in their Larch bonsai for presentation and discussion. The larch is a particularly attractive tree for bonsai (see below for an excellent example in the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection). Trees ranged from freshly acquired nursery stock to well established bonsai. Ron (of Ancient Arts Bonsai) is well versed in the challenges of working with Larch, especially in the southern-WI area. At this time of year, the primary activity that "can be safe" for the tree is pruning back the new growth. Ron showed the proper method of cutback, just above a fresh bud (see detailed picture below-left) in order to effectively reduce the tree size and increase the ramification in the developing tree. Hopefully we will see these trees again in the months to come!



Larch of the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection at Lynden Sculpture Gardens

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

### In memory of Buck ,,,

One of the original members of BBS passed away in June. Buck Gabelman was an emeritus UW professor in horticulture. He was preceded in death by his wife Alberta. His area of research was root crops, primarily beets, onions, and carrots. If you eat any of these there is a good chance it's a variety Buck developed. You can see his [obituary here](#).

### MABA comments ...

Feedback from some of the BBS members that attended the MABA 202Two conference held in Milwaukee from Jun-23 to Jun-26-2022.

Was a great experience to see a true Master at work. I very much enjoyed watching François Jeker work and show off his talents. The other workshops I attended were also very well done and was great to pick up tips and knowledge from others attending the show. --- *Loren*

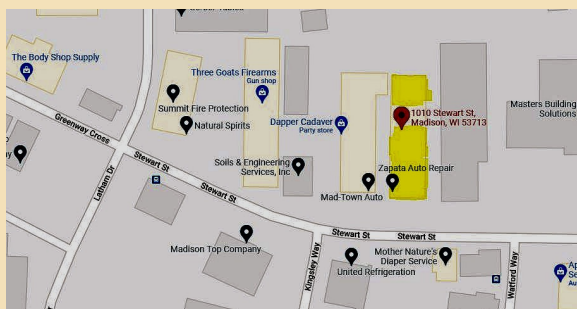
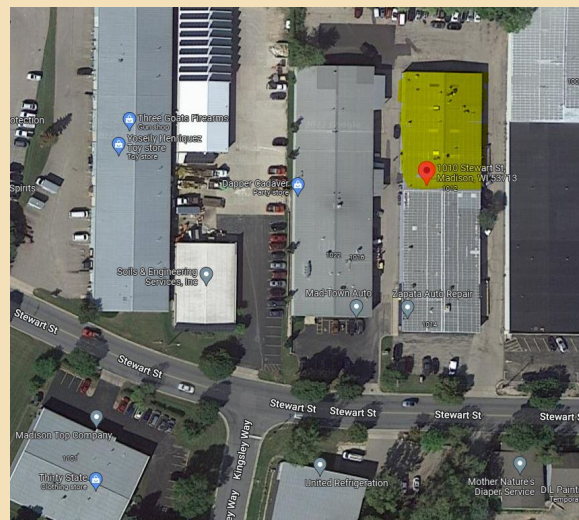
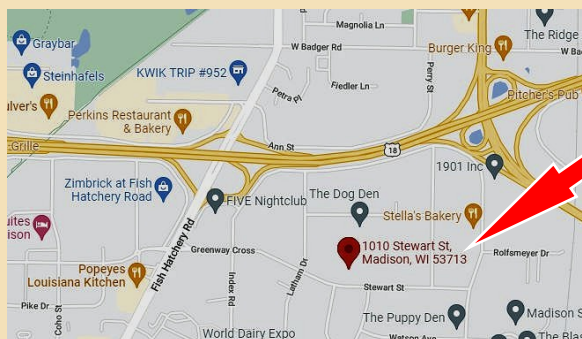
Exhibit was awesome, some very nice trees. Great vendors with a wide variety of goods for sale. Many items available via the raffles daily. Demos by artists were amazing. Workshops were very good, with great material provided in the workshops. Meals were very good. I think a good time was had by most who attended --- *Ron*

*'Thank you'* to the Milwaukee Bonsai Society and all who worked to make MABA 202Two a successful hit. From the demonstrations, to the workshops, to the exhibit these all reflected careful planning and execution by the many convention committees. The silent auctions had dozens and dozens of donated bonsai items, and Saturday's live auction brought some spirited bidding! The exhibit had about fifty trees, all of which were spectacular. Anyone who was not in attendance missed a great convention! --- *Karl*

This event was a great experience, watching and listening to presentations and workshops. François Jeker was inspiring. Ron has told us many times that Ted Matson is a great teacher -- that becomes apparent after watching him for only a short time. Good discussions, some surprises, found relations, good environment, good camaraderie, plenty of knowledge and skilled masters and beautiful trees created and displayed. --- *Wayne*

## Jul-14th meeting location

Please note that the Jul-14th meeting **WILL NOT** be at Olbrich Gardens. Instead, this social get-together from 6:30pm to 8pm is being hosted at Big Kahuna Tropical Fish & Aquarium Maintenance Service, at **1010 Stewart Street, Madison**. This is south of the beltline and east of Fish Hatchery road ... see the maps below of that area. Be sure to bring along a portable chair (and label it with masking tape) ... and trees to discuss or work on, and any bonsai-related material to sell, swap, or give-away.



## MABA 202 Two Pictures

François Jeker ink-sketch concept for future bonsai (below), and deadwood styling demo (right)



François Jeker's unique signing of book for Loren



Todd Schafler workshop  
Derek (from MN) at right

Ted Matson forest planting / perspective demo (above); Ron with Ted Matson at Yew workshop (below)



Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

### [Wisconsin State Fair -- Bonsai Exhibit](#)

August 4-14, 2022 West Allis, WI

### [44th Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition](#)

August 19-21, 2022 Chicago, IL

Centered around the Chicago Botanic Garden's permanent collection, many demonstrations, presentations, workshops and vendors.

### [Milwaukee Bonsai Society -- Bonsai Exhibit](#)

Aug-27 & 28, 2022 at Lynden Sculpture Garden  
2145 West Brown Deer Road, 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)

Jul-14 - Social get-together (see location on page 3) ... no agenda, but members welcome to bring trees for discussions / demos, or items for sale / swap / give-away

Aug-11 - TBD, further larch discussions and reviews (bring your larches in to meeting)

Sep-8 - TBD ... **extended meeting to 8:45pm**

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#### *Recent Links of Interest*

- Bonsai Empire: [Seasonal Care and Styling Guidelines](#)
- Michael Hagedorn Blog: [Pruning / pinching back hinoki cypress](#)  
note the comments about junipers generally not liking pinching back (tends to promote juvenile growth, which is generally undesirable)

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## Wisco Bonsai Jul-24th Tropical Workshop

Hope your summer is going well and that your trees are thriving !!!

Speaking of thriving, how about those Tropical Bonsai you might own ?

What sort of substrate (and pot) are they in ? Are they THRIVING ? Or just SURVIVING ?

For most folks new to bonsai, I am willing to wager they are surviving, but maybe not thriving as they should be and a lot of that will have to do with what they are planted in !

Whether it is that Ginseng Ficus you bought at Walmart or an ancient Buttonwood that you simply need assistance with, this workshop is geared toward getting the most out of your Tropical material.

This will be run as an "open workshop" — you need only RSVP via email and then show up at the Wisco Bonsai Studio on Sunday July 24th sometime between 10am and 3pm (no prepayment needed).

The cost is \$25 per tree and that includes assisted instruction, substrate, wire, drainage screening, and use of all repotting tools. We will be sifting and mixing custom substrate for each tree. Most trees can go right back into the same pot they came in, but for those wishing to change pots for stylistic or horticultural reasons, a variety of bonsai pots are available for purchase in the shop. So, that's about it for this one... Easy !!! *Just RSVP to the email below and then show up with your tree !!!*

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## Jun-9th Meeting Door Prizes

Congratulations to door prize winners of various pots (Alex, Brian, Zach, Eric, Mary and Ralph) and jade plants donated by Jennifer (Skylar and Paolo) at the Jun-9th meeting. And thanks to Jason for supplying the chocolate-spreads to attendees. Remember, bring a 'show-n-tell' that is beyond the meeting topic and you get an extra entry for the door prizes.