



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Sep-8-2022 | 6:30 to 9pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

Ron's Linden development, smaller bonsai, course sign-up, work on BYO-bonsai (bring tools & wire)

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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## President's Message

Note that we are about 1 month away from the 1st session of the BBS Bonsai Foundation Course. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to develop your bonsai knowledge and skill-sets, and come away with a suitable bonsai in the spring-2023. Sign-up should be completed prior to the end of the Sep-8th meeting and is limited to the 1st 20 BBS members to pay (see page 2 for details on this *You Should Not Miss* opportunity).

With cold weather coming soon (you can never really tell when in Wisconsin), it can never be too early for you to start thinking about how you are going to winter your bonsai. This is an excellent [Wintering Guide](#) (by Bonsai Tonight) for our area of the country — and be sure to check out the other links in this article in order to develop a solid plan for your trees that ideally can be implemented with very little advance notice if needed ... you might only get a day's notice! Do

your homework in advance, and we can discuss ideas and concerns at the Oct & Nov meetings.

Our Aug-11th meeting at Olbrich Gardens again had a total of 27 attendees and 4 first time attendees, with Amanda joining BBS that night. Final details of the Bonsai Foundation Course was presented and 9 people signed up that night. Six members took us up on the revamped Show-n-Tell challenge (see details page 2). --- Wayne

## Agenda for Sep-8th meeting

This month Ron is going to show us the history and progression of his Little Leaf Linden that recently won a Show Award at the WI State Fair bonsai exhibit; Wayne has a brief introduction to smaller bonsai (to gauge interest in a small bonsai meeting topic in 2023); remember to sign-up for the Bonsai Foundations Course; then the balance of our extended time meeting (*cleaned up and out by 9pm*) will be dedicated for you to work on your BYO-bonsai. Be sure to bring your tools, wire, and materials to keep tables clean & cleanup — senior members will be available to help and discuss, but you need to know what you can and want to do on your tree(s) that should be safe this late in the year!

## Recap of Aug-11th meeting

Full details of the first course offering (in a very long time) was presented, and by the end of the meeting — actually a little later outside, Mary and

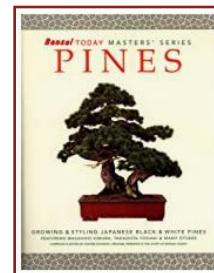
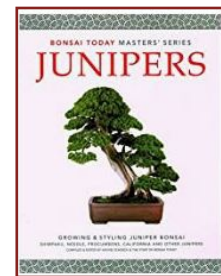
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Ron had signed up 9 people for the course. We had many interesting – but brief – discussions of members' Show-n-Tell items per our revamped concept. Thank you to all participants: Skylar, Jason, Loren, Ted, Alex, and Zach. We also talked about upcoming officer nominations (October), and after our normal door prizes had drawings for 9 additional mature bonsai donated by Ralph and Melba (see page 3). Also thanks to EvaS for a brief tour of Schumacher Library with BBS Library content ... the Olbrich Gardens August newsletter had a very complementary piece about this collaboration between Olbrich & the BBS.

## New books in BBS Library

Just added 3 new books, that will be available for checkout at Sep-8th meeting.



## Bonsai Fundamentals Sessions

The Badger Bonsai Society (BBS) is offering a members-only series of 5 sessions taught by RonF starting in the Fall of 2022. The purpose of this course is to create a solid foundation of bonsai practices to build on as one's skills progress from novice to more advanced. Ron has over 27 years of bonsai training and experience and has been conducting these courses for 10 plus years in the Milwaukee area.

The first 3 sessions will each be 4 hour lectures and demonstrations covering an extensive and complete series of bonsai topics.

The fourth session will be a 6 hour workshop in the Spring of 2023. A tree, pot, soil and wire will be provided and are included in the cost.

The fifth session will review everyone's progress on their trees followed by a nursery visit showing how to look for potential new material. The sessions will be held on Saturdays starting at 9 am. Dates are Oct-8, Oct-22, Nov-12, April and May 2023. This course will be limited to 20 participants. The cost for all 5 sessions and all materials is \$200. The BBS will contribute \$25 and another donor will contribute \$15. This brings the cost per participant down to \$160. Flyers with full details will be available at the Sep-8th meeting.

If you have any questions about this course, contact Ron at [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net) or Mary at [mellestad@outlook.com](mailto:mellestad@outlook.com).



## Seen anything good about bonsai ?

If you have come across any good books or articles or podcasts or workshops or videos, please let us know to review at the meetings or to share with our membership and readers in the newsletter. This also includes any good pictures of bonsai-related activities or trees you see ... an excellent example is a juniper spotted at Devil's Lake (see page 3).

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



Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

### 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.

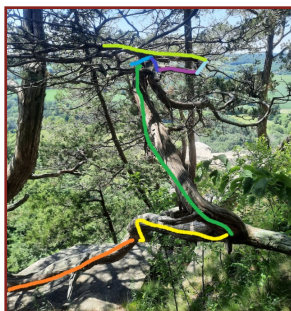
### Hidden Gardens (Willowbrook-IL)

Oct 1 & 2, 2022: Todd Schlafer workshops

Nov 5 & 6, 2022: Andy Smith workshops

### Bonsai Inspiration ... lots of movement just outside your door

While hiking at Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area at Devil's Lake (Lodi-WI), Courtney and Dalton were inspired in the complicated movement seen in a full-size juniper on the edge of the bluff. The colored lines (above) show a total of seven bends in this tree ... nice spotting!



### Tentative 2022 Calendar for

#### Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Sep-8 - progression study of Ron's linden bonsai; introduction to smaller bonsai; bonsai course sign-up is due ... open to the first 20 people that pay (see page 2); **extended meeting to 8:45pm**

Oct-8 - BBS Member's Course ... session 1

Oct-13 - Tim's presentation on "Large Trunks and Sacrifice Branches" and will share possible ways to obtain thick trunks, including ways that work and ways that don't work very well; nomination of officers for 2023

Oct-22 - BBS Member's Course ... session 2

Nov-10 - TBD, officer elections

Nov-12 - BBS Member's Course ... session 3

Dec-8 - TBD

### Recent Links of Interest

- Bonsai Empire: [Top 10 Smallest Bonsai](#)
- Bonsai Empire: [Super Mini Bonsai](#)
- Planeterrium: [How to Grow and Care for Mini and Super Mini Bonsai](#)
- Bonsaify YouTube: [One Mame trick ...](#)

### Aug-11th Meeting Door Prizes

Congratulations to our door prize winners: Barbara (large pot), ChrisE (footed pot); Jason (glazed round pot) and BenKa (Indoor Bonsai book). Remember, BBS members bringing a show-n-tell item (that illustrates a bonsai action or design principle) earns them an additional door prize entry "blue ticket".

In addition to our normal door prizes, we had some special drawings for 9 well established bonsai from Ralph and Melba ... our lucky members thank you both for your contributions to our membership.

Winners were: ChrisE (large linden); Ken (smaller linden); Dean (japanese maple); ChrisE via Dean (maple); Skylar via ChrisE (tiger ficus); Dean (false cypress); Jason (japanese black pine); Skylar (american elm); and Zach (spruce).