



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Oct-13-2022 | 6:30 to 8pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

Big Trunks / Sacrifice Branches; discuss wintering strategies; officer nominations

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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

## President's Message

As I finalize the newsletter on Saturday there are 2 key events that stand out about Oct-8-2022 as it relates to the BBS. And like everything else in our lives, we see the balance of yin-and-yang, good-bad, or whatever else you want to call the concept. First the good: finally after years of wanting and planning, the BBS kicked off our members-only Bonsai Foundation Course (that was detailed on our Sep-2022 newsletter). This caters to developing the bonsai knowledge and skillsets in new members that can be leveraged in their own efforts and prepare them for advanced training activities, and eventually workshops with bonsai masters / artists. Best wishes to the 18 BBS participants, and to Ron as he shares his knowledge and key experiences of bonsai.

And of course the bad: most people in the Madison-and-surrounding areas woke up to frost on their cars on the morning of Oct-8th. This is

nature's shout-out *that winter is coming*, though much earlier than we would like to see. Are you ready?

Our Sep-8th meeting at Olbrich Gardens again was well-attended with a total of 28 attendees and 4 first time attendees (Jeffrey, Tuuli, David and Michael) who each joined the BBS that night. Our membership for 2022 is now 63 paid members. Thanks to all members. --- Wayne

## Agenda for Oct-13th meeting

This month TimO is going to give a presentation on Big Trunks and Sacrifice Branches; we will also open up nominations for officers for 2023 elections at November meeting, and discuss how you can plan for wintering your bonsai. This is an excellent [Wintering Guide](#) (by Bonsai Tonight) ... it would be worth your while to review that (as well as other links in the Sep-2022 newsletter) prior to our meeting. Also, take note of the simple example on page 3.

## Recap of Sep-8th meeting

We again reviewed the BBS Bonsai Foundation Course offering. At the start of the meeting, 9 people had already signed up, and 17 had signed up or committed by the end of the meeting, with 2 additional members tentative (out of the planned 20 max). Thanks again for Mary and Ron for coordinating; this has been on the club's wish list for many years. There were many interesting –

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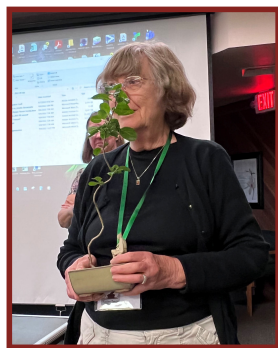
but brief – discussions of members' Show-n-Tell items per our revamped concept. Thank you to all participants: Melba (miniature buckthorn), Mary (mugo pine from Jungs and arbor vitae from Home Depot), Jason (schefflera from Mary meeting demo), Colin (quince), Skyler (willow from Jason), Alex (restyling of procumbens juniper). Zach (gray owl juniper -- with amazing deep blue-green foliage), JonB (US National Show book and literati ponderosa pine from MABA). Wayne gave a brief introductory presentation to the world of smaller size bonsai thank you to Karl for prepping 4 small schefflera that became door prizes.



However, the highlight of the night was Ron's presentation of his development of his Little Leaf Linden. If you recall, we had mentioned at the August meeting that Ron had received the Best of Show award at the Aug-2022 WI State Fair. His legacy photos showing the development activities and design concepts were very enlightening ... best wishes for his continued development and goals for this tree!

***Thanks for involving us in your journey!***

We closed with a reminder to review wintering strategies (links in the Sep-2022 newsletter) to discuss at October and November BBS meetings.



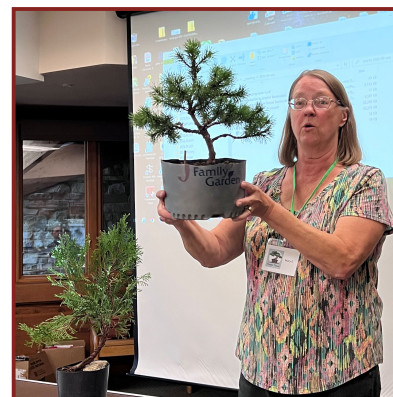
## New Members at Sep-8th meeting

1st time attending and all joined at meeting!



## Show'n'Tell pics ...

below and below-left



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 \(Willowbrook-IL\)](#)

Nov 5 & 6, 2022: Andy Smith workshops

### [Pacific Bonsai Exposition \(Oakland-CA\)](#)

Nov 12 & 13, 2022:

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and 25 of the [community's top vendors](#)

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## Wintering example

Here is an example of a wintering box used by a member and kept outside for trees that can tolerate the Wisconsin winter environments.

The box has no bottom and sits in a sand pile; old sheets cover the pots' bonsai soil (below-left), then sand is piled over the pots and serves to insulate pots and roots from cold; the box itself buffers trees from winds; the hinged mesh cover protects from animal feeders (mice, rabbits, deer) and allows snow cover for further insulation and self-watering, and allows easy and ready access as needed (below-right). No fatalities last year !

Simple, quick and effective ...

***if planned and prepared in advance !!!***



## Tentative 2022 Calendar for Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events: (date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

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

Oct-13 - Tim's presentation on "Big 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; wintering strategies

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

Nov-10 - TBD, officer elections; wintering again

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

Dec-8 - TBD

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### *Recent Links of Interest*

- Bonsai Tonight: [Next Steps](#) is an online and expanded version of resources from Chapter 6 of the Little Book of Bonsai, to help identify next steps for furthering your bonsai study
- Bonsai Tonight: [Bonsai Development Series](#) a series of posts on creating quality pre-bonsai

## Sep-8th Meeting Door Prizes

Congratulations to our door prize winners: JonB, Tuuli (new member!), Chris, Zach, Susan, Wayne, Jason, Skyler, TimO, Lisa, Frank, Brian and Karl -- a mix of club pots, mini-schefflera, and other donated trees. 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".