



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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No Meeting in Jan-2023

Members-Only Dinner

Thursday Jan-12-2023 | 6:00 pm

## AGENDA:

Members-and-guests Social Event

## CLUB OFFICERS and Roles:

President .....	Ron
Vice President .....	Mary
Secretary .....	Lisa
Treasurer .....	Ken
Web Admin / Newsletter .....	Wayne
Librarian .....	Alex
Refreshments .....	Elaine

## President's Message

Happy New Year to Everyone !

A quick reminder to all ... there is NOT a meeting at Olbrich Gardens this month. Instead, members that signed up, will be at the Annual Holiday Dinner on Thursday Jan-12th at Imperial Gardens at University Avenue and Allen Boulevard in Middleton. Cocktail hour starts at 6pm and dinner at 7pm (details on page 2). I heard that Santa may have bonsai gifts for the good members that attend; **please confirm your attendance** with Mary.

As I am writing this we are getting some of the coldest weather yet, so hopefully your trees are all tucked away for their winter nap.

While there is not a meeting at Olbrich in January, we should all be thinking about how we are doing with the winter storage of our trees. My trees have been enjoying their rebuilt home (see picture on page 2) which is hovering in the low 30's now for several weeks. Don't forget that even though the

trees are dormant they will need some hydration and monitoring for issues over the next few months. Also, remember that while our plants are generally in winter storage, there are plenty of things you can and should be thinking about and doing to prepare for their emergence.

Looking forward to our next meeting at Olbrich in February, our Vice President has lined up a guest speaker to give a presentation on a related art form — **Japanese wood block prints**. I will let Mary give you more information in our February newsletter. Mary will preside over the February meeting as I will be in Oregon for a week of training with my teacher Ryan Neil.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Dinner. --- Ron

## Recap of Dec-8th meeting

Our Dec-8th meeting at Olbrich Gardens had over 25 members in attendance, but no first-time attendees. Presiding over his first BBS meeting as President, RonF presented a tentative schedule for meetings and workshops for 2023 (see page 3) and announced that BBS members can get a discount from [SuperFly Bonsai](#); see an officer for details if you were not in attendance. Jason and Skyler were approved by the membership as Board-Members-At-Large for the BBS Board of Directors. Ron also reminded all about dues for 2023; Mary circulated the sign-up for the Annual

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Dinner Jan-12th, and a sign-up sheet to bring treats to monthly meetings – note that we are now asking for 2 members to bring treats for each monthly meeting (if you signed up, Elaine will call you in advance to remind you).

Show-n-Tell included: Skyler showed his American Larch (that we have seen off-and-on since June) after his winter defoliation and cutback; Zach discussed restyling of the Colorado Blue Spruce he acquired from Ralph; JonB talked about his Korean Hornbeam (from Chris) and Shimpaku Juniper and his restyling / design discussions of these trees in workshops he attended with Mauro Stemberger at Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook-IL; and finally Karl showed a small [kintsugi](#)-ed pot with dwarf schefflera that he indicated has smaller leaves and much shorter internodes than typically expected.

Thanks to all contributors and to Lisa for photos.

Mary discussed preliminary details and interest in a program on Japanese Wood Block Prints; the membership agreed this would be of interest, so Mary is setting this up for our Feb-9-2023 BBS meeting (see some "ticklers" on page 3).

Finally thanks to all that brought along Christmas treats – a nice return to a yearly tradition.

### Jan-12-2023 Membership Dinner ...

Our BBS annual membership dinner is ON this year! It will be on our regular Thursday meeting date - January 12th - drinks at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. This will be banquet style with an egg roll, tea and 5 entries to pass around. The cost is \$23.00 per person with tax and tip included in your separate checks (your drinks are NOT included in that cost). This is a BBS-members only — and their guest(s) — event.

and will be held at Imperial Gardens — located at University Avenue and Allen Boulevard on the west side of Madison. This evening should be especially enjoyable as we had to miss this the last two years. A reminder and details was mailed out to the BBS membership on Jan-4th.

***Please confirm your attendance with Mary.***

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

### Ron's Winter Storage



### BBS Annual Dues are due ...

Please make every effort to get your dues paid ASAP.



### Show'n'Tell from Dec-8th meeting ...

RonF (left) and JonB's Shimpaku



(below) Zach: Colorado Blue Spruce



Karl: Schefflera



(above) Skyler: Larch

(below) JonB: Korean Hornbeam - before / after "guy-wiring"





Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

### [Winter Shohin School \(Portland-OR\)](#)

Jan-28 and Jan-29-2023; cost \$250  
from Jonas Dupich (of Bonsai Tonight):  
Winter Shohin School is our premeir event,  
held this January in Portland, Oregon. A  
weekend seminar (with lectures, group  
exercises, critiques, demos and workshops), an  
exhibition of shohin bonsai, and a markplace of  
shohin goods make up the Winter Shohin  
School. ([details here](#)).

### [Prairie State Bonsai Society Winter Silhouette Exhibit \(Wheaton-IL\)](#)

Feb-18-2023: 10 am to 4 pm  
A Silhouette exhibit displays the bonsai  
without leaves which may seem a little strange,  
but it is a great time to see the trees' structure,  
especially the ramification.

### **Dec-8th Meeting Door Prizes**

Congratulations to our door prize winners of pots:  
TimO, JohnK and JohnR. Thanks Tamaki for  
giveaway of chopsticks.

About the [E. B. Van Vleck collection of Japanese prints at the Chazen Museum of Art](#) (in Madison-WI).

During the 1980s, John Hasbrouk Van Vleck and  
his wife Abigail donated more than 4,000 Japanese  
woodblock prints to the Chazen in memory of his  
father, Edward Burr Van Vleck, a mathematics  
professor at UW–Madison from 1906 to 1929.

E. B. Van Vleck began to collect Japanese prints  
around 1909. His most substantial acquisition, in  
the late 1920s, consisted of approximately 4,000  
prints that had been owned by Frank Lloyd Wright.  
E. B. Van Vleck continued to buy and sell prints  
throughout his life. After his death, the collection  
was cared for by John Hasbrouk and Abigail.

The works record the history of Japanese  
printmaking from the late-18th into the 20th  
century. The 19th-century artist Utagawa Hiroshige  
is well represented; in fact some 2,200 prints make  
it one of the most extensive Hiroshige holdings in  
the world. The Van Vleck collection also has fine  
examples by Hokusai, Harunobu, Shunsho,  
Toyonobu, and many 20th-century shin-hanga  
artists such as Hasui and Yoshida.

3690 results can be viewed online.

Currently 2 pieces are on view at the museum

### Tentative 2023 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

Jan-12-2023 - no regular meeting ... member-and  
guest(s)-only dinner ... *see details on page 2*

Feb-9 - Japanese Woodblock Prints

Mar-9 - Repotting Basics

March-?? - Bonsai Foundation Course, session 4

Apr-?? - Milwaukee Bonsai burning bush dig

Apr-13 - Prepping for annual show, incorporating  
accent plants (kusamono)

April-?? - Bonsai Foundation Course, session 5

May-11 - Fertilization Basics - What, When,  
How Much, Why

May-20 and May-21 - BBS 2023 Annual Show

Jun-8 - Pruning and partial defoliation tips

Jul-13 - Wound work and wiring

Aug-10 - Late summer work

Sep-14 - Wiring and styling

Oct-12 - Fall preparation

Nov-9 - Winter preparation

Dec-14 - Holiday treats, Suiseki/Viewing Stones

### ***Potential Workshops for 2023:***

April — Repotting

July — Pruning / Wiring / Partial Defoliation

September — Wiring / Styling

### ***Recent Links and Info of Interest***

Bonsai Mirai: [Turn Nursery Stock into Shohin](#)

Chazen Museum of Art: [Wood Block Prints](#)

Info from [2016 Exhibition](#)

This survey of Japanese printmaking included  
more than a hundred of the most famous works  
in the museum's collection, including early  
prints that are **so light-sensitive** that they are  
not placed on view more than **once in a decade**.  
Prints from the last half of the eighteenth  
century, the nineteenth and twentieth centuries  
show the mastery of the printmakers and their  
transformation of the medium in response to  
changing times.

***See more info about this collection to left.***