



BADGER BONSAI NEWS

August 2023

President's Message

By Ron Fortmann

Our summer of warm temps and lack of consistent rain continues. So with these issues at hand I think it is a good time to take a deep dive into watering, the life-line of our trees. I will go over many of the aspects of watering our trees. We are going to look into the following:

- Sources of water
- Characteristics of water
- Function of water
- Application of water
- Questions you should be considering when you are deciding if you should water now or later.

I hope this discussion opens your eyes into way watering is so important to keeping healthy bonsai.

I will also give a recap of the show at the Wisconsin State Fair (all three judged sessions).

Road construction continues near Olbrich. Visit the [City of Madison Engineering page](#) for the latest update.

See you Thursday.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

BBS August Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 6:30–8:00 pm
Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Avenue

Agenda:

- Deep dive into watering
- Late summer work

July Meeting

What to do with our trees at this time of year, pruning, and wound sealers were the topic of July's meeting. Ron discussed the three aspects of the drought that made a lack of rain even more dangerous for our trees: sun, wind, and low humidity.

Ron also shared logistics around showing at the upcoming State Fair and opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

The fair will run through August 13. The Rotating Bonsai Display presented by the Milwaukee Bonsai Society is in the Grand Champion Building.



Raffle Prize Winners

Clockwise from top:

Karl will take home two pots. His daughter, right, who used to come to meetings with Karl when she was little, is excited for him.

Skyler is the winner of a nice Ficus specimen.

Wayne wins a training pot with knobs to tie guy wires and extra holes for air root pruning. A useful tool for any bonsai enthusiast's arsenal.



Show & Tell



[45th Annual Mid-America
Bonsai Exhibition,](#)
Chicago Botanic Garden,
August 18-20

Milwaukee Bonsai Society



Saturday Exhibit 10-5 pm
Sunday Exhibit 10-3 pm

52nd Annual Bonsai Exhibit

August 26 – 27 2023

Bjorn Bjorholm

Exhibit Trees | Trees in Training | Demonstration | Vendors | Raffles | Artist Workshops*

*Registration and fee



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Alex's new Eastern red cedar battled an ant colony, and cedar apple rust and lived to tell the tale.



Zach told us about how his bald cypress clump made it through winter and is thriving.

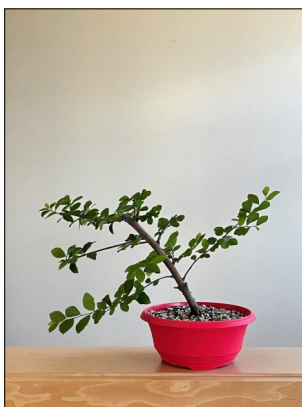
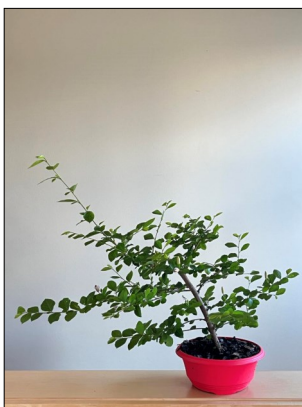


Colin's recent acquisition, a Japanese flowering quince exposed root clump has some great potential.

Member Stories



Hello from Crater Lake. Bonsai inspiration everywhere!
- Ken



Lavender star flower, before and after. - Paolo



Thanks for the weeping larch, Thaddeus!

- Skyler



Of
Interest
on the Web

A few of our suggestions for further study on what's happening this month in the world of bonsai.

[Should I fertilize my decandled pines in summer?](#)

-Bonsai Tonight (Blog Post)

[Bonsai Time Capsule: Centuries-Old Bonsai in the Japanese Imperial Bonsai collection](#)

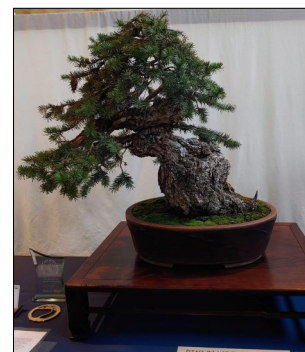
-Stone Lantern (Bonsai Bark Post)

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BBS members only platform for sharing tips, advice, and inspiration between monthly meetings



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Just some of the trees on display at the Prairie State Bonsai Show this weekend. - Jason