



BADGER BONSAI NEWS

February 2024

President's Message

By Ron Fortmann

Well two weeks into January, winter finally arrived to remind us where we live. Hopefully all your trees are tucked in for the remainder of our winter season. Don't forget to water when needed. It is also a great time to review your collection and plan for the actions needed in 2024. Things like which trees need to be repotted, do you have all the items you will need to do that? Inventory your soil, pots, wire, drain screens, top dressing, and tools. Be ready for when the time comes.

It was great to see those able to attend at our holiday gathering at Imperial Garden and hope everyone enjoyed the time with bonsai friends and good Chinese food. The bonus was that Santa left some bonsai gifts for all those who attended.

For our February meeting Sharon will share with us her experiences making 3D printed pots. This will be a treat for those of us who have been curious about the magic of 3D printing, and I personally am looking forward to seeing Sharon's creations and learning more about the technology.

I will also have photos of a Viewing Stone show at the Huntington Museum in Pasadena California where my longtime teacher Ted Matson is curator for the bonsai collection. There are over 400 trees in the collection and usually about 140 on display between the Japanese (Bonsai) and Chinese (Penjing) Gardens. There are only two on the bonsai staff so they rely heavily on volunteers. Most of the trees in the collection have been donated. I will also have pictures of some of the trees that were currently not out in the display areas

that we can discuss and take inspiration from.

The other item that we will take some time with is reviewing the responses that have been submitted to our member survey. These responses will influence the direction we take this year for the club. Although the survey is now closed for participation, we hope you'll share any ideas you have at the meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BBS FEBRUARY MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 6:30—8:00 pm

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave, Madison

AGENDA:

Sharon's 3D Printed Pots

Survey Results

Ron's Visit to Huntington Museum

January Holiday Gathering



CLUB OFFICERS AND ROLES

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Of Interest on the Web

[Badger Bonsai Society Member Group](#)

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



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

[The Art of Penjing](#)

- *Huntington Museum*

[Things to do in February](#)

- *Prairie State Bonsai Society (Blog Post)*

[The Best Bonsai How-To Book We've Seen in a Long Time](#) - *Bonsai Bark (Blog Post)*

[Negishi Bonsai Watering Cans](#)

- *Eastern Leaf (Video)*



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Pay Your 2024 BBS Membership Dues

Badger Bonsai Society now has several ways to pay membership dues besides checks and cash. For those renewing in January, dues effective January 1, 2024 are:

Individual - \$30

Family - \$40

Student - \$20

How to Pay

Zelle (preferred)

Many banks allow you to transfer funds directly from your personal checking account to BBS without fees. Simply log into your bank/credit union account and select "Send Money with Zelle." Assuming this option is available with your bank, you may have to set this up if it's your first time using it.

Once set up, simply send a payment to badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com. In the notes field, write your name and indicate the payment is for 2024 dues.



Paypal

If you have a personal PayPal account you can make a payment to badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com at no charge to you. Use this quick link <https://paypal.me/badgerbonsai> or

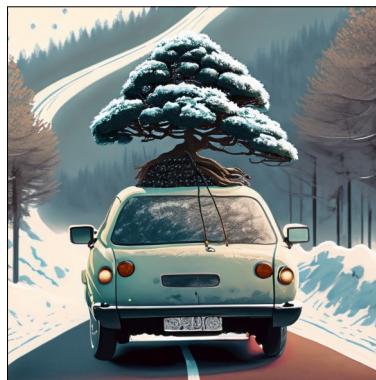
scan the QR code to expedite the process. Funds will be drawn either from your bank account or credit card as you choose. In the notes field, write your name and indicate that the payment is for 2024 dues.

Check

Bring a personal check made out to "Badger Bonsai Society" to one of our monthly meetings for the Treasurer, Ken. If you prefer to mail your check, send an email to badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com and we will send you Ken's home address.

Cash (least preferred)

Ken will write you a receipt if you pay with cash at one of our monthly meetings. Exact change is greatly appreciated.



Need a Ride to Meetings?

Let us know by sending an email to badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com and we'll arrange for someone who lives nearby to pick you up.

SAVE THE DATE!



Bringing the best to the Midwest!

Join us for a unique bonsai experience at the center of it all.
\$7500 in prizes, top quality vendors and workshops

MAY 3-5, 2024 | ST. LOUIS, MO

Save the Date May 9 - 12, 2024
In Coordination with
Meijer Gardens Michigan All- State Bonsai Show

Guest Artists

ABS Learning Seminars

- Demonstrations
- New Talent Contest
- Cash Awards
- Vendors
- Banquet
- Welcome Reception

FREDERIK MEIJER Gardens & Sculpture Park

West Michigan Bonsai Club

Additional guests

Hugo Zamora
Jack Sustic
Suthin Sukosolvisit

Steve Jetzer
Mark Fields
Kurtis Smith
Matt Spinniken
Tim Priest

BADGER BONSAI Society

Annual Exhibit
May 18 –19, 2024

The 53rd Annual Bonsai Exhibit

Presented by
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
June 7-9, 2024

An exhibit of the best trees of our members
With Special Guest
Rick Garcia

Explore the ancient art of miniature trees. See the bonsai exhibit and beginner-friendly presentations on growing your own bonsai.

Admission to exhibit is free.
Saturday June 8, 10 am-5 pm
Sunday, June 9, 10 am-3 pm

Boerner Botanical Gardens
in Whitnall Park
9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130
(414) 525-5600
Multi-Media Room on the Lower Level

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

www.milwaukeebonsai.org

SATURDAY Feb. 24
10 am to 4 pm

The 4th Annual Prairie State Bonsai Society
Winter Silhouette Bonsai Exhibit
Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL.