



# BADGER BONSAI NEWS

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## President's Message

By Alex S

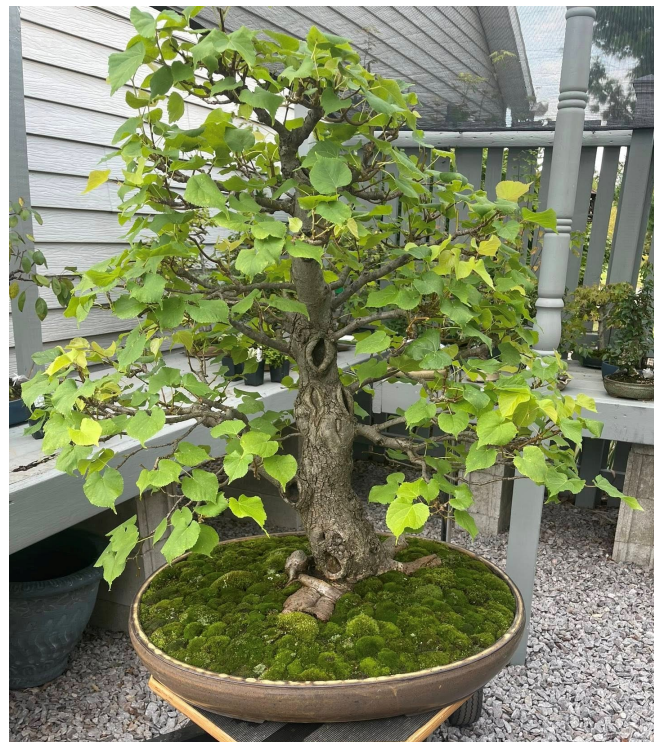
Hello Badger Bonsai Society!

Two things:

We've had a few nights dipping into the 50s, which means it's about time to start bringing in those tropics before they get stressed. Better to move them now than risk a surprise cold snap. This also means giving them a good look-over. Pests love to crop up at this critical transition and we don't want to stress the trees any more that we already do! My go-to is a spray-on insecticide. No special brand.

Also, a big highlight—the [National Show](#) is happening this coming weekend, September 13th and 14th. Even more exciting, our own member Ron will be participating! That's a big deal, and we're proud to have him representing our club on the national stage.

See you all soon!



Ron's little leaf linden is nearly ready for its debut at the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, NY.

UPCOMING  
EVENT

**September 11, 6:30 to 9:00 pm**

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens**  
3330 Atwood Ave, Madison

**AGENDA:**

- Schefflera demonstration
- Fall pest control
- Strategies for overwintering topicals and kusamono
- Member Q&A.



# SHOW *and* TELL



Some members brought in the kusamono they had created at the Young Choe workshops.



Others showed the progress on some special trees. From left, Sharon discussed the multiple trunks/ariel roots and robust growth of her tiger bark ficus, Alex talked about the direction he's taking his Fukien tea, and Skyler discussed next steps for his Hawaiian umbrella, which he grew from a cutting.





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## Of Interest on the Web



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

[Bonsai Wiring for Beginners](#)

- Waukusa Bonsai

[The Tree Progressions \(Smoke and Mirrors\)](#)

- California Bonsai Art

[Collecting Deciduous Trees for Bonsai in Autumn](#)

- Bonsai4Me



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## August Meeting



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The topic of our August meeting was tropicals, with one tropical in particular the center of attention.

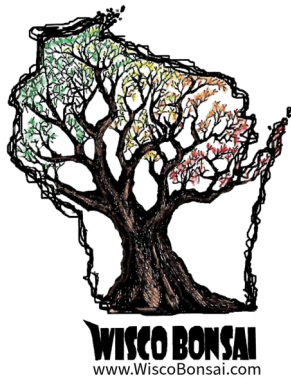
Paulo told the entertaining story of his willow leaf ficus (*Ficus Nerifolia/Salisafolia*), complete with a visual presentation of its transition from a tree with an uncertain future to a best-in-show worthy specimen.

His was a story many of us can relate to and one we can certainly learn from, with the greatest takeaway being that bonsai is a journey with risks and rewards. Skills can be learned and talents developed if we have the patience to stick with it and keep building our knowledge.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

WISCO BONSAI  
SEPTEMBER FEST  
3 Days of Work-  
shops with Special  
Artists!!!



September 26-28 at  
Wisco Bonsai, Sussex, WI  
Register at [Wiscobonsai@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscobonsai@gmail.com)

**Friday, Sept 26** - beginner/intermediate workshop (byo) 12pm – 4pm with Kevin Stoeveken (owner Wisco Bonsai). simply bring a tree, grab a seat and get some guidance. Fun and loose. \$25 per person.

**Saturday, Sept 27** - 2 workshops, both 10am - 4pm (could end earlier) Social time to follow.

**Workshop 1** - byo styling workshop with Brian Susler of Night Owl Bonsai. One of the most respected Wisconsin Bonsai Artists will help you take your material to the next level. Brian is in high demand and is difficult to access and never at this price ! Think Conifers at this time of year ! \$75.00 per person. \* limit 6 people

**Workshop 2** - Material provided. Large Japanese Maple workshop with Houston Sanders. If you don't already know, Houston is widely respected for his growing capabilities, and the varied & unusual species he keeps. You have likely seen his work on display at the Chicago show on behalf of his imaginary friend & mentor Jose Sandoval ! LOL He is providing large Japanese Maples for this workshop. \$200 per person (including material!) \* limit 8 people.

**Sunday Sept 28** - 2 workshops, both 10am - 4pm (could end earlier) Social time to follow.

**Workshop 1** - byo styling workshop with Elle Nieto-Brodnick of Chicago. For those who have paid attention to her Bonsai career, you know that she has travelled the world to study her craft with the best. her eye for design is very well developed & is an excellent teacher. As her star rises, it will be difficult to access her at this price. \$75.00 per person. \* limit 6 people

**Workshop 2** - Material provided Shohin Itoigawa Junipers with Mark Fields of Indianapolis. Mark needs no introduction as he is a very well known artist and a master of Shohin Bonsai, consistently winning Best Shohin Display across the nation. \$200 per person (Material provided !) \* limit 10 People

All workshops are free and open to the public for “silent” observation (silent or not being at the artists discretion)

**\*NOTE: ALL WORKSHOP PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE ARTISTS !!!**

