



BADGER BONSAI NEWS

February 2026

President's Message

By Alex S.

February may feel quiet in the bonsai world, but that makes it the *perfect* time to focus on structure and learning. This month we're bringing back one of our favorite meetings from last year: the Silhouette Show! For deciduous trees with leaves out of the way, it's a great chance to really see trunk lines, branching, and overall design. Bring a tree to show off and enjoy seeing everyone else's work in its winter form. Again, even if we call it a "show," there's no pressure!

We'll also have a presentation from Skyler on fringe styles—those unconventional, less-talked-about approaches that push bonsai design beyond the usual rules. It should be an interesting and inspiring look at thinking outside the pot.

Bundle up, bring a tree, and come enjoy a meeting that proves winter bonsai is anything but boring.



Thank you to everyone who came out to our annual holiday dinner in January!



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.

**UPCOMING
EVENT**

February 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave, Madison

AGENDA:

- Second Annual Silhouette Show
- Fringe Styles

Holiday Dinner

Nearly 40 members and guests came out for our annual holiday dinner at Imperial Garden in Middleton. We enjoyed the chance to mingle and get to know each other a bit better, and a good time was had by all!



Of Interest on the Web



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

[A Perfect Example of Great Bonsai Ramification](#)

- *Bonsai Bark*

[Improving Ramification in Deciduous Bonsai Using Partial Defoliation](#)

- *Bonsai 4me*

[Pinching Versus Pruning](#)

- *Bonsai Mirai*



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

Have some news to share?

Submit articles, ideas, photos, and events to the Newsletter Editor at badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com

Have you Paid Your Dues?

With the new year comes renewal—and that includes membership renewals. Your continued participation and support help keep our club vibrant, educational, and growing.

Membership dues can be paid on our [website](#), via Paypal, check, or cash. If you're renewing in January or February, dues are: Individual -\$30 Family - \$40 Student - \$20.

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 2026 dues.

Bring a personal check made out to “Badger Bonsai Society” to one of our monthly meetings for the Treasurer, John. If you prefer to mail your check, send an email to badgerbonsaisociety@gmail.com and we will send you John's home address. For cash payments (least preferred) John will write you a receipt if you pay with cash at one of our monthly meetings. Exact change is greatly appreciated.



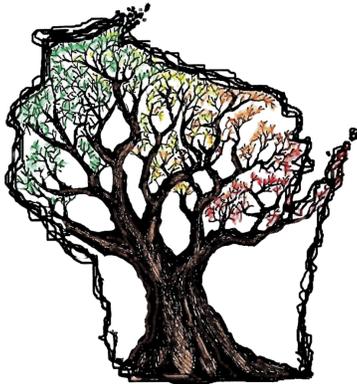
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Winter Project

Alex built this winter enclosure for a simple but effective solution for keeping tropical bonsai healthy and happy through the colder months. Built from a lightweight PVC frame and wrapped in a clear tarp, it helps trap warmth and maintain consistent humidity. Grow lights are mounted at the top of the structure, providing the steady light tropical trees need when natural sunlight is limited.

The enclosed design creates a stable, greenhouse-like environment that protects trees from cold drafts and dry indoor air. Future plans include adding a fan and a humidifier on timers to gently circulate fresh air and fine-tune humidity levels—making this a cozy, well-balanced winter home for tropical bonsai until spring returns.



Check out Kevin's new and updated website and store!

Mark your Calendars for SEPTEMBER FEST at Wisco Bonsai with even more visiting artists!

September 18, 19, & 20!

WISCO BONSAI
www.WiscoBonsai.com

BBS 2026 CALENDAR

February 12 - Second Annual Silhouette Show. Fringe styles

March 12 - Potapalooza!

April 9 - Repotting workshop.

May 14 - Show preparations. Members bring trees for consult and missing instruction.

May 16-17 - Badger Bonsai Annual Exhibit at Olbrich Botanical Gardens