



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

Promoting and Enjoying the Ancient Art of Bonsai Since 1972

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NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 2012

6:30–8:00 p.m.
Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave. Madison, WI

MEETING AGENDA:

Time to start thinking about the upcoming Bonsai season. This month we'll overview a handful of basic equipment and discuss how to get started on the right foot.

FEATURE ELEMENT: TOOLS AND SPRING PREP.

CLUB OFFICERS:

- President**Matthew
- Vice President** Beau
- Communications** Devon
- Treasurer** Gary
- Secretary/Librarian / Newsletter** Greg
- Refreshments** Elaine
- Past President** Tim

president's Message

By: Matthew

Hola Amigos,

Here we are in the middle of another Wisconsin winter. We've been lucky with a mild one so far. As some of you know I spent some time in Costa Rica in January for a school related trip. I was not able to see any bonsai during my time there, but I do have some pictures of great tropical trees in their natural environment. Hopefully I can share these with you during our February meeting.

As there is not much to do with trees during these frigid months, we will review what bonsai is and how it is achieved. I know that sounds incredibly vague, I apologize. If you have friends who are interested in getting into the hobby, this would be a good meeting to bring them to.

In other news, the Garden Expo is happening this month. I'm sure we will spend some time talking about this event during our upcoming meeting since it begins the very next day. I have eight 3-day exhibitor passes for volunteers but only one parking permit. perhaps we can come up with some kind of shuttle system. I do have in my possession some tee shirts that will be available at the meeting. It would be neat if those of us who are volunteering time could wear one. I worked with my good friend Aaron on the design. I think it's pretty cool. You are not required to buy one, but I strongly encourage it. It'll be fun. shirts purchased for the Expo will be sold at cost, after that they will be a couple bucks more. All profit goes the club.

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Hope to see you all on the ninth!
-Matthew

GARDEN Expo

Calling All Badger Bonsai Society Members – It is not what the club can do for you; it is what you can do for your club?

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We have divided the time necessary to “Occupy” the booth into manageable segments of three hours maximum. We are trying to have 3 people available at each session this way you can take breaks and do some browsing yourself at the other booths. With that said, only 21 volunteers are needed (6 on Friday; 9 on Saturday; 6 on Sunday) to fill all the time slots. There may be a need for a couple of people for set-up and tear-down but this should be minimal as we will only have flyers / business cards and possibly a couple of trees.

We have three main objectives to inform the general public and make them aware of:

- Badger Bonsai Society exists and is here to be a resource for bonsai information in the area
- Badger Bonsai Society presents a wonderful FREE show for the public in May
- Our third goal is to fill the two public workshops (20 people maximum in each session) during our annual show. participants will create their own bonsai tree as part of that workshop (reservations to participate will be required) BBS membership included for 2012 as part of that package, along with help from BBS members
- Badger Bonsai Society is also presenting a “knowledge/information workshop” on Saturday, February 11th at noon which is free to those at the Garden Expo at that time.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting and if you cannot make that event, please contact Ron F at **email and phone number removed** to make your commitment to occupy the booth. Times are the following (3 people per session):

- Friday, Feb.10th 4:00pm to 6:30pm**
- Friday, Feb.10th 6:30pm to 9:00pm**
- Saturday, Feb.11th 9:00am to noon**
- Saturday, Feb.11th noon to 3:00pm**
- Saturday, Feb.11th 3:00pm to 6:00pm**
- Sunday, Feb.12th 10:00am to 1:00pm**
- Sunday, Feb.12th 1:00pm to 4:00pm**
- Please beat the booth about 10 minutes before your start time and be willing to overlap if necessary
- We will ask for a phone contact so that we can remind you a day or so before and call you if you do not show up at your appointed time to make sure you are OK and on your way to the booth
- You will be provided a entry ticket to the Garden Expo for your volunteered time which will allow you the ability to access many other programs each day
- We ask that you pay for your parking to help BBS save funds for better bonsai opportunities

So Please consider how you can help your club at this event.

Bonsai Pots for Sale



The following email was sent to info@badgerbonsai.net. In an effort to not spread this gentleman's email on the internet unnecessarily, if you are interested, please email info@badgerbonsai.net and I will connect you with the seller. - Devon

Hi, I have 33 bonsai pots to sell, most are unglazed Japanese brown pots from the 60s & 70s, with a few earlier glazed & decorated "jade tree" type pots and a few later Korean ones. Size ranges from 19" trays to 3" ones. I attached a photo. Asking \$100 for group or best offer.

A Year in the Life of a Bonsai

By Ron F

A new monthly feature that I will be bringing the club during 2012 will be the ongoing care and maintenance of a tree throughout the year. At the February meeting I will introduce the tree that we will be following. Each month we will discuss what actions should be done at that time of year and what the tree has done over the past month and what to watch and look forward to in the coming month.

Vendor News

Ancient Arts Bonsai will be able to accept major credit cards for your purchases in 2012, see Ron F for exact details.



Annual Dues

If you've not already paid your annual dues, now is the time. Stop by and see Gary, Thank him for his years of continued, committed service and perhaps consider taking the treasurer post off his hands.

Membership dues are \$25/year (individual) or \$35/year (family).

More information here: badgerbonsai.net/membership

