



BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING:

May 11 | 6:30

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI

MEETING AGENDA:

Bonsai display: We'll look at some image
of preparing your tree to show.

CLUB OFFICERS:

PresidentKarl
Treasurer Gary
CommunicationsDevon
RefreshmentsElaine

President's Message

It is always a great delight to see all the trees waking up every spring. Among these spring gifts are the redbuds. The redbuds stand pretty much inconspicuous for 50 weeks out of the year. But for two weeks at the end of April they are spectacular! They, and a few other species, produce blossoms before the foliage appears, so the blossoms are not hidden by any foliage. So as I drive down the street every block or two I am treated to a beautiful display of red blossoms, and I say to myself, "I didn't realize there was a redbud in that yard!" They are hardy to zone 4 so we shouldn't have to worry about winter survival too much. The other flowering trees are equally spectacular, like the crabapples, and forsythias, and wild plums. Even the maples have beautiful colors as the leaf buds begin to open. This spring awakening is anticipated even



more so for our bonsai. Yes, we did everything we could and should do to get the trees through the winter. But, one never knows how the trees fared during the winter. Did it get too cold? Did the temperature bounce back and forth across the freezing temperature too often? Did the rodents chew off all the tender growth, or worse, girdle the tree? Did the trees have adequate moisture? So when we are bringing our trees out of winter storage and see the buds swelling and ready to go, it is always a welcome relief.

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At the personal level, a few interesting tidbits. Two trees – a shimpaku and a Japanese maple – had fallen off the bench last fall unnoticed by me – and spent the entire winter laying on the ground. Both seem to be fine. A few small pots that didn't get removed from the benches because they were frozen in place, cracked over the winter. Not a great financial loss, but a reminder that we can't be careless without consequences. One trident maple didn't get put away early enough and endured temperatures in the teens. That degree of cold probably did it in, but I shall wait and see if it will leaf out. Those appear to be the only losses – everything else is coming back to life.

Nursery Crawl – Saturday May 6

See Devon's attachment regarding this annual event. Folks new to this hobby oftentimes have difficulty determining what makes for a good potential bonsai. "Why buy this plant instead of that one?" There will be enough veteran club members on this crawl to help explain what to look for in picking out nursery stock. Join us at the beginning or anywhere along the route. Leave whenever you would like. No attendance required, no tests, no obligations. Just fun.

Calendar of Events

May 6: Nursery crawl

May 11: Monthly meeting BBS 6:30 pm

May 13: Makers Faire, Monona Terrace

May 20-21: BBS Show Olbrich Gardens

May 25-28: Brussels Rendezvous
Olive Branch, MS

June 18: Milwaukee Bonsai Collection

July 7-8: MABA – Indianapolis, IN



May 20-21 Annual Badger Bonsai Society Show
The annual show of the Badger Bonsai Society will occur May 20-21 at Olbrich Garden. Saturday the show runs from 9-4:30 and Sunday 10-4:30. Be sure to post as many fliers as you can – at work, at your grocery store, at the library, at nurseries, etc. Admission is free and parking is free. The Saturday 11 am demonstration will be done by Tim; the Saturday 1:30 demonstration by Devon; the Sunday 11 am demonstration by Karl; and the Sunday 1:30 demonstration by Mary. With Brian's relocation to California, we will have need for a few more trees, so plan on bringing one or two more. There is always much to do at the last minute, so don't wait to start getting your trees ready. Mary will have

sign-up sheets at the May meeting for help with set-up and tear-down, front table greeters, tree monitors, and other responsibilities.

8th World Bonsai Convention – Saitama, Japan
The 8th World Bonsai Convention has just concluded in Japan. This event occurs every fourth year, with the very first convention in 1989 in Japan. It moves to different locations in subsequent years, like the Olympics. Judging from blogs that I have read, this year convention was spectacular. Goggle Bill Valavanis' web page for pictures. I don't know how the judges can evaluate the trees when each entry is like a national treasure! Such great trees.

Madison Mini Maker Faire®

Maker's Fairs – May 13

The following members have expressed an interest in helping at the Makers Faire to be held at Monona Terrace on Saturday May 13 from 10 am – 5 pm: Will, Mary, Devon, Orion, Molly.

Our booth will have two chairs and an eight foot table. I would like our volunteers to be able to work two or three hours. You are then free to roam the faire or to leave. I will be calling the above members to set up specific times and to verify you are still interested in helping. If you want to bring a tree to work on that would help show the public what we do. Admission to the Faire is free for our volunteers, but parking is not included.

Library and Librarian

Devon has been serving as our librarian and would like to step down from this responsibility. So we need someone to take over for him. It is not an onerous task. We have a collection of books and magazines. In the old days the librarian would bring the entire collection to the meetings. Over the years the collection has grown to make this unworkable. So the librarian only needs to bring materials that have been requested. Once an inventory of the collection has been made we will send out an email informing members what is available. Then you need to send an email to the new librarian telling him/her what to bring. Devon can answer questions you have regarding this position.



BBS Annual Dues

If you've not already paid your annual dues, now is the time.

To pay your dues, see Gary; Treasurer

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

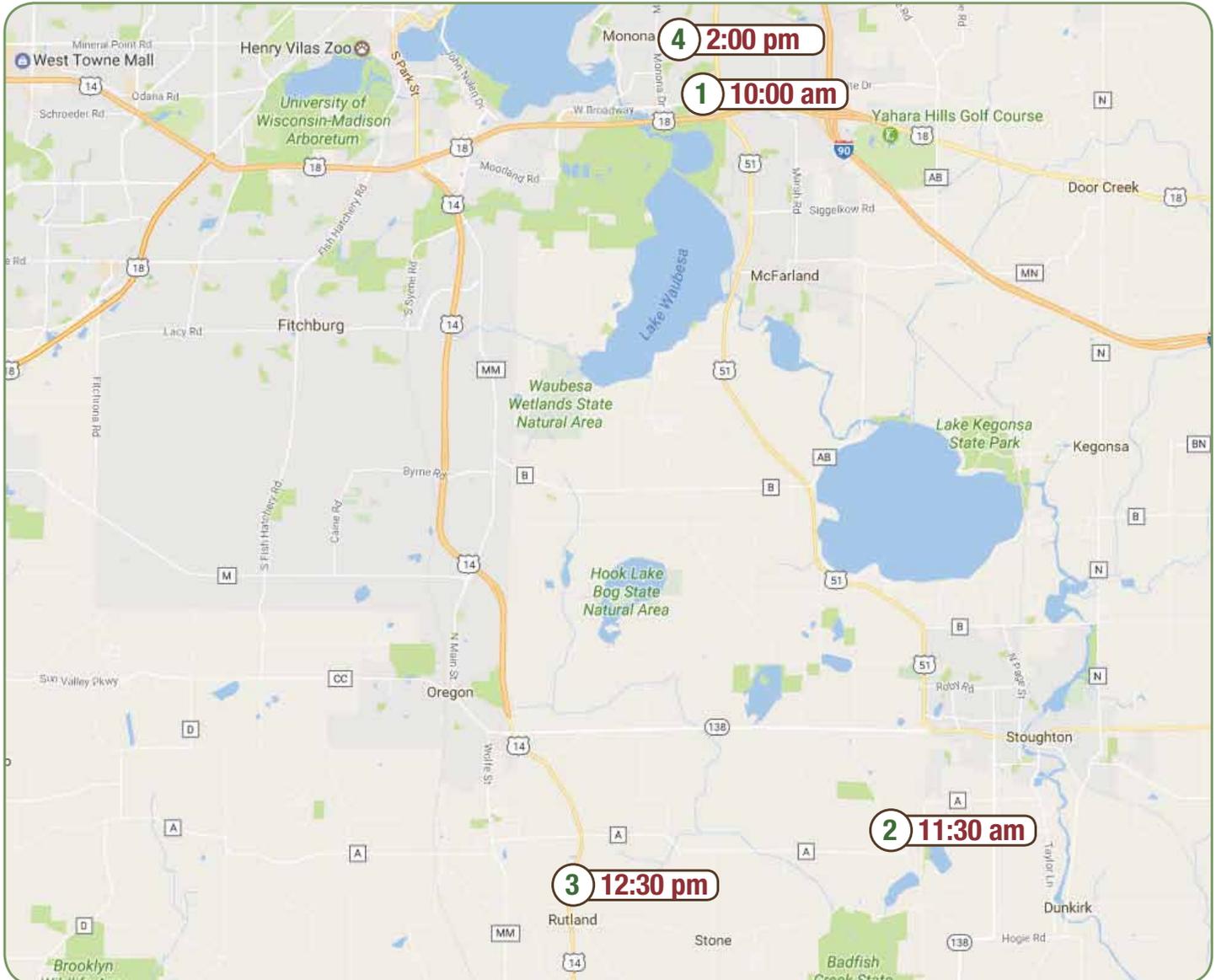
More information here:
badgerbonsai.net/membership

If your dues are still outstanding, please see Gary soon and make arrangements.

BBS Nursery Crawl | May 6, 2017

Nursery Crawl Itinerary

Join us from the beginning or at any time along the way. If you have to leave before the end, that's fine, too. Included below are times, addresses and phone numbers for each establishment. If you are looking for a certain species, it's recommend you call ahead.



(1) 10 am Menards

6401 Copps Avenue, Monona
(608) 221-9100

(3) 12:30 pm Stonewall Nursery

763 Hwy 14, Oregon
(608) 835-8590

(2) 11:30 am Moyer's Landscape Services

936 Starr School Rd, Stoughton
(608) 873-9141

**(4) 2:00 pm Edo Japanese Restaurant
[LUNCH/DINNER]**

6309 Monona Drive, Monona
(608) 226-9828

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Saturday 9:00-4:30
Sunday 10:00-4:30

Demonstrations
11am & 1:30pm