



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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### Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Apr-8-2021 | 6:30 to 8:00pm  
Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

### AGENDA:

April Digs, May Annual Show, demo 1st potting

### CLUB OFFICERS:

Co-President ..... Wayne / Bill  
Vice President ..... Mary  
Treasurer ..... Gary  
Web Master / Newsletter ..... Wayne  
Librarian ..... Ben  
Refreshments ..... Elaine

## President's Message

Wow, finally we are seeing a few big changes this month. In Wisconsin, it finally looks like the weather is starting to cooperate with our trees coming out of dormancy, though even as late as last week, there were still a few nights of below 30°F depending on your location. So I hope you monitored your friendly weather reports and reacted appropriately to protect your trees. A bonsai with fresh growth is a terrible thing to waste because of a single night's freezing temperatures. Remember what happened to the apple harvests 2 years ago because of a few freezing nights.

The second big change, and probably just as important, is that we are finally back to our normal face-to-face meeting schedule on Thursday April 8th, from 6:30 to 8pm at Olbrich

Gardens. We are still seeing the effects of COVID-19 though, as masks and safe-distancing are required at Olbrich, and we have a headcount restriction — and at least for April, our meeting will be held in the Atrium; the open area below our normal 2nd floor meeting location.

And most importantly, all plans are full on for our 2021 Annual Show Bonsai Show, open to the public at Olbrich Gardens on Sat May-15th and Sunday May-16th, with 2 demos each day. So get your trees ready, and let us know what your plans are for the show. Are you interested in demonstrating? We still have one available time slot on Sunday afternoon if you are interested in demoing! — *Wayne*

## April Meeting Agenda

The current plans for the Apr-8th meeting includes: a brief introduction of new members (please prepare a brief bio and background on your bonsai / personal interests); an overview of current plans for our May 15th & 16th Annual Show at Olbrich Gardens; sign-up of work crews for the Annual Show; poster handout for Annual Show; details of Tim's Amur Maple dig (see page 2), hoping to finalize a date for April juniper dig; Ron's overview of his (Ancient Arts Bonsai) open house on April-24th (see page 3); show'n'tell items; door prizes and MaryE's potting demonstration.

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## April Demonstration: 1st Potting

Now that our trees are out of their winter dormancy, one of your first activities will be to look into repotting your trees to maximize root development. MaryE has volunteered to demonstrate the first time bonsai potting and root pruning as she transitions a typical nursery-found tree into a future bonsai. Bring your questions.

## Amur Maple Dig

Current and past BBS members are invited to Tim's property on Saturday Apr-10th, from 10am to noon, to dig out amur maples growing on the property. Most are 1 to 6 years of age. Bring your own digging tools, pots (such as a nursery container), and masks for everyone's safety. We do have some shovels and nursery containers, but we might not have enough for everybody. Location details presented at Apr-8th meeting and in a separate email to BBS members.

## Will You Be There ? ...

We will be sending out a separate inquiry to all BBS members and recipients of the meeting notices for their plans to attend the April & May meetings, and the May Annual Show. (If you don't receive those notices ask to be added via the [Contact Us](#) form on the Badger Bonsai Society website). Please let us know by replying to that email or at the April-8th meeting. That inquiry email will also ask for sign ups for the work crews at the Annual Show — you can reply to Mary or sign up at the April-8th meeting.

## Door Prizes

Congratulations to Karl (7" pale green round footed pot) and Tamaki (6x9 japanese unglazed pot). We will have past wins at our upcoming physical meetings in April and May.

If you bring a 'show-n-tell' item to our meetings, you get an extra entry for the door prizes.

# Bonsai Exhibit



Badger Bonsai Society  
Annual Show

May 15 - 16, 2021

Saturday & Sunday: 10am - 4pm

at Olbrich Gardens

FREE Parking and  
FREE Admission to Bonsai Exhibit

Demonstrations each day  
at 11am & 1:30pm  
each with 1 drawing for  
annual BBS membership

COVID — Restrictions: Masks Required,  
Safe-Distancing, Headcount Restrictions per Room



Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3300 Atwood Avenue, Madison-WI

Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

Due to the current COVID-19 situation ... check out the individual websites for current status.

[BC Bonsai](#) activities in April

- Harvesting Trees at Nursery (Paw Paw-IL)
  - Apr 11 & 12, 2021
  - Apr 18 & 19, 2021

See the [BC Bonsai website for event details](#) or call at 630-690-0404 or 630-386-1515.

## [US National Exhibition](#)

Sep 11 – 12, 2021 East Rochester, NY

Join people from around the world for the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, where over 200 of the finest bonsai in the world will be on display.

## Your Saver ...

Do you have a "your saver" that you would like to share with members? See the Dec-2020 BBS newsletter for background and details.

## Ancient Arts Bonsai Open House

April 24th 10am to 3pm

933 Duchess Drive, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Stock up on all your Spring Repotting Needs

- [Soils](#) - Akadama, Japanese Blends, Ancient Arts Mix, Lava rock, Kanuma
- [Pots](#) - over 200 to choose from
- [Trees](#) - Ron just got back from his spring buying trip with 88 new trees

Don't forget about lots of other supplies

Tools, Wire, Fertilizers, Trays, and much more

If you have any questions call or text me at 262-490-8733 or email me at [aabonsai@charter.net](mailto:aabonsai@charter.net)

See the updated [Ancient Arts Bonsai website](#) [aabonsai.com](http://aabonsai.com) — it is a work in process but has pictures of items that I carry, and I am working to add trees in the near future. --- *Ron Fortmann*

our website: [badgerbonsai.net](http://badgerbonsai.net)

Tentative 2021 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)

[Apr-8](#) - MaryE demos the 1st potting of nursery stock; planning for Annual Show in May

[Apr-10](#) - Amur Maple dig at Tim's (see page 2)

[Apr-??](#) - juniper dig ... TBD at Apr-8th meeting

[Apr-24](#) - Ancient Arts Bonsai Open House

10am - 3pm; see notice at lower left

[May-13](#) - RonF demos repotting of an establish bonsai; last minute personal-prepping for show

[May 15 & 16, 2021](#) - Badger Bonsai Society Annual Show at Olbrich Gardens;

- Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm
- demos at 11am and 1:30pm both days (a membership giveaway at each demo)

[Jun-10](#) - TBD

[Jul-8](#) - TBD

[July-2021](#) - no membership picnic

[Aug-12](#) - TBD

[Sep-9](#) - TBD

[Sep-2021](#) - membership picnic ... ???

### *Memorable Bonsai Quotes ...*

Bonsai to me: a little tree in a container that touches my soul. If it speaks to my soul much it is bonsai art. It does not matter at all how it does it as long as it does it. - *Walter Pall*

### *Some Recent Links of Interest*

- from Bonsai Tonight: [Aligning Containers with Bonsai Development Goals](#)
- from Bonsai Tonight: [Repotting Nursery Stock](#)
- Feb-24th Bonsai Wire Podcast (69 minutes): [features a technical discussion about repotting with Michael Hagedorn, Andrew Robson, John Eads and Jonas Dupuich](#)