

MBS BONSAI SKILLS 101

This educational offering is directed to the **novice bonsai hobbyist** who would like to grow in their bonsai understanding, skills and practice. It will include 6 days of classes spread out over the bonsai season from late winter through late autumn, during the months when appropriate work can be performed safely.

There are 12 spots available in the class. The class will be held only if all 12 spots are filled.

The fee for all 6, 6+ hour sessions, will be \$350.00

The instructors will be Brian S and Steve C

The class will be held at Night Owl Bonsai in the River West neighborhood of Milwaukee. There are 12 work stations at the studio.

The class will be structured as a **lecture/demonstration style class**. The earlier part of the day will be spent discussing pertinent topics related to the scope of work that is appropriate for the season at hand. The balance of the time will be spent discussing trees. Some trees might be the presenter's own trees which demonstrate seasonally appropriate work, but most will be the personal trees of the class participants. **One tree will be discussed at a time while the other participants listen** to the issues of the tree presented. All will learn from each tree discussed. **If there is time permitting**, some work might be performed on these trees. Any recommended work will be directed by the instructors and performed by either one of the instructors or by the member themselves, if appropriate.

It should be understood that all will benefit from each tree presented and each person or tree may not receive the EXACT amount of time or attention. A younger tree may be able to be discussed in a shorter time than a larger, more involved tree. Remember that younger trees grow into larger trees and when a younger trees matures, the member will be familiar with the work necessary by observing the procedures done on another member's more mature tree.

The class will be an open, casual, and thorough learning experience... and it is always a lot of fun.

Class dates for the 2024 season:

Saturdays, 9AM-4PM

March 23

April 13

June 15

August 10

October 12

November 9

All classes will be held at:

Night Owl Bonsai
3728 North Fratney Street
In Riverwest
Milwaukee

More class details will be sent when the class has been filled.