What is Bonsai?

The word Bonsai (bone-sigh) is derived from two Japanese characters or word phrases, bon and sai. The “bon” is the pot, tray or container, and the “sai” is the tree, shrub or planting.

You don’t have to be an expert to experience the adventure of bonsai!

About Bonsai

Bonsai began in China and migrated to Japan (where we most associate bonsai). Bonsai combines the sciences of botany and horticulture with the art of design and personal interpretation.

Bonsai is creating living trees and landscapes in miniature. It is not a special dwarf plant, but rather a way of growing, shaping and displaying any kind of woody tree or shrub as a living work of art.

In this art, the appearance of age is desirable. The scars of aging tell a story of the tree’s life and are the source of its character.

Thousands of people all over the world have come to enjoy this miniature expression of nature. Each country and climate has brought its own subtle changes in style, plant variety, methodology, and horticultural practices.

We welcome you to join us in our goal to bring this art and hobby to the people of southeastern Wisconsin.

Your Member Benefits

Monthly Meetings: Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of the month and combine information with hands-on experience.

To learn more about bonsai, attend our monthly meetings at 9:00 am at:

Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Drive Hales Corner WI, 53130.

MBS Newsletter: The MBS newsletter is available monthly online and lists meeting topics, upcoming MBS events and registration deadlines.

MBS Library: The MBS library has an extensive collection of books and magazines for members use.

Guest Artists: Bonsai artists are brought in to allow members to hone individual talents and broaden artistic perspective.

Exhibits and Shows: Members display their own trees and answer questions at local events. This year will mark the MBS 52nd annual exhibit.

Founded in 1969, the Milwaukee Bonsai Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the knowledge and appreciation of Bonsai.

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2023 MBS Membership Form
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Please mail your check or money order to:
Milwaukee Bonsai Society
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 240822
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Or sign up on-line:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/milwaukee-bonsai-society-membership-2023-tickets-491084556127

2023 Schedule

January 7 - Meeting: Bonsai Terms/Tying in a tree
January 14 - Workshop: How to make a pot*

February 4 - Meeting: Creating Root-over-Rock
February 11 - Workshop: Preparing my trees for a show*
February 18 - Class: Novice #1*
February 26 - Winter Silhouette Show (Milw Domes)
March 4 - Meeting: Azaleas
March 4 - Workshop: Azaleas*
March 5 - Workshop: Azaleas*
March 11 - Class: Novice #2*
March 18 - Workshop: Root-over-Rock*
March 25 - Class: Novice #3*
April 1 - Meeting: Watering, Fertilization & Pest Mgt/Bringing trees out of winter
April 1 - Urban Dig
April 15 - Class: Novice #4*
May 6 - Meeting: Air Layering/Repotting Topicals
May 20 - Workshop: Repotting

*Open to MBS members only

May 27 - Class: Novice #5*
June 3 - Meeting: Juniper work/Pruning of Tropicals
July 8 - Meeting: Show Prep/Summer Watering
July 15 - Workshop: Mossing your tree*
August 3-13 - Exhibit: WI State Fair
August 5 - Meeting: Show Display/Mid-summer cutback
August 26-27 - Exhibit: 52nd Annual Exhibit (Lynden Sculpture Gardens)
September 2 - Meeting: Wiring/Final Cutbacks
September 16 - Workshop: Fall Public Workshop
October 7 - Meeting: Pines/Prepping Tropicals for inside
November 4 - Meeting: Winter Prep/Winter Storage
November 17-19 - Exhibit: Folk Fair
December 3 - Meeting: Holiday Social

Please visit milwaukeebonsai.org for event details and up to date information as events may be added and changed throughout the year.