

## 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 it's 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

New  Renewal Choose one

Check membership type:

- Individual- 1 year (\$35)  
 Individual- 2 years (\$62)  
 Individual- 3 years (\$89)  
 Family- 1 year (\$47)  
 Family- 2 years (\$86)  
 Family- 3 years (\$125)

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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 Topicals*

*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 Topicals for inside*

*November 4 - Meeting: Winter Prep/  
Winter Storage*

*November 17-19 - Exhibit: Folk Fair*

*December 3 - Meeting: Holiday  
Social*

*Please visit [milwaukeebonsai.org](http://milwaukeebonsai.org) for  
event details and up to date  
information as events may be added and  
changed throughout the year*