

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2018 Intermediate Classes



MBS will again sponsor an Intermediate Class in 2018. This class is recommended for those members who find that they are committed to furthering their understanding and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai. It is designed to deepen the principles that you have learned in the Novice Class or with previous experience. The class will incorporate lecture, handouts, discussion, demonstration, review, repetition, critique, and hands on work with your own trees and each other's. Many members find that they enroll in this class more than once.

The Intermediate Class will be led for the third year by Steve Ca, and will be held in his home studio. Each of the six sessions will center around one of the three important seasons of bonsai work: Spring repotting and cut back, Summer tree and branch development, and Fall assessment, cut back, and preparation for next year's growth expectations. Each class will be specific to the season, and all will include an understanding of why we do certain things at this time, horticultural principles, and most importantly, DESIGN. This will be our second year as a 6 session class series, allowing time to focus on display and wiring.

As a course requirement, you will have the opportunity to stretch your new understanding of bonsai principles by providing teaching assistance at the club's Beginner Workshop, to be held at BBG on September 8, 2018, from 9-12. Under the supervision of experienced club members, you will be challenged to share what you have learned with new bonsai hobbyists.

The Intermediate Class is limited to six students per class. Each member is required to bring their own trees, tools and lots of questions to each class. A binder for handouts, soil for one tree repotting as well some practice wire will be included in the class fee. After completing this class, you will be better prepared and encouraged to participate in special club workshops with visiting guest artists, not to mention... you will grow in your enjoyment of Bonsai!

Repotting 1 Saturday March 24 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Why we repot

Repotting 2-3 trees focus on deciduous

Introduction to branch development

Soil

Fertilizing and Design

Next step for repotted trees

Repotting 2 Saturday April 28 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repeat of all of Repotting 1 with focus on conifers

Repotting 2-3 trees

Summer 1 Saturday June 16 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Branch development review

Wiring and Jin

Fertilizing and Design

Discuss your trees

Summer2 Saturday August 11 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repeat of all of Summer 1

Discuss your trees

Fall 1 Saturday September 29 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Preview of necessary fall cutback

Branch development review

Any necessary fine wiring

Fertilizing and Design

Soji

Discuss your trees

Design MBS Beginner Workshop September 8 (9-12 PM) at Boerner Botanical Gardens

Fall 2 Saturday October 27 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repeat of all of Fall 1

Evaluations

Perform appropriate fall cutback

Continuing your education, learn to develop and maintain your bonsai Tuition \$150

Please include your tuition payment with your application. Class participation will be based on first paid first included basis. Each class will be limited to six students and you must be an MBS member to enroll. If there is enough interest, there may be a second session planned to accommodate all those who are interested. All in the club will benefit by your participation in the Beginner Workshop.

Renew or Join at [Membership Application](#)

Contact Information

Please Print:

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Your Bonsai Collection and history: not necessary to be completed by repeating class applicants.

How many trees do you have? (The instructor is looking to know the size of your collection.) Total _____ -

What species? (Common names are fine, please list all of your trees)

Number of these that are: _____ Nursery Stock _____ Collected _____ Pre-Bonsai _____ Bonsai

In what level of development would you judge they are?

How do you over-winter your trees?

Please circle one for each question below

I fertilize using: chemical organic both

I am interested in deepening my understanding of wiring: Y N

I am interested in deepening my understanding of design: Y N

I could possibly attend a Friday class: Y N

Payment

Please make your check or money order payable to: **Milwaukee Bonsai Society**

Bring to a meeting or mail to:

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