

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

2017 Intermediate Classes



MBS will again sponsor an Intermediate Class in 2017. It 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 by incorporating teaching methods such as lecture, 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 by Steve Ca, and take place in his home studio. Each of the six sessions will center around one of the three important seasons of bonsai work: Spring repotting, Summer tree/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. We have added an extra class this year so that you have adequate 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 9, 2017, 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. Each member is required to bring their own trees, tools, wire, pots, soil and lots of questions to each class. Soil for one tree repotting 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 18 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Why repot and repotting demo - focus on deciduous
Soils and pots
Prep for growth expectations - branch development

Fertilizing and DESIGN
Repotting your tree and handouts
Your plan for the year

Repotting 2 Saturday April 22 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repeat of all of Repotting 1 with focus on conifers

Repotting your tree and handouts

Summer 1 Saturday June 17 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repotting of Tropical species
Branch development review
Wiring and jin

Fertilizing and DESIGN
Work on your trees and handouts

Summer2 Saturday July 15 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Repeat of all of Summer 1

Work on your trees and handouts

Fall 1 Saturday August 26 (10-4 PM) – Steve's Studio

Necessary fall pruning
Branch development review
Any necessary fine wiring

Soji, fertilizing and DESIGN
Work on your trees

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

Fall 2 Saturday TBA in October... when the fall weather dictates

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

The cost of these five sessions is \$150.00 which must be paid by the first session to reserve your space. Class participation will be based on first paid first included basis. Class size will be limited to six students and you must be an MBS member. 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 Design participation in the Beginner Workshop.

Contact Information

Please Print:

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

Your Bonsai Collection and Bonsai Understanding

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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