

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 or age is desirable. The scars of aging tell 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. Held the first Tuesday of each month from March to November, meetings combine helpful information with hands-on bonsai experience in an informal setting. Members may also bring their own tree to share or receive advice from more experienced members.

To learn more about bonsai, attend our monthly meetings at 6:45 p.m.

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

MBS Newsletter. Prior to each meeting, members may access MBS Bonsai News online (www.milwaukeebonsai.org), which lists the next meeting topic, upcoming Society events, registration deadlines, as well as provides helpful hints and reminders for seasonal bonsai care.

MBS Library. Your MBS name badge identifies you as a member and entitles you to check out our numerous books and magazines. Our lending library is available in the Boerner Botanical Gardens' Library.

Guest Artist Workshops. At least once a year, MBS brings in a bonsai Artist, who may perform a bonsai demonstration for the general public, but primarily works with individuals on a one-to-one basis on specific plant material. These workshops hone individual talents and broaden artistic perspective for MBS members.

Exhibits and Shows. MBS promotes bonsai at local events. Members display their own trees and answer questions. This year will mark Milwaukee Bonsai Society's 44th 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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2018 Membership Application

New Renewal Choose one

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 Individual- 2 years (\$62)
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Please mail your check or money order to:

Milwaukee Bonsai Society

Attn: Membership

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2018 MBS Program Schedule

No February Tuesday night meeting

Feb 4 - Silhouette Exhibit at the Domes

Feb 10 - Kick-off meeting, 9-12 at Boerner

Feb 24 - Novice Class* #1

March 3 - Novice Class* #2

March 6 - Society Meeting

Chris Baker

Mar 10-11 - Advanced classes w/ Peter Tea*

Mar 24 - Intermediate class* #1

April 3 - Society Meeting

Austin Heitzman - Displays

April 28 - Intermediate class* #2

May 1 - Society Meeting

Azaleas - David Kreutz

May 12 - World Bonsai Day at Lynden

May 11-13 - Chicago Exhibit

May 26 - Novice Class* #5

June 2-3 - Advanced classes w/ Peter Tea*

June 5 - Society Meeting

Todd Schlafer

June 16 - Intermediate class* #3

June 23 - Raft workshop*

July 3 - NO Society Meeting

July 14 - MBS picnic and Swap Meet

July 28 - Repotting workshop*

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August 7 - Society Meeting

Tropicals

Aug 11 - Intermediate Class* #4

Aug 2 - 12 - STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

**Aug 17 - 19 - Bonsai Show at Chicago
Botanic Garden**

Aug 25 - BonsaiBasics* #1

September 4 - Society Meeting

State Fair Winners

Sept 8 - Fall Beginner's Workshop

Sept 22 - BonsaiBasics* #2

Sept 29 - Intermediate Class* #5

October 2 - Society Meeting -

Elms revisited

**Oct 5-7 MBS 2018 Annual Exhibit
and workshops* with Walter Pall**

Oct 20 - BonsaiBasics* #3

Oct 27 - BonsaiBasics* #4

Oct 27 - Intermediate Class* #6

**November 3-4 - Advanced classes with
Peter Tea***

Nov 6 - Society Meeting

Winter storage updates

**Nov 16-18 - Holiday Folk Fair Exhibit at
State Fair Park**

No meeting in December

No meeting in January

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