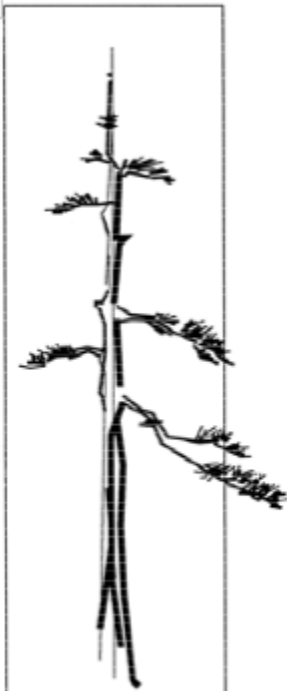


BONSAI NEWS

December, 2021



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Upcoming meeting

The first part of December's meeting will be spent talking about member's Yamadori and trees from cuttings.

What is a Yamadori, you may ask. Literally it means "collecting plants in the mountains". Basically it is digging up plants from the ground.

Do you have a Yamadori or a tree started from a cutting? Not a tropical-December is not the time for tropicals to be travelling outside. Please bring in your tree from a cutting or Yamadori and talk to us about how you got the tree and how you have developed it.

The second part of the meeting Steve C and Brian S will talk about "A year in the life of a WI bonsai hobbyist and +/- energy". More details about this can be found further in the newsletter.

December

Dec 4—A year in the life of a WI bonsai hobbyist & +/-Energy

January

Jan 8—"Thinking about repotting"

February

Feb 5—Review of repotting the club's Ponderosa Pine

March

March 5 — Repotting demo "bonsai pot to bonsai pot"

April

April 2 — Demo of repotting from a nursery container

May

May 7 — Horticulture

June

June 4 — Wiring demo on branch samples

June 23-26 — MABA

July

July 2 — Basic Styling

August

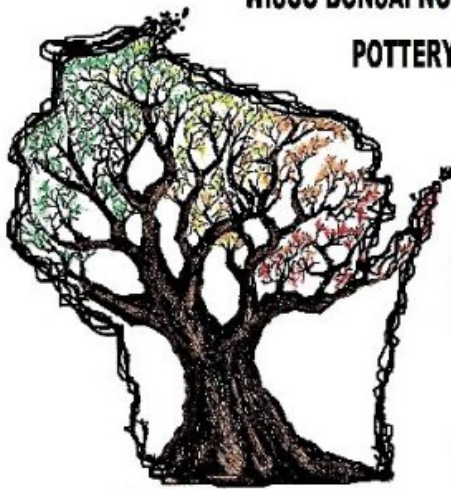
Aug 4-14—State Fair

Aug 6 — Summer cutback

Next Meeting

**December 4,
9am
At Boerner
Botanical**

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The next general meeting, on Saturday, December 4th will have an extra special guest; Santa will be visiting us that day. He will be available from 8:45-9:45am for pictures with kids, if they are at the meeting, as well as adults. Kids can sit on Santa's lap at the discretion of the parents, Santa will be wearing a mask.

Santa will also be handing out bonsai gifts to all!



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E+/- (Energy positive/negative)  
A Year in the Life of a Wisconsin Bonsai Hobbyist  
By Brian S and Steve C

You know those days... you wake up, you feel like you can tackle the world. You jump out of bed and you can just tell that you will accomplish all the tasks you have on your list.

You are in an energy positive state !

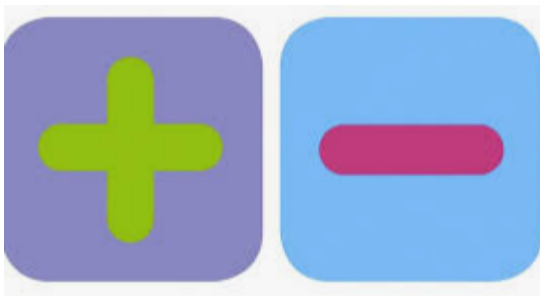
Then there are those other days... Hey, where is the coffee? I just can't move. It's so rainy and grey. I'm gonna stay in bed all day.

Clearly... you are energy negative !!

Our trees have days or months like this as well. How do we know?

At this month's meeting, we will try to explain when our bonsai are feeling like they can have their "bodies" manipulated and when they want you to keep your grubby hands off of them.

It's hard for a Wisconsin bonsai hobbyist to restrain ourselves from working on our trees. You know... we don't have that long of a season. But if we keep a few things in mind, our trees may just respect us a bit more and provide some lush green foliage, healthy roots, and years of beauty for us to enjoy. Come and listen in, ask questions, and close out this bonsai season learning a few things that may just help you begin to plan better for the next.



## BONSAI WORKSHOP-OCTOBER 16, 2021



Another successful Bonsai Workshop took place on October 16, 2021 at Boerner. This time we hosted a group of 19 from the Girl Scouts! The girls each received a Portulacaria to take home and care for after getting expert care and styling instruction from MBS members. The girls were excited to learn about our creative hobby and there may even be a budding enthusiast in the group.

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of year again! No, not the holidays. It's time to plan for our annual, except last year, silhouette show at The Domes. For the people that are not familiar, this show provides us an opportunity to show our deciduous trees in all of their naked splendor, that is without their leaves. We will need 20 trees to fill the exhibit space and are looking for at least 6 volunteers to man the exhibit, answer questions and interact with the public.

We will also be doing two presentations about general bonsai history. The volunteer shifts are listed below. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at [eab659@outlook.com](mailto:eab659@outlook.com) with the shift you would like to volunteer for and if you would be interested in doing a presentation.

**Date:** February 12th      **Time:** 8am to 6pm

Volunteer shifts:

1st shift: 8am to 1pm      2nd shift: 1pm to 6pm

Thank you in advance for helping with this event.

Erich, 2nd VP

P.S. if you sign up for the 1st shift, you get the rest of the day to explore The Domes. If you sign up for the 2nd shift you can get there a bit early to wander be-



# General Meeting – Saturday, November 6, 2021



The November meeting started with a few members showing off their garden center trees that have turned into very nice bonsai. A few of these trees were purchased for as low as \$7.50 and now look fantastic!! Thank you to all those who brought in a tree and talked about the transformation that has happened. Being able to see the beauty in the raw material is the challenge with garden center trees, but they can be well worth the hunt.

Steve C and Brian S took over for the second half of the meeting with a very educational and informative session about fall work on deciduous trees. Hopefully everyone learned something and was entertained in the process. Next month's meeting should be just as good!!! You won't want to miss it.



## Are you Caring for a Club Tree?

If you are caring for a club tree please contact Rob P at [rstylingcourt@yahoo.com](mailto:rstylingcourt@yahoo.com).

Rob is trying to track down all the club trees so we know who has which tree. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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The *General Meeting* on November 6th was attended by 36 people with 3 of them being guests. That's a great turn out considering we still are getting together on Saturday mornings and not our usual Tuesday evenings.

The question of the month was:

"In the past month, how many people have you talked bonsai with?"

Below is a breakdown of the answers:

Answer	Amount
1-10	13
11-25	2
26-100	0
100+	1
Infinite	1
A Lot	2
Many	5
Some	3
A Few	2
Several	2

As you can see most people either talk to 1-10 people or the number cannot be quantified with 14 answers not being a number.

I guess we really do talk about bonsai a lot!





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Next MBS meeting will be
December 4, 2021 @ 9am
Boerner Botanical Gardens

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Beyond the Mayflower

On Thanksgiving Day
Macy's Turkey and football
The next day is black
~Robert Heemstra