

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 54th 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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Milwaukee, WI 53223**

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2025 MBS Membership Form

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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)

Name(s): _____

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State: _____

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This information will not be published or otherwise distributed to the public and is for MBS Board members only. MBS membership applications are also accepted at monthly meetings, to which the public is always invited. Any overpayment will be considered a donation to the society.

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-2025-tickets>

2025 Schedule

January 4-Meeting: Soil Sifting/ Bonsai Styles

February 1 - Meeting: Root Work/ Exploring Juniper types

*February 15-Workshop: How Do I Start to Show my Trees**

February 23-Exhibit: Winter Silhouette Show (Milw. Domes)

March 1-Meeting: Juniper work/ Guest Artist Andy Smith

*March 1-Workshop: Pondarosa Pine-material provided**

*March 2-workshop: Bring your own tree**

*March 22-Workshop: Root-over-Rock**

April 5-Meeting: Pinching in General/Mugo Pine work

April 5-Workshop: Urban Dig

*April 26-Workshop: Spring Cleanup**

May 3-Meeting: Accent Plant Placement/Multi Flush Deep Dive

May 10- World Bonsai Day

May 24-Workshop: Ficus Review

June 7-Meeting: Post flush cutback Deciduous/Boxwood work

June 14-15 Annual Exhibit (Lynden Sculpture Gardens)

July 12-Meeting: Rooting & Cuttings/Tropical work

July 26-Annual Picnic and Swap Meet

July 31-August 10-Exhibit: WI State Fair

August 2-Meeting: Guest Artist David Cutchin-Tropicals

*August 2-Workshop: Tropicals Critique and Discussion**

*August 3-Workshop: Bring your own Tree**

September 6-Meeting: Late Summer-Early Fall Work & Wire/Pondarosa Pine Deep Dive

September 20-workshop: Fall Public Workshop

October 4-Meeting: Deadwood Preservation/Revisit Work Trees

*October 11-Workshop: Fall cleanup**

November 1-Meeting: Over wintering Discussion/Shoot selection & Reduction pruning

November 14-16-Exhibit: Folk Fair

December 6-Meeting: Holiday Social

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

**Open to MBS members only*