
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

March is almost over, and I personally cannot wait to see it go. Every year at this time the seasonal tug-o-war between winter and spring sends my yard into an ice skating rink and a swamp alternating every few days. Meanwhile the itch to get my trees back out on their stands goes unfulfilled as I watch the mercury avoid decent temperatures like one of my cats avoiding a bath. But it is almost over and I have a lot of repotting to do so I'll prep my supplies in the meantime.

April will bring our first Guest Speaker of the year, Mark Fields. Mark has been involved with bonsai since childhood and is the owner of Bonsai by Fields established in 2006. Marks prior company, Fields Landscape Concepts, served the bonsai community since 1983. At our April meeting Mark is going to take us on a ride through the smaller side of bonsai with a presentation on Shohin. This is a subject I haven't seen covered in my time at the Society, so I expect there will be a lot to take in. Bonsai 101 will cover repotting.

I scheduled a workshop with Mark the day of our

general meeting. There was some concern there would be little interest, but the seats sold out in three days. I take that as an indication the membership is genuinely interested in workshops with the visiting guests, especially at a reasonable price, so I will work to schedule workshops with the Guests whenever I can. Keep watching the newsletter for future announcements and be sure to get your E-mail onto the membership list so that you're aware as soon as tickets go on sale.

April showers bring May Exhibits, and May Exhibits bring May Exhibit volunteer rosters. Jokes aside, the May show is closing in fast. The volunteer form went around at the March meeting, but as you might imagine there are a lot of holes yet to fill. In particular I have concerns about the Sunday Children's Workshop. Last year we had almost 60 participants on Mother's Day and 30 on World Bonsai Day. We need to be ready for a very busy workshop this year. So I'm begging here. Please help cover those workshops, they are at the core of our mission to spread interest in bonsai.

Bonsai in Space

Did you know that bonsai trees appear at various times aboard the USS Enterprise spaceship in the StarTrek TV series? Captain Beverly Crusher, Wesley Crusher, and Keiko O'Brien had bonsai trees shown in occasional episodes of Deep Space Nine and The Next Generation. It's nice to think that maybe one of your bonsai trees will blast off into space in the future.

Finally, we are working the nuclear option regarding the upcoming Board Elections. This presentation constitutes the second "Reading" of the proposed term limit amendment to the Society Bylaws. If attendance is good at the April meeting this amendment will be read once more, then the floor will

open to discussion and a vote.

I urge you to consider carefully the amendment proposed above and come out April 1st to voice your thoughts on the matter.

Thank you for your attention.

—Bob Wright

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIETY BYLAWS

Article 6: ELECTIONS, Section 6 currently reads:

The term of office shall be for two years starting January 1. The Directors and Officers may not serve more than two terms (4 years). There will be two exclusions to this:

a. Exclusion 1: The Treasurer, who has no limitation on their tenure in office.

b. Exclusion 2: If the Board of Directors determines that the Society would benefit from an elected person remaining in their office for a third term, or there are no viable candidates for replacing said officer, a special vote of the Board can be called to allow a third term (of 2 years). This exclusion can only be used for one additional term; once the third term is served a new person must be elected to the position.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Article 6: ELECTIONS, Section 6 would be amended to read:

The term of office shall be for two years starting January 1. While the Society will actively seek new Board Members from the paid up General Membership there shall be no limit to the numbers of terms that may be served in any position.

Events Calendar

Monday, April 1, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 Program: Repotting. 7:30 PM, Program: Guest Speaker Mark Fields presentation on Shohin bonsai. For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday April 1, 2019

START OF HIDDEN GARDENS 6 WK INTERMEDIATE CLASS

6:30 AM - 8:00 PM Willowbrook, IL. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

6:30 PM. Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: Mark Fields Demonstration. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Thursday April 2, 2019

START OF HIDDEN GARDENS 6 WK BEGINNERS CLASS

6:30 AM - 8:00 PM Willowbrook, IL. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 Program: Tool Maintenance by Jim Beck. 7:30 PM, Program: Repotting Workshop, Members can bring a tree to repot! For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

BONSAI AIR LAYERING WORKSHOP with Chris Baker

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/bonsai_air_layering_workshop

Sunday April 5, 19 & 26, 2019

BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2019

BC BONSAI MASTER WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Willowbrook, IL. Saturday Morning Bonsai with Mark Karczewski bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday April 6, 13, 14, & 27, 2019

BC BONSAI WORKSHOPS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM on 6 & 27, 10:00 AM - Sunset on 13, 14. 6th Workshop spring styling of your hardy trees coming out of winter storage, in Wheaton, IL. 13th, 14th Harvesting workshop in Paw Paw and 27th Workshop Pine styling and spring tasks, bring your own tree, in Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2019

AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 14, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM, April 15 & 16, 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM, April 15, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Marriott Houston Westchase, TX. Featured guest artists are Boonyarat Manakitivipart, Ryan Neil and Enrique Castano de la Serna. For further information or to register go to <http://houstonbonsaisociety.com/abs-convention/>

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday April 12, 13 & 14, 2019

MID-ATLANTIC BONSAI SOCIETIES SPRING FESTIVAL

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM on 12th & 13th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM on 14th, at the Holiday Inn in Harrisburg/Hershey/Grantville, PA 17028 (Exit 80, I-81) with: Taiga Urushibata representing Japan, Marc Noelanders representing Europe, and Jennifer Price representing the USA. For further information or to register go to <http://www.midatlanticbonsai.org/> or call 302 778-4546.

Saturday or Sunday, April 13 or 14, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS OWEN REICH WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Thursday, May 1, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00pm, Bonsai 101: Tool maintenance and sharpening demonstration by Jim Beck. 7:30pm, Program: Problem tree workshop. Bring your own tree. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday May 4, 18 & 25, 2019

BC BONSAI MASTER WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday May 4, 18 or 25, 2019

BC BONSAI WORKSHOPS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM on 4th & 18th, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM on 25th, Wheaton, IL. 4th Juniper spring styling-bring your own tree, 18th Juniper for beginners, on 25th Tropical tree repotting. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Willowbrook, IL. Saturday Morning Bonsai with Mark Karczewski bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Sunday May 5, 19 & 26, 2019

BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Monday, May 6, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101, Program: TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD. For further information, when available go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

6:30 PM. Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: Discussion of members trees. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

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Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY 15th ANNUAL MAY BONSAI EXHIBIT

Show theme: education. Members invited to bring trees in various stages of training, accompanied by explanations of what techniques are being used. Held in the Burnstein Hall of the Regenstein Center at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations. For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit>

Sunday May 12, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY WORLD BONSAI DAY CELEBRATION

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, At Lynden Sculpture Garden. Demonstration by guest artist Jennifer Price. For further information go to <https://www.lydensculpturegarden.org/calendar/world-bonsai-day>

Saturday or Sunday, May 18 or 19, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS MAURO STEMBERGER WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283..

Sunday April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019

BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday or Sunday April 13 or 14, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS OWEN REICH WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Midwest Bonsai May Exhibit

The May Exhibit on the 11th and 12th will be here before you know it. We are counting on your support to make the Exhibit successful. Please consider preparing a tree that is finished or in training to exhibit. Volunteer help is needed on Friday, May 10th to set up the room and bring in trees. On Saturday and Sunday we will need volunteers to act as docents, man tables and help with the Children's workshops. If you are available please do one of the following. You can sign up on the volunteer sheet at the April General Meeting or you can E-mail Larry Stephan at lstephan1@comcast.net Just indicate what days and times you are available and what you would like to do.

April Meeting Focus

April meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1st, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Bonsai 101 begins at 7 p.m. and will cover repotting. At 7:30 pm, presentation on Shohin bonsai by guest speaker Mark Fields.

Monthly Care Report: What to Do in April

When the temperature is consistently 65 degrees and sunny you can bring your trees out of their winter storage area. Get started repotting your deciduous trees. Junipers are OK to do, and pines can be started any time during the month. Continue to provide good after-care, by protecting repotted trees from frosts, which will still happen in April.

Begin your feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning schedules in earnest. Of course, be mindful of potential cold snaps, and be ready to protect vulnerable plants. You can begin fertilizing trees repotted in April. Keep your initial fertilizer mix on the light side

for those first couple doses of fertilizer. April is still a decent month for root-pruning, and for digging trees from yard or field.

Tropical trees will be showing new growth, even under lights. Cuttings will be easier to root now that the days are lengthening. Use a rooting hormone as an aid. As always, keep a close watch for insects, which may show up fast as the weather warms. In April you may want to start some plants from seeds.

—Ed Hake • Fort Wayne Bonsai Club • Reprinted by Permission. Compiled from several Web articles with adaptations to our area.

Milwaukee Bonsai Society 2019 World Bonsai Day

We are extending an invitation to members of area clubs to celebrate WORLD BONSAI DAY with us (May 12 - 19). Our World Bonsai Day "Special Exhibit" will be created with bonsai drawn from the personal collections of area club members. All the bonsai of the permanent Milwaukee Bonsai Collection at Lynden Sculpture Garden will be removed and replaced with the World Bonsai Day Exhibit. This "Special Exhibit" will focus on bonsai created from collected material. We all have some, and they create a special interest in viewers. Twenty of the best bonsai submitted will be invited to participate in our 2019 World Bonsai Day Exhibit at Lynden Sculpture Garden. For more information and to learn how to enter a tree for consideration see page 4 of this newsletter or contact Jack Douthitt at 414-248-6913.

Chicago Bonsai Club

The April meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, April 17, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a plant to work on. Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. Contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

Celebrate 2019 WORLD BONSAI DAY with the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection

In 2018, the Milwaukee Bonsai Collection at Lynden Sculpture Garden celebrated World Bonsai Day with a “Special Exhibit” of bonsai drawn from the personal collections of Milwaukee Bonsai Society members. All the bonsai of the permanent collection were removed from the display area and were replaced with the World Bonsai Day Exhibit bonsai. It was a “win-win” situation. It gave the participants an opportunity to show their bonsai in a museum setting, and it gave the Lynden patrons a chance to view bonsai that they would not normally see. The World Bonsai Day Exhibit ran for eight days and was a great success. So we are staging another “Special Exhibit” in honor of World Bonsai Day in 2019. However this year.....

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Important information:

1. It is an outdoor exhibit area that is enclosed. The trees will be under 40% shade cloth.
2. The exhibit is manned during all open hours, and the bonsai on display will be cared for by experienced bonsai artists of the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Your care instructions (watering, etc.) will be followed explicitly.
3. Any member of your club can submit bonsai for consideration.
4. There are no restrictions related to length of ownership and no classifications as to level of experience. No awards will be given.

How to Enter:

1. Send a folder containing snapshots of your entry. The pictures do not have to be of studio quality, they can be just snapshots. But they should show the best attributes of your bonsai.
2. Put the pictures in a folder with some basic information about the bonsai – species, size, estimated age, history, etc. Make one folder for each bonsai you want to be considered.
3. Put your name, address and contact information in a sealed envelope and put it in the folder with the pictures and mail to:
Milwaukee Bonsai Foundation
7026 N. Lake Dr.
Fox Point, WI 53217
4. You may submit up to three entries per person. Entries may all be mailed in one package.
5. Submissions that are accepted for the Exhibit will notified by email or telephone.

Important Dates:

Monday April 15 – Submissions due

Monday April 22 – Acceptance notices will be sent out

Friday May 10 – Accepted trees must be delivered to the exhibit area (pickup of accepted trees may be arranged for earlier dates)

Saturday May 11 – World Bonsai Day Exhibit opens with a reception and a demonstration

Saturday May 18 – Last day of the Exhibit

Sunday May 19 – trees may be picked up (delivery of accepted trees may be arranged for later dates)

Lynden Sculpture Garden is a very special place. Originally the estate of the Milwaukee industrialist Harry Bradley, it is world famous for the extent and quality of the sculpture in its collection. And the bonsai exhibit has become an integral part of the sculptural fabric of Lynden. In the first year the bonsai exhibit was open, visitors from 23 states and 7 foreign countries signed our guest book! More information about Lynden can be found on their website [Lynden Sculpture Garden](http://www.lynden.org).

Submit your bonsai today and you can be a part of the 2019 WORLD BONSAI DAY celebration in a museum setting that is world famous!!!!!!!!!!

Any questions call Jack at 414.248.6913.

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General Meetings

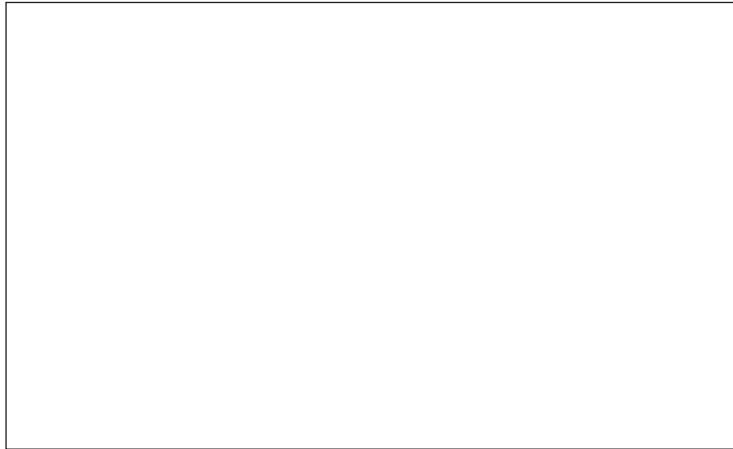
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

All meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Bonsai 101 presentations commence at 7:00 PM.

Library Resources

MBS has a fine collection of Bonsai books and journals which are available for loan. Please contact the Librarian for information.

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