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Midwest Bonsai May Exhibit

Due to the Corona virus the May
Exhibit on the 9th and 10th is cancelled.

Thoughts for April

Coronavirus

The bad news is that while your trees cannot get it, all of us can contract it. The Midwest Bonsai Society and the Chicago Botanic Garden are closely monitoring local developments with the virus. The Garden has cancelled all events, classes and even entry thru April 30th. As a result we have decided to cancel the May Exhibit.

This decision was made in consultation with the Garden. Options considered included cancellation, postponement, or downsizing the event at the Garden or at another venue. In the end our health and the health of our friends and family was our top priority. We will keep you posted. Again please note that the Chicago Botanic Garden is totally shut down through April 30th.

General Information

THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING IS CANCELLED TO HELP PROTECT OUR MEMBERS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS.

In addition the Board meeting normally held at the Glencoe Public Library will be changed to an on line meeting.

We are also exploring the feasibility of conducting virtual general meetings,

if necessary. In fact this may be an opportunity for us to develop a format that is more inclusive than our traditional meeting for folks that have trouble getting physically to the garden on the first Monday of the month.

Please continue to access our website, <https://www.midwestbonsai.org/> for the most up to date information.
—Larry Stephan

We're Looking for our Lost MBS Members!



Though we're delighted to introduce so many new folks to the wonderful world of bonsai, we still miss all of our old friends. We know that our senior, "fallen away" Midwest Bonsai Society members have years of knowledge, undeniable creativity and "hands on" bonsai experience that would be invaluable to our newer Society members. So how do we get our older MBS members back? We're contemplating a range of activities including the formation of intensive bonsai study groups, special speakers, more "hands on" specimen tree work and other special doings that might be of greater interest to our senior members. Said activities could be scheduled before some our general meetings OR at other times, at other locations. But we still need YOUR help in our member reclamation quest! So please give us your ideas and thoughts. Send your email suggestions to our diligent MBS Program Chair, Victor Zurczak (manofnature2002@yahoo.com) or to our Interim MBS President, Larry Stephan (Istephan1@comcast.net). We need your input. Hope to hear from you soon!

Events Calendar

Please note: What we have shown below is a list of events scheduled as of March 20, 2010. Where we have information on cancellations due to Covid 19 we have included same. Please check all events, if you want to participate in same to insure they have not been cancelled.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
Room TEC/1038a College of DuPage. 7:00pm, Program: Bonsai 101 Repotting your Bonsai. 7:30pm, Program: Repotting Workshop. For further information go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

BONSAI AIR LAYERING WORKSHOP with Chris Baker WORKSHOP CANCELLED go to <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/message> for more information
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. Watch a demonstration and then practice the technique on your own trees. Please bring a tree to class. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/bonsai_air_layering_workshop

Saturday April 4, 11, 18 & 25 2020

SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, in Warrenville, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday April 4, 11, 18 & 25 2020

SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday April 4, 2020

STYLING JUNIPERS OUT OF STORAGE WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree or purchase one at workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-254-8841.

Saturday and Sunday April 4 or 5, 2020

TREE HARVESTING WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, at Nursery in Paw Paw, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-254-8841.

Monday April 6, 2020

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Program: Bonsai 101 Guidelines for preparing bonsai soil and a bonsai pot. 7:30 PM, Program: Transplanting/repotting workshop. Raffle will follow. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Monday April 6, 2020

BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP with Walter Pall
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL. Join us for an evening of bonsai with our friend and guest artist from Germany. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Tuesday April 7, 2020

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: Group Discussion Artist with Different Styles. Brian and Leo will also discuss Fertilizing, Chemical or Organic. For more information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 North Central Park Ave, Chicago. For further information please email: sukazu17@gmail.com or call Susan Babyk at 773-235-9479.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

ROOT OVER ROCK BONSAI with Chris Baker WORKSHOP CANCELLED go to <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/message> for more information
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. In this workshop, we will attach a tree to a rock so the roots will take hold. A tree and a rock are provided; each student will leave the workshop having taken the first and most important step in the process. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/root_over_rock_bonsai

Saturday April 18, 2020

STYLING MAPLE & DECIDUOUS TREES OUT OF STORAGE WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree or purchase one at workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-254-8841.

Saturday or Sunday April 18 or 19, 2020

BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP with Will Baddeley
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL. Will is from the United Kingdom and has traveled internationally teaching bonsai. A fantastic artist and one of the best at creating natural looking deadwood. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Tuesdays, April 28 thru June 2, 2020

BONSAI BEGINNER with Chris Baker WORKSHOP CANCELLED go to <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/message> for more information
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. During this 6 week basics and fundamentals course, Discover principles and techniques to appreciate and participate in the art on bonsai. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/Bonsai_Beginner

Saturday or Sunday May 2 or 3, 2020

BRING YOUR OWN DECIDUOUS TREE WORKSHOP with Owen Reich
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL. Owen's work with deciduous trees is fantastic, as well as his horticultural skills. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2020

SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

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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. According to current weather forecasts for a warmer than normal spring will allow us to take trees out of storage April 1. 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 adaptation to our area.

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Saturday May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2020
SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Glenn Ellyn, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Monday May 4, 2020
MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM Program: Bonsai 10, Pot Preparation by Victor Zurczak. 7:30 Program: Preparing Bonsai Soil. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Tuesday May 5, 2020
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: "Whole Group Wiring Class" Steve and Brian will lead this class and take all your questions about wiring. For more Information go to <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/>

Wednesday May 6, 2020
PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00pm, Program: Bonsai 101, Keeping Your Foliage Happy by Matt Mazza. 7:30pm, Program: Grafting by Jim Keith. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10, 2020
MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY
15th ANNUAL MAY BONSAI EXHIBIT CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. Show theme: education. Members invited to bring trees in various stages of training, accompanied by explanations of what techniques are being used. Vendors, workshops and, demonstrations. For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit>

Saturday May 16, 2020
BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. For

further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-254-8841.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING
6:00 PM - 7:30PM, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 North Central Park Ave, Chicago. For further information please email: sukazu17@gmail.com or call Susan Babyk at 773-235-9479.

Saturday or Sunday May 23 or 24, 2020
BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP with Mauro Stemberger
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL. This is a chance to learn repotting of collected material or how to style your tree with this Italian artist. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday May 23, 2020
TROPICAL TREE REPOTTING WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Pick a time and plan to spend ½ to 1 hour to complete repotting. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-254-8841.

Sunday, May 31, 2020
BONSAI BASICS with Chris Baker
WORKSHOP CANCELLED go to <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/visit/message> for more information
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Plant Science Lab, Regenstein Center. Learn the horticulture, art, and philosophy of bonsai through the history, fundamental aesthetic elements and basic style types. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/Bonsai_Basics

Chicago Bonsai Club

Due to the COVID19 closures, the April meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be CANCELLED on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. We hope to meet on May 20 but watch for further information in your May MBS newsletter.

Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. If you would like further information about or to join the club, please contact: sukazu17@gmail.com or call Susan Babyk at 773-235-9479.

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General Meetings

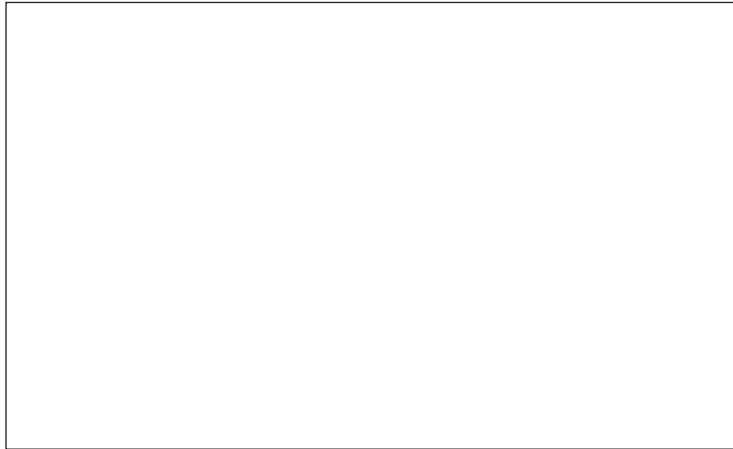
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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