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# MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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## President's Message

The next General meeting will be held on April 3rd. The meeting will focus on forest plantings. This has always been one of my favorite Bonsai plantings.

The May Exhibit is coming together nicely for Mother's Day weekend. We will have Bonsai Artist

Will Baddeley joining us on Saturday and Sunday. The links for volunteering to work at the Exhibit are now live at: <https://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit#volunteer>

Being a volunteer at the Exhibit has multiple benefits. If you are not a

Garden Member, we can get you a pass for free parking and admission to the Gardens. You receive a complimentary lunch and you get to have a lot more fun working with other members, visitors, vendors, guest Bonsai Masters and Board Members. Please go on line and sign up soon. Links for all workshops will be posted soon.

Be sure to check out all the upcoming events as listed in this newsletter. We are also working on establishing a closer relationship with the Milwaukee club. And remember, never pinch Junipers. Take care of your trees and they will bring you joy for many years to come.

—Larry Stephan

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## Member's Toolbox - New Website Feature

We're pleased to launch a new part of the Midwest Bonsai Society website where we'll host member-only content, including recordings from our General Meetings, handouts and presentation files, as well as other content we don't make available to the general public.

At the bottom of the left-hand navigation bar of our website, you'll now see "Member's Toolbox" – you will need to enter a password to access this page. Since our newsletter is open to the public we do not want to post password here. Password was sent to all members in email announcing Newsletter was posted.

We're launching the page with a few recordings of our meetings from 2021, and the presentation content from our repotting meeting from this past February. We'll regularly add content, and inform you through our emails and newsletter.

Please keep the password safe and handy - we ask that you don't share the password with non-members.

—Mathew Corpolongo - MBS Webmaster

# April Events Calendar

**Saturday April 1, 2023**

**MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Main Program: Watering, Fertilization and Pest Management. Novice Program: "How to bring your trees out of winter care". For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

**Saturday April 1, 2023**

**MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY "URBANDORIE" DIG**

12:00 PM - 3:30 PM Boerner Botanical Gardens. Join Bryan to dig up burning bushes to fill your forest and for other styles, after the general meeting. For further information go to [http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs\\_schedule.html](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html)

**Saturday April 1, 2023**

**1st DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR MAPLES & DECIDUOUS TREES at BC Bonsai**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree or buy one at workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

**Saturday April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023**

**SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree and Mark will evaluate and help you get it to the next level. (Repotting and wiring are extra). For further information go to [http://www.hidden.garden.net/bonsai\\_saturday\\_morning.html](http://www.hidden.garden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html) or call 630-655-8283.

**Monday April 3, 2023**

**MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center or via WebEx Meeting (Invitation to be sent via email).

7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 program; "Forest Design" presented by Victor Zurczak. 7:30 PM, Program: "Forest Planting Workshop", by Linda Camp from BC Bonsai. Bring your own trees or purchase package from BC Bonsai, which includes trees, soil and pot. Trees available will be Maples, Dawn Redwoods, Black pines, and Ficus, priced at \$60 for 5 trees and \$80 for 7 trees For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. The college address is 425 Fawell Boulevard in Glen Ellyn.

7:00 PM Program; Jim Beck and Linda Camp are leading a forest planting hands-on workshop. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

**Saturday April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023**

**1st DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR TREE SPECIES TBD at BC Bonsai**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree or buy one at workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

**Wednesday April 19, 2023**

**MBS CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING**

6:00 PM - 7:30 at Garfield Park Conservatory, located at 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a tree to work on. For more information about the meeting or to join the club, please contact: [sukazu17@gmail.com](mailto:sukazu17@gmail.com) or call 312-590-6049.

**Monday May 1, 2023**

**MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center or via WebEx Meeting (Invitation to be sent via email).

7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 program; TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD. Members are invited to bring a tree to get advice on care or styling from Victor Zurczak or other senior members. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

**PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. The college address is 425 Fawell Boulevard in Glen Ellyn.

7:00 PM Program; TBD. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

**Saturday MAY 6, 2023**

**MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Main Program: Air Layering. Novice Program: Repotting Your Tropical Trees. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

**Saturday May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023**

**SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. Bring your own tree and Mark will evaluate and help you get it to the next level. For further information go to [http://www.hidden.garden.net/bonsai\\_saturday\\_morning.html](http://www.hidden.garden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html) or call 630-655-8283.

**Wednesday May 17, 2023**

**MBS CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING**

6:00 PM - 7:30 at Garfield Park Conservatory, located at 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a tree to work on. For more information about the meeting or to join the club, please contact: [sukazu17@gmail.com](mailto:sukazu17@gmail.com) or call 312-590-6049.

# Monthly Care Report - 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

## May Show Volunteers May 13-14

In order to make the MBS May Show at Chicago Botanic Gardens a success, we need Members who are willing to offer time and energy to represent the Society throughout the exhibit. We specifically need:

**Greeters:** Members willing to staff the Exhibit entrance desk, provide handouts, distribute membership forms, and refer visitors to the various attractions.

**Docents:** Members who are willing to answer visitors' questions about the Art of Bonsai and the nature of trees on exhibit.

**Children's Tree Styling:** We will need members on Saturday and Sunday afternoon to assist with potting and watering styled miniature trees. We will also need one or possibly two members who are willing to assist in styling.

**Set-Up/Take-Down Crew(s):** Members available to help set up and take down the exhibit.

Show times are Saturday (5/13/22) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday (5/14/22) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vendor unloading is scheduled for Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Take down will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will need assistance on all 3 days.

We'll send a sign-up sheet around at the next general meeting, and here is link on the website with all the information on the show May Exhibit — Midwest Bonsai Society . And this is link to Eventbrite where you can sign up on-line to volunteer <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/midwest-bonsai-society-7947189622> Also feel free to just show up and lend a hand. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

—Matt Mazza, VP-Special Events

## April Meeting Focus

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3rd, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center and via WebEx. WebEx Invitations will be sent to all members in an email.

7:00 pm – Bonsai 101 program; "Forest Design" presented by Victor Zurczak.

7:30 pm - General program; "Forest Planting Workshop" by Linda Camp. Bring in your own trees and pot or purchase forest package from BC Bonsai or just watch. Forest Package includes tree, soil and pots. Choice of trees includes Japanese Larch, Dawn Redwood, Trident Maples, Black Pine or Ficus that are 2 to 3 years old. \$60 for 5 tree or \$80 for 7 tree packages.

Remember you are always invited to bring in a tree of any sort, as Victor and other senior members will be available to answer questions and provide advice. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

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## Chicago Bonsai Club

The April meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a tree to work on.

Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, located at 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 773-235-9479

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## Membership Request

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Midwest Bonsai Society**

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Highland Park, Illinois  
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### 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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