

MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

There always seems to be more things to do than we can handle on our own. Developments over the past year have me working out how to put a roof extension on my house, ripping out carpet and subfloor area by area to replace it with something more allergy friendly, and

laying 1260 pounds of concrete to accommodate the new shed I need to winter my collection and expand the storage in general around my home. While I'm handling those things the Society business carries on, planning the meetings and scheduling the shows for this year and

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next, and trying to keep everybody informed about the latest developments.

Sometimes that is a sad duty, and this is one of those times. Earlier this year we lost a longtime friend and supporter of the Society, Tony Mihalic. Over the past weekend we lost another. It is my sad duty to note the passing of one of our most seasoned and longest serving members, Lorraine May. While her health prevented her active participation over the last couple of years, Lorraine gave far more than her fair share of time to the Society serving continuously on the board from 1984 to the present, and serving countless volunteer hours at the annual shows. Her dedication and commitment, and her friendship, will be dearly missed. We are dedicating the show this year to the memories of our lost friends, may they rest in peace.

For the rest of us, the seasons turn and the cycles continue. August is at our doorstep and it brings with it continued hot weather, our General meeting, and our Annual show.

I've already had a couple close calls with my smaller trees thanks to the hot weather. One day this month they managed to dry out badly enough that a moderate breeze (of a strength they had easily resisted earlier in the summer) began tossing

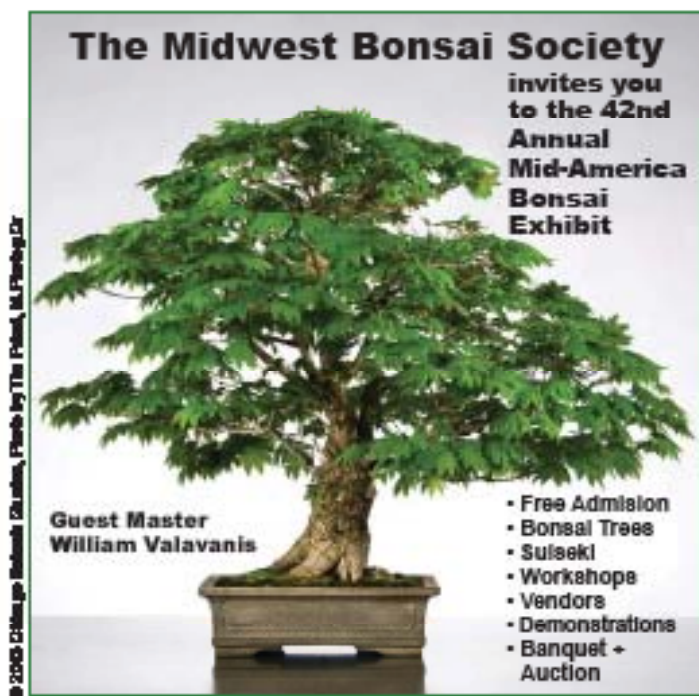
them off of the benches. Fortunately nothing was damaged, but it should serve as an object lesson to check the trees twice daily for water retention in these hot months.

Our General meeting August 5th will have two 101 presentations. Jim Fairchild will go over the basics of prepping your trees and displays for the show followed by Linda Camp who will talk to us about accent plants. The remainder of the meeting will be open for members to seek advice about their trees from the senior membership.

The August meeting will also be the last chance to sign up on the paper forms of the volunteer registrations for the August show. We still have a lot of openings so please be generous with your time. Registration is also available through the August show page on the society website under the "volunteers wanted" tab.

Let's try to make this a great show and do our fallen friends proud. Looking further ahead, the September General meeting has had a change in venue due to events scheduled in the garden. Thus, the September 9th meeting will be held in Classroom 1 of the Learning Center rather than Bernstein Hall.

Thanks for listening,
—Bob Wright



The Midwest Bonsai Society
invites you
to the **42nd**
Annual
Mid-America
Bonsai
Exhibit

Guest Master
William Valavanis

- Free Admission
- Bonsai Trees
- Sui-seki
- Workshops
- Vendors
- Demonstrations
- Banquet + Auction

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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Road
Evanston, Illinois
August 16 - 17 - 18, 2019
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Parking Fees Apply
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August Meeting Focus

The August meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5th, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. 7 pm - Bonsai 101 program will include two topics. 1st Jim Fairchild will present basics of prepping your trees and preparing displays for the show followed by Linda Camp who will talk to us about accent plants. 7:30 pm - General meeting program will be open for members to seek advice about their trees from the senior membership.

Events Calendar

August 1 thru 11, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY STATE FAIR EXHIBITION

Rotating Bonsai Display at the Horticulture, Craft & Culinary Pavillion. Exhibit 1 August 1st thru 4th, Exhibit 2 August 5th thru 7th and Exhibit 3 August 8th thru 11th. For more information see http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/docs/YC/Exhibit_StateFair_Flyer.pdf

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 2, 3 and 4, 2019 ANNUAL PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SHOW

Morton Arboretum. 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Friday and 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, Guest Artist: Dana Quattlebaum. For further information including workshop schedule and sign up go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday August 3, 10, 24 & 31, 2019 SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Glenn Ellyn, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday August 3, 10, 24 & 31, 2019 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.

Sunday August 4, 11 & 25, 2019 SUNDAY NORTH SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

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

Monday, August 5, 2019 MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 Program: Bonsai 101 Final Steps for preparing your trees for Exhibition by Jim Fairchild and Accent Plants by Linda Camp. 7:30 PM, Program: Bring a tree to work on. Senior members will be available to assist. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: Group Slash Trees are available for "teams" to work on. For further information See August newsletter at http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_latest.html

**Saturday or Sunday, August 10 and 11, 2019
BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOPS with Todd Schlafer**
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Hidden Gardens Willowbrook, IL.
For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday August 10, 2019 BC BONSAI ASSORTED TROPICAL TREE WORKSHOP

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Wheaton, IL. Nursery stock available or bring your own tree. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 16, 17 and 18, 2019
42nd ANNUAL MID-AMERICA BONSAI EXHIBITION**
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and

Sunday, with guest master William Valavanis, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois. For further information go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition/>

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 TROPICAL BONSAI 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/tropical_bonsai_workshop

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

6 PM at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Bring a tree. Contact suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479 for further information.

Sunday September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2019 SUNDAY NORTH SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

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

**Tuesday September 3, 2019
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**
6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: State Fair Winners – Guest judge Phil Maliot. For further information See September newsletter at http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_latest.html

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019
PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**
Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00pm, Program: Bonsai 101 TBD 7:30pm, Program: TBD. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019 SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, , Glenn Ellyn, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

**Saturday September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019
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 September 7, 2019
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY BEGINNER WORKSHOP**
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. For further information or to sign up go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-beginner-workshop-tickets-62370649291>

**Saturday September 7, 2019
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY BRING YOUR OWN TREE
WORKSHOP with Jennier Price**
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. For further information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jennifer-price-workshop-tickets-53996499985>

**Monday, September 9, 2019
MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING**
at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Program: Bonsai 101 TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD For more information and updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

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Monthly Care Report:

What to Do in August

Mid-July has been hot and dry, so watch your watering daily, especially small trees like mame and/ or shohin. Trees that are sensitive to full sun, like Japanese maples, should be situated in partial shade on hot, sunny afternoons. Don't water foliage if trees are in sun. On super hot days, I spray foliage early in the day, so it dries off before the sun hits, or in the evenings after trees are getting some shade, to help cool them a bit. Mid-day root watering and a little extra nitrogen will help. Continue to check wires.

On pines in late summer, if you see the needles completely formed, you can take the central bud out, which should stimulate the formation of more buds and possible back budding for next year. Be careful of new buds if you are adding or removing wire, since they are the future branches. On

some pines you can take the entire new growth off and get new buds to form. Some trees, like pines & hemlocks, enjoy a couple mild doses of fertilizer during late summer and early fall.

It's generally too late in the season for digging or repotting except for tropicals, though the more experienced can seemingly get away with almost anything.

Your feeding, pinching, and pruning schedules should be in full swing by now. Pinch terminal buds from deciduous trees, leaving only one pair of leaves, and keep plucking terminal buds off junipers and cedars as well. Everyone seems to have their own preferences for fertilizers and feeding schedules, so ask around or find a good book.

Watch for insect pests, but don't overdo it with the

chemicals! Always read and follow manufacturers' directions, and be aware that plants in small containers are more easily stressed than plants growing in the ground. If you spray your trees with insecticides or fungicides, it's best to put them into the shade for the rest of the day.

Watch for leaf burn or heat stress from too much afternoon sun. Trees do much better outside, but if they are facing from east to west and are receiving late afternoon sun, the pot and the soil temperature can get extremely high, enough to kill the roots, so give them some shade in late afternoon. Be sure to turn your trees weekly so the sun doesn't pull them to one side. High temperatures and humidity are perfect breeding grounds for fungi and mildew. Be vigilant and use a preventive fungicide on trees you have had problems within the past.

With this being the most active growing season it sometimes seems you

can't keep up with all the pruning. I let some of my trees grow out a little now to promote healthy roots and help with gaining some trunk size. Now is a good time to let those certain branches grow out to thicken them up. You may do so by letting the branch grow out for the summer and then cut it back. Also, if you have branches that have outgrown your composition, now is a good time to remove them and start growing a new one. To force back budding, keep your growth tips pinched off.

Can't stress enough the need to keep up with watering. If your tree is outside, water daily those that drain fast and are in shallow pots, maybe twice. It would be very hard to overwater a tree sitting outside this time of year. If in doubt whether it needs water, water.

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

Events Calendar

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Saturday September 14, 2019

BC BONSAI BASICS BONSAI COURSE

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Wheaton, IL. 1st class of 7 week bonsai basics course. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

6 pm at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Contact suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479 for further information.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

PREPARING BONSAI FOR STORAGE 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/preparing_bonsai_storage

Saturday September 28 & 29, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY THE 49TH ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBIT with Tyler Sherrod

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday, Boerner Botanical Garden. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/docs/YC/Exhibit_AE_Flyer.pdf

August Exhibition

All you need to know for August Exhibition now available on our website! Great information and sign up for workshops is effortless. Note we have added the capability to register your tree, for the show, on our website. Online registration is a real time saver for all so please consider using same. Thanks again to Mathew Corpolongo and Larry Stephan for their work creating, gathering and publishing this information. Here is link:

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition/>

Volunteers Needed!

Putting on the August Exhibition is no small feat. Be it the setup of the show space, supporting our vendors unload and setup, helping direct patrons to the workshops, providing eyes and ears over the trees, or answering questions from those viewing the Exhibition, your volunteer hours help make the Exhibition run smoothly!

Use the link below and scroll to bottom of page to sign up for Volunteer slots that fit your schedule. Thank you in advance for your volunteer efforts!

<http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition#volunteer>

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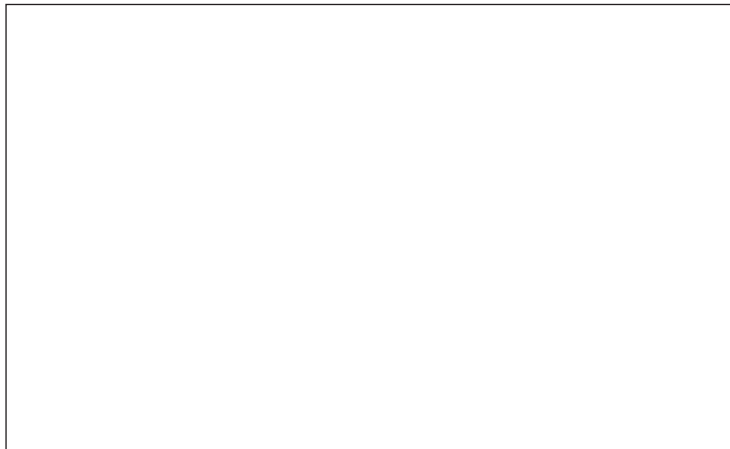
General Meetings

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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