

MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

And the HOT weather continues. Keep your trees well watered and protect them from too much direct sun, if you can.

How quickly time passes by. We are within a month of the August Exhibit. It is going to be exciting. While some of our long term vendors cannot come this year, for various reasons, we have a host of new vendors. Andy Smith, Sara Raynor and Frank Mihalic will not be attending this show. But new vendors include Gugeler Art Studio, Ikebana on Halsted, Pottery Cat Studio, Stone Forest Pottery and Superfly Bonsai will be here. DaSu Bonsai will return after missing last year's event.

Next up is the task of volunteering for help set up, run and take down the August event. Go to www.midwestbonsai.org and click on August Exhibition. From there you can sign up to volunteer on Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun. Remember admission to the Garden is free for members volunteering. We had a wonderful response from our members at the May show which made it fun for all and a great success. At this time, we still need a lot more help for August. You will also be able to sign up to volunteer for the show at our August 1st general meeting.

All events are now live on

our site and EventBrite. You can also sign up for the Guest Master critique on Friday night, the dinner, raffle and auction on Saturday night and a host of workshops. Even though Frank Mihalic will not be attending we still plan to have the Children's workshops on Sat. and Sun.

Don't forget about trees you may want to enter in the August Exhibit. I think I had better start working on my trees right away if I want to be ready. If you have never entered a tree, remember you can enter in the Novice Category. We are excited to have Mark Fields as our visiting artist and judge this year. Mark owns Bonsai by Fields in Greenwood, Indiana and has been a vendor at our show. While only 63 years old he has studied bonsai for 54 years learning from over 60 artists from around the world.

In the meantime, stay cool and make plans to attend the next general meeting. This month Victor's Bonsai 101 will cover preparing trees for the show. General program "Creating Accent Plants" will be presented by Linda Camp. She will be bringing in a collection of accent plants and some will be for sale, just in time for you to use in the show.

—Larry Stephan

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44th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition

Everything you need to know about August Exhibition, featuring guest artist Mark Fields from Greenwood, Indiana, is available on our website! This includes, great descriptions of workshops and sign up is effortless. You can also sign up there to volunteer for the show, and we need more members to help us make the exhibit a success. We need help on all days of the show and remember volunteers get free parking and admission to the Chicago Botanic Garden.

If you are showing a tree, registration on website will be added in early August. Online registration is a real time saver for all so please consider using same. Here is link <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition/> Thanks to Mathew Corpolongo and Matt Mazza for their work gathering and publishing this information.

Final list of vendors for this year's exhibition;

- April Grigsby Pottery
- BC Bonsai
- Bonsai By Fields,
- Cactus and Succulent Society
- Quattlebaum Bonsai Nursery
- DaSu Bonsai Studio
- Green Witch Gardens (The Flower Market)
- Gugeler Art Studio
- Tandamiti Bonsai
- Hidden Gardens
- Kawa No Oka Bonsai
- Ken's World of Bonsai
- Kristy Majeske Japanese Scrolls
- Tarnow Pots
- Ikebana on Halsted
- Pottery Cat Studio
- Four Seasons Bonsai
- Mulberry Creek Herb Farm
- Rafael Perez Guerra Suiseki
- Yume-En, Kusa-Farm
- Literati Design
- Stone Forest Pottery
- Tom Phardel Pottery
- Satoyama Bonsai
- International Bonsai
- Stupefy Bonsai

The Midwest Bonsai Society
Invites you to the
44th Annual Mid-America Bonsai
Exhibit

- Free admission*
- Bonsai trees
- Suiseki
- Workshops
- Vendors
- Demonstrations
- Banquet + Auction

Guest Judge:
Mark Fields

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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, Illinois
August 19 • 20 • 21, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
*Garden Admission Applies

August Events Calendar

Monday August 1, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY AUGUST MEETING Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein.

7:00 PM Bonsai 101 Program: "Preparing Your Tree for Display at Exhibition" by Victor Zurczak. 7:30 PM, General Program: "Creating Accent Plants" by Linda Camp. Linda will bring a variety of accent plants for demonstration. Some will be available to purchase. Bring your own tree to the meeting as Victor and other experienced members will be available to answer questions and provide advice. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday August 3, 2022

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage or via ZOOM.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Program; Discussion on advantages of different soil types and Jennifer Price presentation on summer color with flowering tropicals plus a few unusual species for your bonsai garden. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Thursday August 4 thru Sunday August 14, 2021

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY WISCONSIN STATE FAIR BONSAI EXHIBIT

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Daily, at Wisconsin State Fair Park Exposition Center at The Grand Champion Building, 8200 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214. Rotating Bonsai Display and Competition; Exhibit 1 Thursday - Sunday, Exhibit 2 Monday - Wednesday, Exhibit 3 Thursday - Sunday. For more Information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_shows.html

Saturday August 6, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: "Summer Cutback". For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Saturday & Sunday, August 6 & 7, 2022

DESTINATION ASIA FESTIVAL – PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY BOOTH

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, in Arbor Court at the Morton Arboretum. Explore the diverse cultures of Asia through music, dance, food, and more. At the PSBS booth member's bonsai will be displayed and they will also be doing styling demonstrations on their trees. For more Information go to Destination Asia Festival - Prairie State Bonsai Society

Saturday August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2022

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.hidden.garden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday August 13, 2022

SHIMPAKU JUNIPER WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Learn how to style a Shimpaku juniper as an informal upright, slanting, cascading or twisted trunk bonsai. Tree included in cost of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday August 17, 2022

MBS CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 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 or call 773-235-9479.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 19, 20 & 21, 2021

44th ANNUAL MID-AMERICA BONSAI EXHIBITION

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, with guest master Mark Fields, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road Glencoe, Illinois. For further information including links to workshops and tree registration go to August Exhibition — Midwest Bonsai Society

Saturday August 27, 2022

BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree, or that one that you just bought at the show. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday, with guest artist Jim Doyle at Linden Sculpture Garden, 2145 W Brown Deer Rd, Milwaukee, WI. For more information or updates go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_shows.html

Saturday September 3, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: "Wire A Tree". Lecture and work on your tree or provided branches. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Saturday September 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2022

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.hidden.garden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

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; "Ironman Competition". Three teams competing for best Juniper Bonsai created in 45 minutes. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday September 10 thru October 22, 2022

7 WEEK BASIC BONSAI COURSE at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Topics covered: History of bonsai, styles, care, bug control, watering, feeding, wiring, tools, propagation, soils and repotting, aftercare and more. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

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Monthly Care Report - August 2022

No relaxing yet. Wait until next month. Everything that is healthy is growing robustly. Nearly everything that isn't healthy is getting better.

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. Midday root watering and a little extra nitrogen will help.

When watering, cover every part thoroughly (leaves, branches, trunk, soil surface). Obtain a wand that produces the effect of soft rain, arching the stream upward so it falls like rain all over the tree. Re-water the soil surface multiple times until you feel it is thoroughly saturated. If the tree is rootbound it will require three or four visits. This is a critical process that ensures old air is completely pushed out the bottom of the container and fresh air is pulled into the soil mass. A plus of this method is that a lot of chlorine is

dispersed and added oxygen is mixed into the water.

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. Prune and trim vigorous growth on deciduous and broad-leaved evergreens. It follows that more trimming yields better ramification.

Continue to fertilize on your established schedule. You want the trees to have energy to produce wood and begin the process of storing energy in the lower trunk and roots for dormancy and next year's growth spurt. Continue to check wires.

After about August 20 begin needle thinning on five-needle pines. If the needles come off easily when you pull them toward the tip you can continue throughout the tree. If there is resistance you risk damaging the bark and endangering the health

of the tree, so the needles removed must be trimmed/ cut off at the middle of the fascicle. This can change in any given tree yearly.

To balance the vigor of the branches on white pines, remove all of last year's growth and about half this year's needles on strong growths. Remove all last this year's needles but leave all of this year's on average strength growths. Leave about half of last year's needles and again leave all of this this year's needles on weak growths. When finished tree branches should look like they all have the same needle density. Performing this process for several years will also reduce the length of needles.

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.

—Compiled from several web articles and adapted to our area with the help of Ivan Waters.

August Events

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Monday SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 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: "Planting Tree On A Rock" presented by Victor Zurczak. Note that this demonstration tree will be raffled off at the meeting. 7:30 PM, General Program: "Video & Discussion of August Exhibition Judge's Review" For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday September 14, 2022

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August Meeting Focus

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Chicago Bonsai Club

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