
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message


The month of July is a slower month for bonsai in terms of shows and events, but that just gives us more time to think about August. Everyone should be getting their trees ready for the August show, cleaning them up, choosing stands and accents, planning when they are free to come volunteer over the weekend. Sign up for your workshops now, there's no better way to learn than working with a master. A full list of workshops is included in this newsletter, and registration is open. You can print off a form online and mail it in or sign up at the general meetings. We have started experimenting with the ability to accept credit cards. While we don't have our website set up for that yet, you can bring your cards to the next general meeting and register that way. We did a limited trial at the May show and it worked out well, so we are working to increase where we can accept credit card payments. Thank you for your patience while we work out the bugs!

One note about the August show—our banquet location, Maggiano's

Little Italy, has a strict reservation policy, and we need to know in advance how many folks will be attending the banquet. Please sign up early for the banquet; this will help us out immensely. For those impatient for the August show, there's still room in Ivan's next classes at the Garden – which start their next session in July.

August is a busy month for bonsai events; the first weekends hold the Wisconsin and Indiana State Fairs, both of which have bonsai exhibits. Then we have our show on the third weekend of the month. These are all great chances to get out and see new trees, get new ideas and inspire yourself for new projects. Attending bonsai shows is still one of the best ways to expand your horizons and increase your knowledge of trees. When you are at a show, take a moment with each tree. See if you can discern its history. Study its trunk, its branches, its foliage, and the direction of its movement. Analyze the style, the choice of accent, and the composition of pot, stand and tree. A lot can be learned by just looking.

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Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit

The Midwest Bonsai Society invites you to the 36th Annual Bonsai Exhibit

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- Bonsai Trees
- Workshops
- Vendors
- Raffles
- Demonstrations
- Banquet + Auction

Featuring
Guest Master
Bjorn Bjorholm



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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
1000 Lake Cook Road • Glencoe, Illinois
August 16 • 17 • 18, 2013, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

For our next general meeting we are asking that folks bring in their trees that they're thinking of displaying for comments and suggestions for preparing them for display. Or, bring in a tree to find out what it would need in the future to develop it for showing. Or just bring in any tree that you want comments and feedback on. We want it to be a hands-on meeting where people can bring in and discuss their own trees.

On another note, we are looking for a few new faces for the Board of Directors for next year. I have a couple of individuals who've mentioned that they'd be interested, but we still need more folks. This is a chance to help the Midwest Bonsai Society in the work that we do, preparing for meetings, the shows, and other miscellaneous administrative tasks that it

takes to keep the Society running. Our next election is in November, so please start thinking if you'd like to help. If you're willing to, please talk to me or another board member at the next general meeting. Thank you!

July also brings with it the end of our membership year, which means that dues are due starting in August. Your membership renewal is what keeps this Society going, and allows us to bring in interesting programs. The most convenient way to renew is to stop by the Society's booth at the August show, though membership forms are also available at our meetings, on the back of this newsletter, and on our website at <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/registration.html>. Thank you very much for your membership, and your support of the Society.
—Cat Nelson

Events Calendar

Monday, July 1, 2013

Midwest Bonsai Society July meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center, will be "Preparing Trees for Display," focusing on fine-tuning and trees you may want to exhibit at our August Bonsai Show. The Bonsai 101 session, which begins at 7 pm, will be a talk on common insects and insecticides, presented by Cat Nelson.

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Prairie State Bonsai General Meeting 7:30pm, at the College of DuPage. Room TEC1038b Program: TBA. For directions to meeting, go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Due to Independence Day there will be no Milwaukee Bonsai Society Meeting. For more information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will hold its meeting at the Garfield Park Conservatory. James Fairchild and Tony Welinski will be available to answer questions, and assist with styling and maintaining your bonsai trees. For more info, email: suekazoo@hotmail.com

August 1 – 11, 2013

Wisconsin State Fair, Horticulture Exhibit Horticulture, Craft & Culinary Pavilion. All the vegetable exhibits and society shows are vibrant and fragrant, showcasing the state's best produce, plants and flowers from bonsai to roses. For more info, go to <http://www.wistatefair.com>

August 2 – 10, 2013

Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show and Sale at the Ball State Ag./Hort. Building, sponsored by Eagle Creek Bonsai, LLC. For more info, go to <http://www.in.gov/statefair>

July Meeting Focus

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stands, accent plants, what have you, for final advise. Various Board Members will be on hand to assist you and answer any questions. If you have never displayed a tree, now's your chance to get advice on entering something in the Novice Category. The Bonsai 101 session, which begins at 7 pm, will be a talk on common insects and insecticides, presented by Cat Nelson.

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Chicago Bonsai Club

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styling and maintaining your bonsai trees.

Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago.

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Haiku

by Susan Babyk

Summer Heat

All the bonsai trees
Do their best
work in the sun,
Photosynthesis.



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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.

Monthly Care Report: What to Do in July

July is a great time of year for bonsai. Growth has slowed down, the deciduous trees should be in full glory, and juniper trees are lush.

Keep your trees in shape by pinching or light pruning. Check wiring on trees. Watch for pests and diseases, and spray accordingly. Watch out for scale, looking for tiny white specks on the foliage. Scale requires repeated sprayings on a regular basis as it is amazingly persistent.

Fertilize regularly. If using fertilizer cakes, replace them every month.

Rotate your trees to be sure all sides get equal amounts of sunlight and grow in all directions.

Regarding hot pots: the

hot sun can heat up pots and, therefore, the soil. Studies have shown that trees in pots with a wide rim tend to heat up more and deep pots retain more heat than shallow ones.

To prevent heat damage to roots, you can use old cotton tee-shirts over the rims of your pots to shade the pot and also help retain a bit of moisture. Or use burlap, pinned in place with U shaped pieces of bonsai wire or provide a bit of shade during the hottest part of the day.

(This is an excerpt from *IBA News & Muse*, July 2010, Volume 27, Issue 7, Iowa Bonsai Association Newsletter)

—Ed Hake. Fort Wayne Bonsai Club.

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Membership Renewal Reminder

July is the time to renew your Midwest Bonsai Society membership, so please fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on the last page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check, or pay in person at the August Show. Membership dues keep the Society running and cover costs such as producing our 2 annual shows, inviting guest lecturers to various meetings, and newsletter printing and postage.

Midwest Bonsai Society By-Laws Revised

The updated bylaws were voted on and approved at the June meeting. The bylaws can be found on the website under the "newsletter archive" link.



Clump style, Common Privet

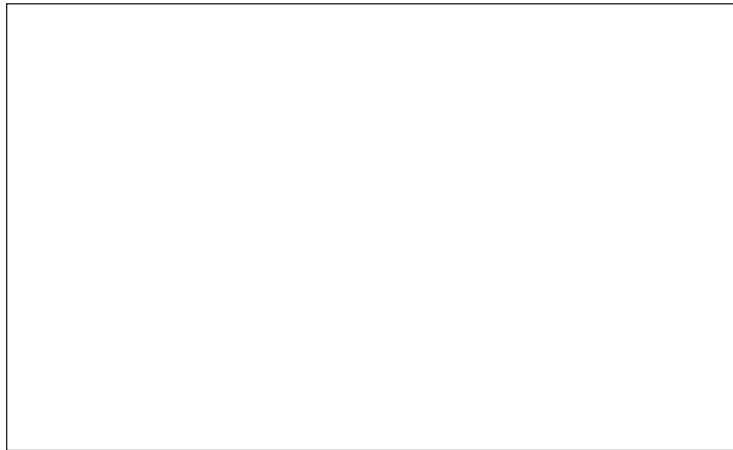
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