

---

# MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

---

[www.midwestbonsai.org](http://www.midwestbonsai.org)

## President's Message

It seems like it was just yesterday that 2018 started and now here we are more than halfway through the year. June was another busy month for us with a successful appearance at Japanfest in Arlington Heights followed immediately by a great styling demonstration by Todd Schlafer at our General meeting. Todd did beautiful work on the Englemann Spruce the Society purchased. We'd particularly like to thank Jeff Schultz of Hidden Gardens for working with us to arrange the demonstration. Check out the Hidden Gardens website for upcoming workshops with other Artists like Walter Pall and Bjorn Bjorholm.

July typically brings us the summer heat, but the way this year has gone how hot that will be is anybody's guess. Watch your tree for possible signs of heat stress and water accordingly.

Our July 2nd General Meeting will be a mix of new and old for us. On the new side, a few of our experienced members have agreed to host tables to help any of our members who want last minute styl-

ing tips or display advice on the trees they plan to show in August. On the old side, we will be doing a second repotting session for our oft neglected tropical enthusiasts.

While it feels like we've just managed to recuperate from the May show, August is fast approaching. It's time once again for me to start beating the drum for volunteers. The schedule sheets have been drawn up and will be available at the next two General meetings. Please consider how you can help the Society best and sign up as soon as possible, we have a lot of schedule to fill.

There is one new volunteer position not listed on the schedule. For the last couple of years, the Guest Masters have had problems keeping up with the demanding schedule of the show. They find themselves bouncing from judging to commenting to workshop to demonstration and thanks to their dedication to their art and our show they frequently wind up missing breaks and food. We would like a few people to help the Guest Artist through their

day. The position will help the G.A. stay on schedule, ensure that they get food and refreshments as needed, and help the G.A. in their workshops if they so desire. In return for their efforts, these volunteers will have the opportunity of up to three days to watch and learn from one of the best in today's world of Bonsai. Because this position requires patience, effort, and some experience with Bonsai, the Board will be screening the candidates for suitability. If you would like to apply for a position, please send us a message at [Midwest.Bonsai@Yahoo.com](mailto:Midwest.Bonsai@Yahoo.com) with the subject line "Guest Artist Concierge".

Over the past year things have been a bit loose with the volunteers. This fall, for the duration of the show, we will have a Volunteer Coordinator, Eileen Michal. Ms. Michal has graciously offered her time to oversee the volunteer shifts and see that the needed positions are covered. Larry Stephan and I will still be helping you sign up for volunteer shifts over the

E-mail system. Ms. Michal will be the contact and supervisor for the duration of the show.

The Board members work hard to provide the Society with engaging monthly programming, two shows each year, a library of reference and study material, and many other things behind the scenes. It is a labor of appreciation that requires hours of sacrifice and brings with it a significant amount of stress. Sometimes the sacrifice is too much. It is with regret that I must announce that our Vice President of Monthly Programming, Susan Babyk, has determined that she must step down from the position for personal reasons. Susan has given many years of service to the Society and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts.

That's all I have for this month, check the calendar for all the local Bonsai events this month, and I'll see you at the July 2nd Meeting.

—Robert Wright

---

## July Meeting Focus

The July meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. There will be "Expert Tables" where you can get help preparing your trees for the August Show from expert members, so bring your trees and questions. In addition simultaneously, we will be doing a second repotting session for our oft neglected tropical enthusiasts. There will be no Bonsai 101

# Events Calendar

**Sunday July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2018**

**BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters,**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to [yasukunai@hotmail.com](mailto:yasukunai@hotmail.com) or call 847-917-0817.

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

**MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING**

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program: at 7:00 PM, There will be "Expert Tables" where you can get help preparing your trees for the August Show from expert members. In addition, we will be doing a second repotting session for our oft neglected tropical specimens so bring your trees and questions. There will be no Bonsai 101. For further information, go to [www.midwestbonsai.org](http://www.midwestbonsai.org)

**Saturday July 7, 2018**

**BC BONSAI WORKSHOP**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Wheaton, IL - Green Island Ficus Shohin. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-690-0404.

**Saturday July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2018**

**BC MASTER BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters,**

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-690-0404.

**Saturday July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2018**

**HIDDEN GARDENS WORKSHOPS,**

9:00 AM - 12 PM, Saturday Morning Bonsai with Mark Karczewski bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <http://www.hiddengarden.net/index.html> or call 630-655-8283.

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

**PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING**

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. Program: 7:00 PM Bonsai 101, Keeping Branches Happy by TBD. 7:30 PM, Program TBD. For further information go to [www.prairiestatebonsai.com](http://www.prairiestatebonsai.com)

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

**MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY PICNIC & SWAP MEET**

For further information go to [http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs\\_schedule.html](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html)

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

**CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING,**

6:00 PM, Garfield Park Conservatory. Bring a tree to work on to prepare for the August MBS Exhibit. Senior members will be present to answer questions & give assistance. For further information, contact: [suekazoo@hotmail.com](mailto:suekazoo@hotmail.com)

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

**TROPICAL BONSAI WORKSHOP with Chris Baker**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Bring your own trees. 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](https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/tropical_bonsai_workshop)

**Saturday July 28, 2018**

**BC BONSAI WORKSHOP:**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Wheaton, IL - Gmelina Shohin. For further information & to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-690-0404.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 3, 4 & 5, 2018**

**ANNUAL PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SHOW**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, with guest artist Frank J. Mihalic, at The Morton Arboretum. For further information go to [www.prairiestatebonsai.com](http://www.prairiestatebonsai.com)

**Sunday August 5, 12 & 26 2018**

**BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters,**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to [yasukunai@hotmail.com](mailto:yasukunai@hotmail.com) or call 847-917-0817.

**Monday, August 6, 2018**

**MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING**

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program: at 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101, Topic TBD. 7:30 PM: Program TBD. For further information, go to [www.midwestbonsai.org](http://www.midwestbonsai.org)

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,**

6:30 PM. Boerner Botanical Gardens. MBS Presentation – Tropical Bonsai. For further information go to [www.milwaukeebonsai.org](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org)

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

**BONSAI REFINEMENT & SHOW DISPLAY with Chris Baker,**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at Chicago Botanic Garden Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. For further information go to [https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult\\_education/horticulture/bonsai\\_refinement\\_and\\_show\\_display?range\\_start=2018-08-08](https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/bonsai_refinement_and_show_display?range_start=2018-08-08)

**Saturday August 11 & 25, 2018**

**BC MASTER BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters,**

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-690-0404.

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING,**

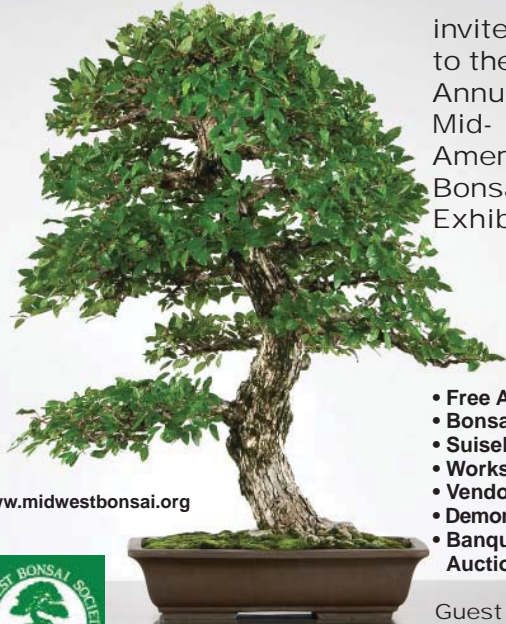
6:00 PM, Garfield Park Conservatory. Bring a tree to work on to prepare for the August MBS Exhibit. Senior members will be present to answer questions & give assistance. For further information, contact: [suekazoo@hotmail.com](mailto:suekazoo@hotmail.com)

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 17 • 18 • 19, 2018**

**41st ANNUAL MID-AMERICA BONSAI EXHIBITION,**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday, with Japanese guest artist Naoki Maeoka, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois. For further information go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition/>

## The Midwest Bonsai Society



invites you to the 41st Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit

- Free Admission
- Bonsai Trees
- Suiseki
- Workshops
- Vendors
- Demonstrations
- Banquet + Auction

Guest Master  
Naoki Maeoka

[www.midwestbonsai.org](http://www.midwestbonsai.org)



© 2013 Chicago Botanic Garden, Photo by Tim Priest, M.Photos.Cr



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Road  
Glencoe, Illinois

August 17 • 18 • 19, 2018  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Parking Fees Apply

## Monthly Care Report: What to Do in July

July, hot and humid as it is, is a great time of year for bonsai. Growth has slowed, deciduous trees are leafed out, and juniper trees should be bushy. Since it is also vacation time, be sure to plan ahead, even if leaving for a few days. Find a trusty friend or hook up a watering system with a timer.

Keep your trees in shape by pinching or light pruning. Check wiring on trees. Watch for pests and diseases, and spray accordingly. If you find something wrong and aren't sure what the problem is, consult someone who is knowledgeable, and ask them. Watch out for scale, looking for tiny white specks on the foliage. Scale requires repeated sprayings regularly,

as it is amazingly persistent. Fertilize regularly. If using fertilizer cakes, replace every month.

Turn your trees often so that all sides get equal amounts of sunlight and grow in all directions. The hot sun can heat up pots and the soil, trees in wide rimmed pots tend to get hotter, and deep pots retain more heat than shallow ones. To prevent heat damage to roots cover soil and the rims of your pots with old cloth or burlap. This will also help keep the plants moist longer.

—Some information has been paraphrased from *IBA News & Muse*, Volume 27, Issue 7, Iowa Bonsai Association Newsletter, Reprinted by Permission

## Chicago Bonsai Club

The July meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, July 18, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a plant to work on.

Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. Contact: [suekazoo@hotmail.com](mailto:suekazoo@hotmail.com) or call 773-235-9479.

## May Exhibition

Thanks again to all the Midwest Bonsai members who volunteered at the May Exhibit. Your work makes the event successful. Congratulations to Colleen Donahue of Morton Grove for winning the raffle tree.

## August Exhibition

All you need to know for August Exhibition now available on our website! Great information and sign up for workshops is effortless. If you are showing a tree registration on website will be added soon. 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 Larry Stephan for their work gathering and publishing this information.

## Japan Festival

Japan Festival Culture of "Rykyu" Island was a very well attended on June 1 and 2 in Arlington Heights. MBS was well represented with tree displays and demonstrations thanks to Jim Fairchild, Ivan Watters, Amy and Robert Wright.



Ivan Watters (left), and Jim Fairchild at Japan Festival.



Midwest Bonsai Society  
P.O. Box 1373  
Highland Park, Illinois 60035-7373  
www.midwestbonsai.org

## Membership Information

To become a member of the Midwest Bonsai Society or re-new your current membership (July is the month to renew), please fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on this page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check. 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 Connection  
Volume 61 • Issue 6 • July 2018

---



## Membership Request

Name

---

Address

---

City, State, Zip Code

---

Telephone

Date

---

Email

Please Check If Renewal

---

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

Send to: Midwest Bonsai Society

P.O. Box 1373

Highland Park, Illinois

60035-7373

Annual Membership • July 1st thru June 30

**\$35** Electronic Newsletter **OR \$45** Newsletter by Mail