
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

Greeting Society member, July is just about here and despite the cool temperatures thus far I expect it will be a hot one like most of the Julys I remember. Watch your trees for heat stress and water accordingly. I usually find that at least a few days in the coming month I have to water a number of my more hydrophilic trees

twice to keep them sufficiently hydrated.

As I type this, our July meeting topic is still up in the air. We have a 101 on fertilization prepared, but the planned program on pest and disease control is still a work in progress. If you have ideas for future programs or would like to volunteer to do a program

for the Society, please contact us at Midwest. bonsai@yahoo.com.

August is just around the corner, and our August exhibition volunteer roster is ready for volunteers to fill it. Watch your E-mail for the Eventbrite volunteer signup mail. If you miss the E-mail you will be able to find the Eventbrite volunteer registration via the Society website. We're grateful to have a dedicated membership who sacrifice some of their

personal time to make the Society work.

A wonderful volunteer has taken up the call to help with the Society Board by filling in as Secretary, and I hope that can serve as a call to others to help fill the other positions that remain open, especially the monthly programs department.

Thanks for your attention and I hope to see you all July 1st,
—Bob Wright

42nd Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition

All you need to know for August Exhibition, featuring guest master from International Bonsai Arboretum in Rochester, New York, William Valavanis, now available on our website! Also, great descriptions of workshops and sign up 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.

July Meeting Focus

The July meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM. on Monday, July 1st, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

7:00 PM - Bonsai 101 program will cover fertilizing your trees. 7:30 PM - General meeting program we hope will feature guest speaker with expertise in pest and disease control. As we go to press with this newsletter still trying to firm up availability of speaker.

In any event, we will have program to help you learn more about some aspect of this bonsai art form. And as always BC Bonsai will be there if you need any supplies.

Events Calendar

Monday, July 1, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Program: Bonsai 101 Fertilizer. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Saturday JULY 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019

SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

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

Saturday JULY 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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 July 7, 14, 21 or 25, 2019

BC BONSAI WORKSHOPS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM on 4th & 18th, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM on 25th, Wheaton, IL. July 4th. Juniper spring styling-bring your own tree, 18th Juniper for beginners, on 25th Tropical tree repotting. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Sunday JULY 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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.

Sunday JULY 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019

BC BONSAI BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOP

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Wheaton, For further information or to register call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Club Business 7:30 PM, Program: Styling demonstration by Jennifer Price. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday July 13, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY PICNIC AND SWAP MEET

Grace Lutheran Church. For further information See July newsletter at http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

6:00 PM at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Contact suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479 for further information.

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

BONSAI SHOW PREPARATION 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/

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 June Newsletter at <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/index.html>

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, 17, 24 & 31, 2019

SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Wheaton or Warrenville, 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, 17, 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, 18 & 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 TBD. Main Program: TBD. For further information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

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.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 16, 17 & 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,

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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 trustworthy friend or hook up a watering system with a timer. Even when using watering system have someone check to insure it turned on, turned off and that all trees were watered.

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. Bring trees to monthly meeting and ask for assistance identifying problem.

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.

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Glencoe, Illinois. For further information go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/august-exhibition/>

Tuesday, August 17, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Garden. This meeting replaces normal first Tuesday of the month meeting. Program State Fair Winners. For further information go to <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/index.html>

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/

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

6:00 PM at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Bring a tree. Contact suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479 for further information.

Chicago Bonsai Club

The July meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 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 or just come to observe.

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

Contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

New Books And Dvd's In The Library

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able to purchase some new materials for the library that are now ready for members. These include the following: Enrique Castano de la Serna's *Botany for Bonsai: The Science Behind the Art*, Amy Liang's *The Living Art of Bonsai*, Michael Hagedorn's *Post-Dated: The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk*, Larry Morton's *Modern Bonsai Practices*, George Buehler's *Bonsai: Your Guide to Creating Stands and Benches*, Francois Jeker's *Bonsai Aesthetics Vol. I*, Masakuni Kawasumi II, *The Secret Techniques of Bonsai*, *The Bonsai Masters Series of The Magician: The art of Kimura*, *The Bonsai Masters Series of Junipers*, *The Bonsai Masters Series of Pines*, David DeGroot's *Principles of Bonsai Design*, John Naka's *Sketchbook*, Junsun Yamamoto's *The Beauty of Bonsai*, Harry Harrington's *The Foundations of Bonsai* and Larry Jackel's *Ponderosa Pines as Bonsai*.

Additions to our DVD collection include *How to Collect Wild Trees*, *Keiko Yamane from the 1993 World Bonsai Convention*, *Bonsai Basic Series: Volume 1: Wiring*, *Volume 2: Branch Selection & Pruning*, *Volume 4: Container Choices*, *Bonsai Basic Series: Vol. 5: Bonsai Designs & Styling*, *Introduction to Bonsai Basics*, *Warren Hill Demonstration(2007)*, *Bonsai Fun with Dave & Carole*, and *Bonsai Pictures by Tony Wilenski*.

Dvd's of past shows include 1998, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2011.

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General Meetings

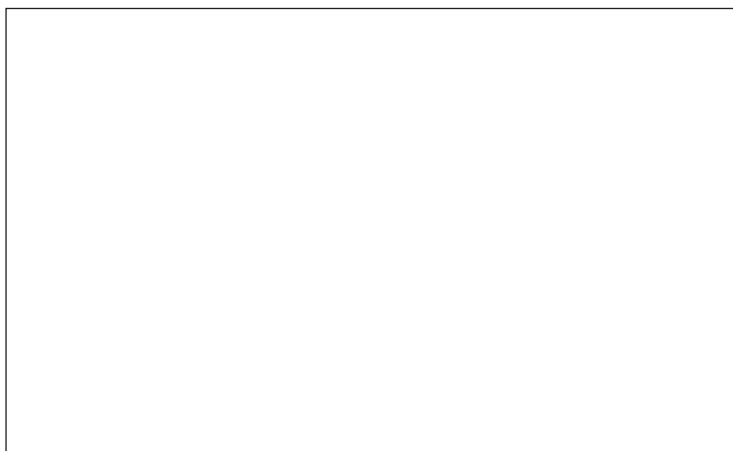
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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Membership Information: To become a member of the Midwest Bonsai Society or renew your current membership, fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on this page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check. Or to join online, go to: <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/membership/join-renew/> 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.