

MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

HOT! HOT! and HOTTER! Most of our trees like a little sun and some summer warmth but the weather has gotten too hot, too fast. Keep your trees well watered and protect them from too much direct sun if you can.

Thanks to everyone who helped out for the May Exhibit. We needed a lot of help and many of you turned out to do everything from set up and tear down to manning tables, helping vendors and displaying trees. Most of our vendors reported having a good weekend in terms of sales. Not holding the Exhibit on the Mother's Day weekend did decrease the general walk-through traffic but we still had good crowds. Over 60 children took home little Bonsai trees. The increases in Garden visitor's fees was offset by providing vendors, volunteers and people entering trees with weekend passes if they were not already Garden members. This policy will be continued for the August Exhibit.

Now is a good time to think about trees you may want to enter in the August Exhibit. If you have never entered a tree, remember you can enter in the Novice Category. At our August meeting

Program includes "Preparing Your Tree for Display at Exhibition" and "Creating Accent Plants" to help you get ready. 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. Remember we need even more volunteers for this exhibition so please think about when you could be available to help.

Pleased to announce that we will have a visiting artist at our general meeting July 11th. Phil Malhiot, who was our judge at last year's exhibit, will discuss how to select the right pot for your tree. Bring your own tree to the meeting, either in the pot you like or bring the pot you are planning to use and get Phil's take on the choice. Phil will also donate one of his hand-made pots to raffle at the meeting. Victor's Bonsai 101 will be "Daily Bonsai Care".

In the meantime, stay cool and make plans to attend the next general meeting.

—Larry Stephan

44th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition

All you need to know for August Exhibition, featuring guest artist Mark Fields from Greenwood, Indiana, is now or will soon be available on our website! This includes, 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 Matt Mazza for their work gathering and publishing this information.



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

July Events Calendar

Saturday July 2, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: "Basic Styling. Just in time styling for the Holiday". For further information go to [Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org)

Saturday July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 31, 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, July 6, 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; Juniper styling demonstration by Larry MaGee and Linda Camp of BC Bonsai will discuss making and using muck. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday July 9, 2022

JAPANESE LARCH WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Learn about care and styling of this tree. Tree included in cost of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Monday July 11, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY JULY 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: "Daily Bonsai Care" presented by Victor Zurczak 7:30 PM, General Program: "How to Select a Pot for Your Tree" by visiting artist Phil Malhiot. All members are encouraged to bring in a tree for Phil to critique the pot selection. Phil will also be donating one of his handmade pots which will be raffled off at the meeting. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Saturday July 16, 2022

DAWN REDWOOD WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Learn about care and styling of this tree. Tree included in cost of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday July 20, 2022

MBS CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

6:00 PM - 7:30 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.

Saturday July 23, 2022

BLUE SPRUCE WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Learn about care and styling of this tree. Tree included in cost of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday July 30, 2022

NANKING CHERRY WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Learn about care and styling of this tree. Tree included in cost of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

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 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. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Program; TBD. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Thursday August 4 thru Sunday August 14, 2021

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](http://www.milwaukeebonsai.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

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Monthly Care Report - July 2022

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. 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 prun-

ing. Check wiring on trees. Even add some wire when defoliating or new growth is strong and not easily damaged. 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. Remember you can bring trees to monthly meeting and ask for assistance identifying problem. We have also added a "Bonsai Helpline" link on our website or you can simply email questions to Midwest Bonsai

Society midwest.bonsai@yahoo.com and we will respond. So, if you have questions send them along with photos to get an opinion on what is afflicting your trees. Watch out for scale, looking for tiny white specks on the foliage. Scale requires repeated sprayings regularly, as it is amazingly persistent. Adding paraffin based horticultural oil or Neem oil to the insecticide makes it much more effective. 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, (turn 90 degrees clockwise each week). 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. Another technique that works well, which I learned from Kay Berlenborn, is to use foam shelf liners which will cool and reflect light to increase growth and let in water and air freely.

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

July Events

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

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Wednesday August 17, 2022

MBS CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

6:00 PM - 7:30 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 Glen-coe, Illinois. For further information including links to workshops and tree registration go to August Exhibition — Midwest Bonsai Society

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBIT

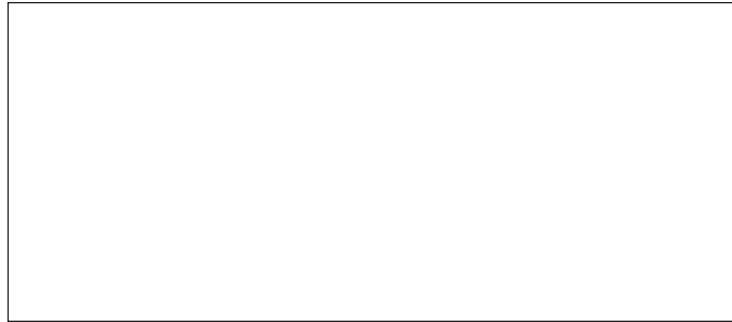
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday, with guest artist Jim Doyle at Linden Sculpture Garden, 2145 W Brown Deer Rd, Milwaukee, WI. For more information or updates go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_shows.html

44th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition Vendors

Current list of vendors for this year's exhibition;

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

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July Meeting Focus

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11th, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center and via WebEx. WebEx Invitations will be sent to all members in an email.

7:00 pm - Bonsai 101 program; "Daily Bonsai Care" presented by Victor Zurczak.

7:30 pm - General program; "How to Select a Pot for Your Tree" by visiting artist Phil Malhiot. All members are encouraged to bring in a tree for Phil to critique the pot selection. For those attending in person, Phil will be donating one of his handmade pots which will be raffled off at the meeting. Other raffle prizes may also be available.

Chicago Bonsai Club

The July meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 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.

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

If you would like further information about the meeting or to join the club, please contact: sukazu17@gmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

Membership Request

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Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Date _____

Email _____

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Library Resources

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