
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

I feel like I am reading the wrong weather reports. Drought? Are we still in Illinois or have we been transported overnight to the Southwestern U.S. But it looks real when I look at my trees. I am watering them more than I have for many years and I am still getting burnt leaves, fronds and needles. Today I will move them around on my patio to dry to get more sun protection for the most sensitive trees. Keeping the trees happy while working on them for the August Exhibit is not an easy task.

Preparations are well under way for the August Exhibit. You are all encouraged to enter trees. You don't need to be a professional Bonsai artist to enter a tree. Remember that

our other categories are Novice (first time entering trees in competition) and Open (not a Bonsai Master but you compete with your fellow club members. There will be a need for lots of volunteers to run the Exhibit. Those opportunities will be posted on line in the near future.

Read on below for details on programs in up-coming meetings of the Society. The next general meeting will be held on July 10th at the Gardens.

Under our By-Laws this is the year to start thinking about elections for our Board of Directors. You will hear a lot about this in coming months and it will be discussed at our General Meetings. If you have

45th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibition

Everything you need to know for August Exhibition, featuring guest artist Bjorn L Bjorholm from Eisei-en Bonsai, in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, is now or will soon be available on our website! This includes, great descriptions of workshops and schedule of events. Online sign up for workshops and tree

registration will be added shortly. If you are showing a tree 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.

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The Midwest Bonsai Society Invites you to the 45th Annual Mid-America Bonsai Exhibit

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



Guest Master:
Bjorn Bjorholm

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Botanical Garden of
Ann Arbor, Michigan,
courtesy of Jack Sustic:
Satsuki Azalea (Profes-
sional Class Winner).



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August 18 • 19 • 20, 2023
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, Illinois

*Garden Admission Applies

an interest in serving on the Board, please contact any Board member. The Board meets the second

Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Hammond Library in Highland Park.
—Larry Stephan

Current list of vendors for this year's exhibition; Ancient Art Bonsai, Asian Artique, BC Bonsai, Bonsai By Fields, Cactus and Succulent Society, DaSu Bonsai Studio, Eisei-en, Golden Arrow Bonsai, Green Witch Gardens (The Flower Market), International Bonsai, Jack Ken Matsumoto

Scrolls, Kawa No Oka Bonsai, Ken's World of Bonsai, Kusa-Farm, Lake-side Bonsai, Lil Tarnow Pots, Morning Sun Bonsai, Mulberry Creek, Pottery Cat Studio, Rob Sheldon, Sara Rayner Pottery, Stone Forest Pottery, Superfly Bonsai, Tandamiti Bonsai, Tom Phardel Pottery, Yume-En,

July Events Calendar

Saturday July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023

SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. Bring your own tree and Mark will evaluate and help you get it to the next level. For further information go to http://www.hidden-garden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday July 2, 2023

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: Show Preparation - Pot Clean up, Tree Clean up, Show Mossing, Stand and other component selection. Focus: Summer watering. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Monday July 10, 2023

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL 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; "Pinching and Pruning Techniques" presented by Victor Zurczak". 7:30 PM, Program: "Bring Your Own Forest" design session led by Linda Camp. Linda will also bring trees that can be purchased to create a new forest or to add to an existing forest. Members are also invited to bring a tree from their collection to get advice on care or styling from Victor Zurczak or other senior members. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings/>

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

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; "Make Your Own Pot" Don Lindstrom demonstration and workshop where you can create a pot. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Wednesday July 19, 2023

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 312-590-6049.

Saturday or Sunday, July 22 or 23, 2019 HIDDEN GARDENS DAVID CUTCHIN WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to <https://www.hidden-garden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Sunday July 23, 2023

BONSAI COURTYARD TOUR with Chris Baker
12:00PM - 2:00PM at the Chicago Botanic Garden - Bonsai East Courtyard, Regenstein Center. Take an in-depth look at the collection of trees and how they are displayed and get additional information about other pieces in the col-

lection. For more information or to register, go to: https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/bonsai_courtyard_tour

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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; TBD. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Thursday August 3 thru Sunday August 13, 2023
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

Friday August 4 thru Sunday 6, 2023

THE MORTON ARBORETUM DESTINATION ASIA FESTIVAL

Friday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, at The Morton Arboretum. at 4100 Illinois Route 53 in Lisle, IL 60532. Prairie State Bonsai Society will be in the Sycamore Room hosting their Annual PSBS Bonsai Exhibition. For more Information go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/event/destination-asia-festival-3/>

Saturday August 5, 2023

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: Show Display - Displaying basics using stands and accents. Focus: Mid Summer Final Cutbacks on Hardy Trees. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Saturday August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023

SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI with Mark Karczewski
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree and Mark will evaluate and help you get it to the next level. (Repotting and wiring are extra). For further information go to Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL or call 630-655-8283.

Monday August 7, 2023

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL 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, "Accent Plants" demonstration by Linda Camp. General program; "Show Presentation for Bonsai" presented by Victor Zurczak. Members are, as always, invited to bring a tree to get advice on care or styling from Victor Zurczak or other senior members For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings/>

Wednesday August 16, 2023

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

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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 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 pruning. 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 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 Meeting Focus

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10th, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center and via WebEx. WebEx Invitations will be sent to all members via email. Meeting on 2nd Monday of the month due to July 4th holiday.

7:00 pm - Bonsai 101 program; "Pinching and Pruning Techniques" presented by Victor Zurczak.

7:30 pm - General program; "Bring Your Own Forest Design Session" led by Linda Camp. Linda will also bring trees that can be purchased to create a new forest or to add to an existing forest.

Remember you are always invited to bring in a tree of any sort, as Victor and other senior members will be available to answer questions and provide advice. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

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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 312-590-6049.

Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27, 2023

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday, with guest artist Bjorn Bjorholm 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

Chicago Bonsai Club

The July meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 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 or to join the club, please contact: sukazu17@gmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

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