
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

www.midwestbonsai.org

President's Message

Thank you. Thank you for spending months organizing the show. Thank you for rebuilding the Mame cases with side windows and building two new ones to complete the show layout. Thank you for laying out the promo materials and doing translations and getting everything printed in time

to promote the show. Thank you for getting all the online promotions and registration components for the show up and going. Thank you for helping to get the show hall prepped and the vendors set up. Thank you for bringing in 1 to 15 displays and filling our hall to the delight and interest of all our visitors.

Thank you for running our sales table and patrolling our show hall answering questions and safeguarding the exhibits. Thank you for helping style and pot and water 30 kids trees Saturday and 60 more on Sunday all while engaging the kids and filling in the parents on how to care for their new trees. Thank you for bringing your wares and your skills to share with our members and visitors. Thank you for helping pack all the boxes, hang all the skirts, and fold all the tablecloths. In short, thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make this a successful Spring show.

Our June meeting will be a Repotting and Ques-

tion and Answer session. Experienced club members will be available to answer questions from all those new folks who got their first tree or the owners who might be struggling with a tree to bring it in and hopefully get the answers they need. Bring your experience, your trees, and your questions to the Bernstein Room in the Regenstein Center of The Chicago Botanic Garden Monday, June 3rd, at 7p.m. Turface will be supplied for repotting as always.

Information and volunteer signups will be posted for the August show soon. Please keep an eye on your E-mail to stay on top of developments.
—Bob Wright

Bonsai in Bloom: Satsuki Azalea Bonsai

**Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI
June 8, 10:00 AM – June 22, 8:00 PM**

Opening on Saturday, June 8, 2019 and running through Saturday, June 22, 2019, the Bonsai & Penjing Garden at Matthaei Botanical Gardens will feature an exhibition of blooming Satsuki azalea from bonsai expert and collector Dr. Melvyn Goldstein. Among bonsai artists, Goldstein's private collection is recognized as one of the finest in the United States. Exhibit also includes a collection of viewing stones from Dr. Goldstein. Called *suiseki* in Japan and *gongshi* in China (where the art originated), viewing stones are naturally occurring rocks with shapes, colors, or features or features that evoke a landscape or an object. Free admission.

Note opening weekend (June 8 and 9) features special events, performances and workshops. For more information or to register <https://mbgna.umich.edu/event/bonsai-in-bloom-satsuki-azalea-bonsai-at-matthaei/>

2nd U.S. National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition

**NC Research Campus Dr, Kannapolis,
NC 28081, USA, June 28 – 30, 2019**

Eleven guest artists:

Minoru Akiyama - Japan, Peter Warren-UK, Marc Arpag-NY, Michael Ryan Bell-MS, Mark Fields-IN, Carlos Morales-PR, David Paris-NY, John Romano-RI, Michael Sullivan-FL, Sean Smith-PA, Wm Valavanis-NY

Details at - <http://internationalbonsai.com>

Events Calendar

Saturday June 1, 2019

START OF BC Bonsai 6 WK INTERMEDIATE CLASS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Wheaton, IL. For further information go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday June 1, 8, 16, 22 & 29, 2019

BC BONSAI MASTER 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 630-386-1515.

Saturday June 1, 8, 16, 22 & 29, 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 June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019

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 or call 847-917-0817.

Sunday, June 2, 2019

BONSAI Basics with Chris Baker

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Plant Science Lab, Regenstein Center. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/bonsai_basics.

Monday, June 3, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

6:30 PM. Boerner Botanical Gardens Program: Follow up on Elms. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 Program: TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: Pine maintenance by Mark Karczewski. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday and Sunday June 8 and 9, 2019

BONSAI IN BLOOM : SATSUKI AZALEA EXHIBITION

10:00 AM - 8:00PM Saturday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI. For further Information or to register go to <https://mbgna.umich.edu/event/bonsai-in-bloom-satsuki-azalea-bonsai-at-matthaei/>

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

BONSAI Pest Management 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/bonsai_pest_management.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 28, 29 and 30
US NATIONAL SHOHIN BONSAI EXHIBITION**

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday and Saturday, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday, North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, North Carolina. Join other enthusiasts who love the beauty and enchantment of small size bonsai. For further Information or to register go to <http://www.internationalbonsai.com/page/493925678> or contact William Valavanis at International Bonsai.

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 TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD For further information, when available go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Saturday JULY 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019

BC BONSAI MASTER 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 630-386-1515.

Saturday JULY 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019

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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

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 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. 7:00pm, Bonsai 101:TBD. 7:30pm, 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

Time and location TBD. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

**BONSAI SHOW PREPARATION WORKSHOP
with Chris Baker**

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Monthly Care Report: What to Do in June

All deciduous trees have come into leaf and new candles on pines have sprouted. Your feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning routines should be in full swing by now. Trees repotted in April can be given light doses of fertilizer. Continue to check for insects and adjust your watering to match the warmer weather. Air-layering of deciduous and evergreens can be continued. The nights are warm enough now, staying in the 60's, so it is time to work on tropicals. We are starting our very active growth season, so proper pruning, feeding and watering through the summer months will be essential. Any wiring you did this winter should be checked and probably removed now.

Repotting of pines should have been completed in early May. Remember to keep them in the shade for a couple weeks. Candles on pines can be pinched any time. Start with the weak buds and do the strong buds a week or so

later. Spruce, junipers and larch shoots are probably ready for their first pinching of the season. Watch the new growth on your deciduous trees and trim back to 1-2 pairs of leaves.

Pinch back long shoots of deciduous trees as sudden frosts (which we hope have ended) can damage the young leaves. Stay on top of maples now and pinch out the center bud just as it emerges from the middle of the first two leaves. Some deciduous species, can handle defoliation, usually early summer, it will greatly reduce their leaf size and create better ramification. If the tree needs to be brought back further, do it now. Now is when you really have to keep on top of your pruning to increase ramification. Cut your Bougainvillea back before all of the flowers are spent to keep it blooming. Keep pruning your Elms back to the first or second node.

PRUNING tropicals...
After our winter months

some trees have wanted to grow out of proportion, their leaves have enlarged and some branches have elongated due to lower light. So now is the time to prune for shape. You can also root prune and repot your tropicals now.

Water routinely if we don't get rain. Spring and early summer are usually the worst for drying out trees. Low humidity, windy, with somewhat cooler temperatures, gives a false sense that they don't require as much water, but do not be fooled, check your trees daily.

INSECTS...

Check daily for any insect problems. Aphids love spring growth and can get out of hand before you know it. Look for scale on the underside of the leaves. Soapy water can usually take care of both those problems. Check your Ficus for Thrips (folding in of the leaves) for they have been a problem in the past. Check your Junipers for mites. We use a granular systemic insecticide whose main ingredient is Imidacloprid, available at some nurseries or garden centers. This only kills non-beneficial insects.

Careful use of insecticides and fungicides becomes increasingly useful at this time of year. Always read and follow manufacturer's directions, but keep in mind that trees in containers may do better with slightly diluted formulations. Watch wired branches carefully to avoid unsightly spiral scars from bark growing over the wires, deciduous trees in particular can expand very quickly in May and June.

FERTILIZE...

You can start on your summer feeding program soon. Young trees more nitrogen, older ones a more balanced food to maintain them. Any tree you have defoliated or cut back hard, place in shade until new growth starts and wait till they have flushed back out to feed them. Be careful not to over water, trees need leaves to transpire water. Blooming varieties can be fed with a fertilizer with a higher middle number. You want your trees healthy to prepare them for the hot summer months.

—Ed Hake • Fort Wayne Bonsai Club • Reprinted by Permission. Compiled from several Web articles with adaptations to our area.

Chicago Bonsai Club

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

Events Calendar

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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/bonsai_show_preparation_workshop

June Meeting Focus

The June meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Since our main program will cover Repotting and Question & Answer session there will be no separate Bonsai 101 this meeting. We will supply water with rooting hormones, soil and wire for repotting. Bring your trees and questions. Senior members will be available to assist with repotting. In addition senior members are available to answer any questions you have on a tree regardless if you are repotting.

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General Meetings

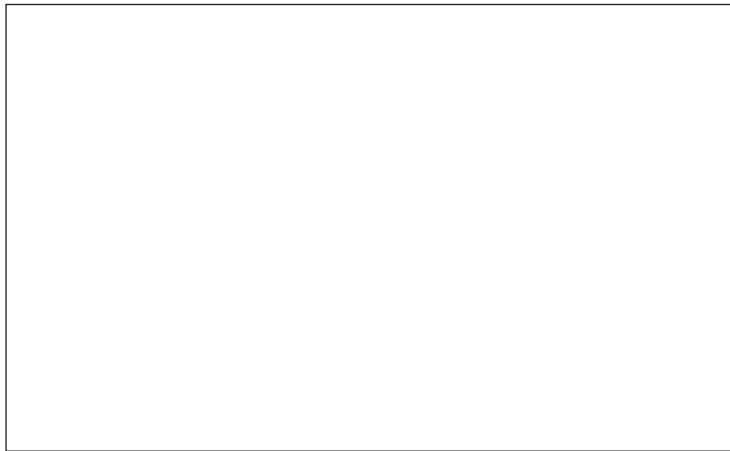
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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