
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

Hello again fellow Society Members. I try to open these comments with something light each month, but I feel that this month I need to open with a more serious tone. April has brought us some sad news in the passing of longtime supporter

and friend of the Society, Anthony (Tony) Mihalic. Anthony brought Wildwood Gardens to vend at our very first show and was an avid supporter of our Society and its mission and we are truly saddened by his passing. He is survived by his children and wife and

Wildwood Gardens continues to vend at our shows to this day. The Society has extended its condolences as a whole, but I encourage any members with a personal connection to the family to reach out to them individually in their time of loss.

main portion of the meeting will be addressing a basic topic in Bonsai, the portion of the meeting usually used for Bonsai 101 will be dedicated to club business. That business is to include a final reading, discussion, and vote on the term limit bylaw amendment. Members, please attend for the business discussion as this is not a change to be made lightly.

The May show is right around the corner. In fact by the time of our May General Meeting it will be only four days away. If you have time to volunteer please do so now. You may either contact the club E-mail Midwest.bonsai@yahoo.com, or volunteer for open positions directly at the website through the Eventbrite listings at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/midwest-bonsai-society-7947189622>. (I know, it's a long address, I hope to have it better organized for the August signup.) The Volunteer positions and workshops are all laid out on that page along with the Workshops for the weekend.

I hope to see you all the 6th.
—Bob Wright

Now, it's almost May, but as I write this the projected low tomorrow is 28 degrees. Continue to be vigilant with your plants and place them into protection whenever you see temps significantly below freezing. Especially if they have begun to leaf out. You don't want to lose the first flush of growth to a freeze.

Our bring-your-tree workshop with Mr. Fields went well last month and supplied me with the May program. You see, when I asked Mark what I needed to improve on he said wiring skills. As I began to brush up on my wiring with some of the texts I have I realized that we haven't had anyone address wiring in our programs for some years. So at our General Meeting on May 6th, Jennifer Price will be giving us a deep dive into wiring our trees. Consequently as the

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIETY BYLAWS

Article 6: ELECTIONS, Section 6 currently reads: The term of office shall be for two years starting January 1. The Directors and Officers may not serve more than two terms (4 years). There will be two exclusions to this:

a. Exclusion 1: The Treasurer, who has no limitation on their tenure in office.

b. Exclusion 2: If the Board of Directors determines that the Society would benefit from an elected person remaining in their office for a third term, or there are no viable candidates for replacing said officer, a special vote of the Board can be called to allow a third term (of 2 years). This exclusion can only be used for one additional term; once the third term is served a new person must be elected to the position.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Article 6: ELECTIONS, Section 6 would be amended to read:

The term of office shall be for two years starting January 1. While the Society will actively seek new Board Members from the paid up General Membership there shall be no limit to the numbers of terms that may be served in any position.

Events Calendar

Thursday, May 1, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00pm, Bonsai 101: Tool maintenance and sharpening demonstration by Jim Beck. 7:30pm, Program: Problem tree workshop. Bring your own tree. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday May 4, 18 & 25, 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 May 4, 18 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. 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.

Saturday May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 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 May 5, 19 & 26, 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.

Monday, May 6, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Business meeting for final reading, discussion and vote, by members, on bylaw amendment addressing board member term limits. 7:30 PM, Program: Visiting artist Jennifer Price presentation on wiring trees For further information, when available go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

6:30 PM. Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: Discussion of members trees. For further information go to http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY 15th ANNUAL MAY BONSAI EXHIBIT

Show theme: education. Members invited to bring trees in various stages of training, accompanied by explanations of what techniques are being used. Held in the Burnstein Hall of the Regenstein Center at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations. For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit>

Sunday May 12, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY WORLD BONSAI DAY CELEBRATION

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, At Lynden Sculpture Garden. Demonstration By guest artist Jennifer Price. For further information go to <https://www.lyndensculpturegarden.org/calendar/world-bonsai-day>

Saturday or Sunday, May 18 or 19, 2019

HIDDEN GARDENS MAURO STEMBERGER WORKSHOPS

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

Saturday June 1, 2019

START OF BC Bonsai 6 WK INTERMEDIATE CLASS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM W, 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

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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.

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Chicago Bonsai Club

The May meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 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.

May Meeting Focus

The May meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Since our main program will cover basic wiring there will be no Bonsai 101 this meeting. At 7 pm we will have business meeting for final reading, discussion and vote on bylaw amendment. Amendment would allow board members to serve more than 3 terms. 7:30 PM, Program: Visiting guest artist Jennifer Price will provide instruction on bonsai wiring techniques.

Monthly Care Report: What to Do in May

By May, most deciduous trees have come into leaf and new candles on pines have sprouted. Feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning schedules should be in full swing by now. Watering should now be done routinely. Cuttings of evergreens may still be taken. Air layering of deciduous and evergreens can be continued. Pinch back long shoots of deciduous trees, as late frosts can damage young leaves.

Candles on pines can be pinched any time as they elongate. Start with weak buds and do strong buds a week or so later. Spruce, juniper and larch shoots are probably ready for their first pinching of the season. Watch new growth on your deciduous trees and trim back to 1-2 pairs of leaves. It is critical to stay on top of maples now and pinch out the center bud as it emerges from the middle of the first two leaves. Watch wired branches carefully to avoid unsightly spiral scars from bark growing over wires—deciduous trees in particular can expand very quickly in May and June.

May is not too late for repotting or field collecting, but this requires increasingly careful after-care as the season progresses. Trees repotted or collected in May should be protected from strong sun and wind until strong growth is observed, as leafy trees may suffer from transplant shock, so roots should be left intact as much as possible. Finish repotting pines early in the month. Remember to keep them in the shade for a few weeks. Trees repotted in April can be given light doses of fertilizer.

Continue to patrol for insects, and adjust watering to match warmer weather. 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.

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

Midwest Bonsai May Exhibit

The May Exhibit on the 11th and 12th is just around the corner. We are counting on your support to make the Exhibit successful. Please consider preparing a tree that is finished or in training to exhibit. In addition, volunteers are needed on Friday, May 10th to set up the room and bring in trees. On Saturday May 11 and Sunday May 12 we will need volunteers to act as docents, man tables and help with the Children's workshops. If you are available please do one of the following. Sign up online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/midwest-bonsai-society-7947189622> or on the volunteer sheet at the May General Meeting or E-mail Larry Stephan at lstephan1@comcast.net (just indicate what days and times you are available and what you would like to do).

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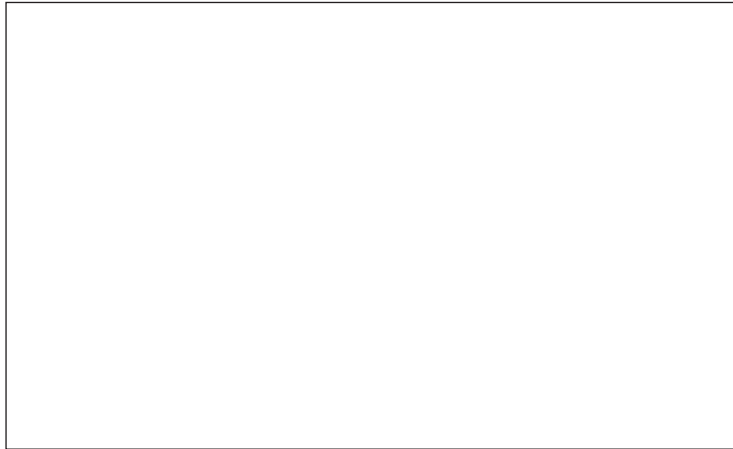
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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