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President's Message

We will need your help in setting up, running and tearing down the May Exhibit. Volunteers can sign-up at www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit#volc. As always Midwest Bonsai Society volunteers will enter the Gardens without any parking or entry fee. Remember, just being a Midwest Bonsai Member won't get you free ad-

mission unless you are working as a volunteer during the Exhibit. If you are a volunteer but not a Chicago Botanic Garden Member, please email us at midwest.bonsai@yahoo.com and we will send you a Volunteer Pass. Eva will be working with Docent volunteers to explain what we expect them to do.

The May Exhibit on May 14th and 15th is shaping up well. Karen Shuman, BC Bonsai, Wildwood Gardens, Lil Tarnow, Teresa Wooden and others will have booths at the Exhibit. Chris Baker and Jim Fairchild will be doing demonstrations in the mornings on Sat. and Sun. The Frank Mihalic's Children's workshops will

be held each afternoon.

New Merchandise – Robert and Amy Wright have come up with a new group or items that will be sold at the May Exhibit, including tote bags, aprons, hats, thermal drink cups and a new style of T-shirts. A few more items popped up with the final clean-up of Ivan Watters apartment. We received about a dozen beautiful Bonsai books. If any are duplicates with our library they will be made available for sale along with a number of Asian decorative items from Ivan's apt.

The Midwest Bonsai Society Board has decided to continue with on-line options for General Meetings. You will still be able to view the May 2nd General Meeting on line, thanks to Jose Fonseca. Bonsai 101 will cover wire and wiring. The General Program will focus on preparing your tree for the May Exhibit or just bring in a tree to get suggestions from Victor and senior members on what to do next.

Larry Stephan

- Free Admission*
- Bonsai Trees
- Suiseki
- Workshops
- Demonstrations
- Vendors



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The Midwest
Bonsai Society
invites you
to the 17th
Annual May
Bonsai Exhibit

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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, Illinois
May 14 & 15, 2022
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

*Garden admission applies

May Events Calendar

Friday April 1 thru Sunday May 15, 2022 MABA/MILWAUKEE 2022 - TREE ENTR

Entries will be accepted only between April 1 and May 15, 2022. Link to registration form <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/maba/docs/RegistrationTreePacket.pdf>

Monday May 2, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY APRIL 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: "Wire and Wiring Techniques" presented by Victor Zurczak. 7:30 PM, General Program: Choice of two hands-on Workshops. Either "Preparing your trees for May show" or "Work on your own tree, not in May show". Victor and other senior members will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage.

7:00 PM Program; Phil Malhiot will talk about matching your tree to its pot. Larry Magee will discuss the fertilizing methods he uses on his plants. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday May 7, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Program: Horticulture tips for bonsai. Maybe a bit of botany. For further information go to MBS202203news.pdf (milwaukeebonsai.org)

Saturday May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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.

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY 16th ANNUAL MAY BONSAI EXHIBIT

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Burnstein Hall of the Regenstein Center at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Show theme: Bonsai Education. Members invited to bring trees in various stages of training, accompanied by explanations of what techniques are being used. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations. For further information, go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit>

Saturday, May 14, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY WORLD BONSAI DAY

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Lynden Sculpture Garden. For further information go to https://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_schedule.html

Saturday May 14 & May 21, 1022

BONSAI TECHNIQUES CLASS with Phil Malhiot

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at 8028 W 27th Street, North Riverside, IL. This is an intermediate level class designed to follow Phil's "Comprehensive Introduction to Bonsai" (April 23rd and 30th). Covers techniques used to improve your bonsai. Bring plant material to class to work on. For further information call 708-705-7768 or bonsaiphil@gmail.com

Wednesday May 18, 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 May 21, 1022

JAPANESE MAPLE MAME BONSAI WORKSHOP with Phil Malhiot

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at 8028 W 27th Street, North Riverside, IL. You will create a Mame Bonsai, from 5-year-old cuttings of Kito Hime variety maples. For further information call 708-705-7768 or bonsaiphil@gmail.com

Saturday June 4, 2022

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: Wiring demo on branch samples. For further information go to [Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org](http://ScheduleforMilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org)

Saturday June 4 thru Saturday July 16, 2022

7 WEEK BASIC BONSAI COURSE at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Topics covered: History of Bonsai, styles, care, bug control, watering, feeding, wiring, tools, propagation, soils and repotting, aftercare and more.. For more information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Saturday June 4, 1022

TWISTED TRUNK YEW MAME BONSAI WORKSHOP with Phil Malhiot

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at 8028 W 27th Street, North Riverside, IL. You will create a Mame Bonsai, from trees Phil has been growing for 10 years. For further information call 708-705-7768 or bonsaiphil@gmail.com

Saturday June 4 & June 18, 1022

FINISHED BONSAI REFINEMENT AND SHOW PREP with Phil Malhiot

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Monthly Care Report - May 2022

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 adaptation to our area.

May Events

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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in North Riverside, IL. This is a bring your own tree workshop or you can work on one of Phil's finished trees. For further information call 708-705-7768 or bonsaiphil@gmail.com

Monday June 6, 2022

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY APRIL MEETING Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein.

7:00 PM Bonsai 101 Program: TBD 7:30 PM, General Program: TBD Please feel free to bring your own tree and get advice from Victor or other experienced members. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday June 8, 2022

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage.

7:00 PM Program; Jennifer Price will perform a demo with maples. Jim Beck 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/>

Wednesday June 15, 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.

Thursday Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2022

MABA/MILWAUKEE 202TWO – EXHIBITION at Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore, 8900 North Kildeer Court, Milwaukee, WI. The Milwaukee Bonsai Society will be hosting an innovative, world class MABA exhibit. Enjoy large selection of vendors, demonstrations, presentations and workshop. Visiting artists include headliners François Jeker (France) and Ted Matson (California) as well as guest artists Mark Fields (Indiana), Byron Myrick (Mississippi), Jennifer Price (Illinois), Todd Schlafer (Colorado), Andy Smith (So. Dakota), Steve Carini (Wisconsin) and Ron Fortmann (Wisconsin). For more information or updates go to <http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/maba/docs/RegistrationPacket.pdf>

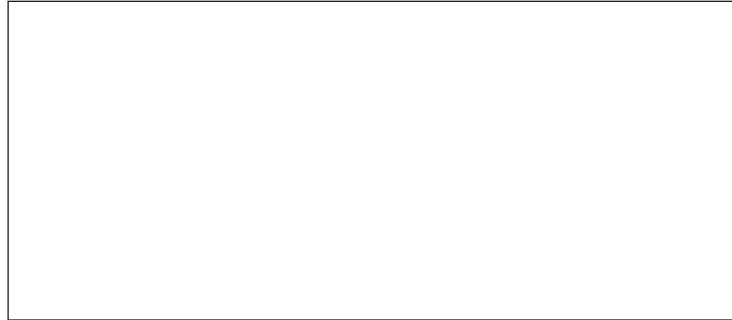
Chicago Bonsai Club

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

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May Meeting Focus

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2nd, 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; "Wire and Wiring Techniques" presented by Victor Zurczak.

7:30 pm - General program; Choice of two hands-on Workshops. Either "Preparing your trees for May show" or "Work on your own tree, not in May show". Victor and other senior members will be available to answer questions and provide assistance.

Membership Request

Name _____

Address _____

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Date _____

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Library Resources

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