
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

It's fall, and the winds of change are blowing. Both for the weather and for the Society. I have been an elected member of the Midwest Bonsai Society Board of Directors since 2014. In that time, it has been my privilege to serve with a group of dedicated and diligent people who have done their best to fill the wants and needs of the Society. I stated at the beginning of the year that I would not be running for the position of President in the election this year, and that has not changed. I will not be standing for any elected position in the November election. I have reached the conclusion that I can no longer fulfill the needs of the Society with the ongoing demands of my work and personal life. I have also come to

the conclusion that the needs of the Society have changed since I accepted the Presidency in 2017 when the current President was unable to finish the term.

Our membership rolls have not significantly increased since Cat Nelson left in 2015. In fact I believe they have fallen steadily over the last five years due to a variety of factors. It is my belief that without an influx of new and active members the Society will simply fade out. Unfortunately, I am not a very social person and I do not have the drive, the skills, or the experience necessary to enact a growth oriented strategy for the Society. Therefore I am vacating the Presidency in the hope that someone with a more

effective skill set can step up to lead the Society.

If you have ever considered serving on the Board, now is the time. My departure from the Presidency will leave three of the six elected Board Officer positions vacant. The Society will need to fill the positions of President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President of Monthly Programs. In addition to the empty elected seats the Board also lacks volunteers for the appointed positions of Social Committee Chairperson and Membership Committee Chairperson. While those currently serving on the rest of the Board have volunteered to stand another term for their respective offices, all members in good standing are welcome to stand for election to any position in which they are interested.

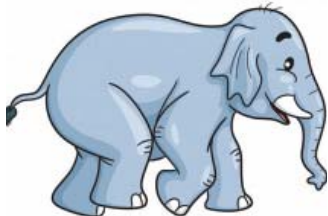
The November 4th General Meeting will begin with Balloting and Elections, and will then proceed to the annual "White Elephant" sale. If you have any supplies or plants you want to sell or give away, bring them for our last meeting of the year.

Our annual Holiday Party will be Wednesday December 4th at the Takiff Center. Setup will begin at 5pm and the party will follow until 9pm or whenever it winds down, whichever comes earlier. The Party is pot luck and is accompanied by a free raffle. Please bring a dish to serve and a small item for the raffle.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Society.

See you November 4th.
—Bob Wright

November Meeting Focus



The November meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4th, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

7:00 pm - Midwest Bonsai Society Board Balloting and Elections

7:30 pm - General program; White Elephant Sale. All members invited to bring supplies, pots plants or any other bonsai related item that you want to sell or give away.

Next Meeting February 3rd, 2020.

Events Calendar

Saturday November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019
SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS
BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, in Glenn Ellyn, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday November 2, 2019
PINE FALL STYLING & WIRING WORKSHOP
at BC Bonsai

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday November 2, 16, 23 & 30, 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 November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2019
SUNDAY NORTH SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS
BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Bring your own tree workshop at Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Monday, November 4, 2019
MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Election of Board members. 7:30 PM, Program: White Elephant sale. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Tuesday November 5, 2019
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: "How do you complete a display" presented by the society's members. See October newsletter at 2019 2019 http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_newsletters.html

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Program: Club business. 7:10 PM, Program: Styling Demonstration by visiting Italian Artist, Mauro Stemberger. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday or Sunday, November 9 or 10, 2019
BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOPS
with Mauro Stemberger

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

Saturday November 9, 2019
LAST CALL FOR FALL STYLING & WIRING
WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
JUNIPER BONSAI WORKSHOP with Chris Baker
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Production Greenhouse, Conference Room. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/juniper_bonsai_workshop

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 16, 17 and 18, 2019
MILWAUKEE HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Sunday, Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park. Society members display trees at fair. For further information or to sign up go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org/docs/YC/Exhibit_Folk-Fair_Flyer.pdf

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
DECIDUOUS BONSAI TREE WORKSHOP
with Chris Baker

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Horticulture Conference Room, Rice Plant Resource Center. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/deciduous_bonsai_tree_workshop

Wednesday, December 4th
MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY POT LUCK
HOLIDAY PARTY

6:00 PM (set up at 5:00) - 9:00 PM. At the Takiff Center, upstairs banquet room, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. There are elevators that take you to the 2nd floor. See announcement in this Newsletter for more information.

Saturday December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019
SATURDAY WEST SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS
BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Glenn Ellyn, IL. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Saturday December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2019
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.hiddengarden.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Sunday December 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2019
SUNDAY NORTH SUBURBAN MASTERCLASS
BONSAI WORKSHOPS with Ivan Watters

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Monthly Care Report: What to Do in November

NOVEMBER IS HERE... A very busy month. It is time to put everything up for the winter.

WINTER PREP... Prepare your trees for their winter setting, whether it be a green house, cold frame or whatever type of winter protection you may have. If you put your trees away for the winter be sure to inspect them for pests like mealy bugs or scale before setting them in their winter quarters. Don't forget to pull any weeds and clean dropped leaves off of your soil surfaces since they can provide shelter for unwanted pests. Remove all dead leaves and branches. You can combine insecticide and fungicide and apply a preventative spray treatment. Don't mulch too early or you may get creatures (e.g. mice) nesting in it and they will damage your trees.

PRUNING... When I bring my trees in, I prune back the tips and thin them out some, this allows more light to reach the lower branches. Your trees will be getting less sun in the winter so keeping them thinned out a little will keep you from losing the fine twigging that you worked all summer to get.

Thinking ahead, write down and plan what you need to do for spring and choose which trees you will work on first.

INDOORS ... All of your tropical trees should be inside by now. They should receive as much light during the day as possible. If you have plants under lights (as I have) they should be on approximately 12 hours a day. A small greenhouse is great. If you have a greenhouse

with plastic on it check the plastic to make sure it will make the winter, if the plastic is dirty clean it to allow as much light in as possible.

OUTDOORS... Your trees will naturally acclimate to cooler weather and the longer you have them the better they will do here.

During November deciduous and evergreen trees can remain totally exposed until about the last week of the month. A gradual decrease in temperature going into winter is best. Elm, Holly, Juniper, Maple, Boxwood, Pine and all other cold hardy varieties should be left outside, they need the cold.

During November we typically get our first heavy freezes so be prepared to protect your trees. November can bring long rainy spells so shelter those trees that are sensitive to excess rain, such as pines. Once leaves have

dropped from your deciduous trees is a good time to begin needle thinning your two needle pines. If you thin last year's needles by pulling be careful to pull in the direction they grow. Otherwise, you will most likely lose the bud you are trying to stimulate. Safer approach is to cut off needles, rather than pulling. On strong, well-developed pines, you can also thin this year's needles by thinning to 5 or 6 pairs of needles in the top half of the trees and 7 or 8 pairs in the lower half of the trees.

WATERING... Morning watering is still the best. But if the night is going to be cold, watering just the soil in the evening will help maintain temperature in the pot and protect the roots better.

—Ed Hake. Fort Wayne Bonsai Club. Reprinted by Permission. Compiled from several web articles and adapted to our area.

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Bring your own tree workshop at Brendan Berry's residence. For further information or to register go to yasukunai@hotmail.com or call 847-917-0817.

Wednesday, January 7, 2020

PINE BONSAI WORKSHOP with Chris Baker

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Chicago Botanic Garden, Production Greenhouse Conference Room. Bring your own tree workshop. For further information go to https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/pine_bonsai_workshop

Saturday January 18, 2019

BC BONSAI BASICS 1st CLASS (7 WEEK COURSE)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630-386-1515.

Chicago Bonsai Club

There will not be a meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, from November through February at the Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago.

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

FINAL NOTICE: Items Left at August Exhibition

After the Exhibit ended on Sunday night we found a few leftovers. Any one missing a folding, rolling cart or a very nice Scroll can reply to midwest.bonsai@yahoo.com with a description and we will work to reunite you with your item. Note items not claimed will be included in auction at our December Holiday Party.

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General Meetings

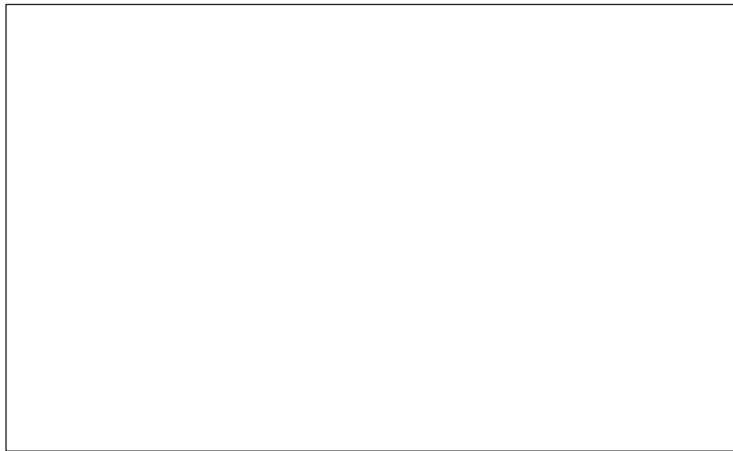
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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Membership Information: To become a member of the Midwest Bonsai Society or renew your current membership, fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on this page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check. Or to join online, go to: <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/membership/join-renew/> Membership dues keep the Society running and cover costs such as producing our 2 annual shows, inviting guest lecturers to various meetings, and newsletter printing and postage.