
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

Greetings once again fellow members.

October is rapidly approaching and temps are promising to plunge into the 40s any day now. If you have "tropical" or "indoor" plants its past time to prep your winter storage areas and more like time to preemptively bring those delicate plants in to the nest. It's also time to begin treating your hardies for their winter storage. Thoroughly treat them for pests and disease as it is very easy to transfer these things plant to plant in the close confines of a winter box or a small hoop house. Remember to vary your active ingredients and pay attention to your plants tolerances to those ingredients. Our program this month on October 7th will be wintering your trees. Yes, it's a refresher for

most, but it is an essential skill for anyone new to the hobby. The meeting will be in Burnstein Hall as usual. As this is a basic skill, and we have board elections coming up in November, bonsai 101 will be deferred in favor of a "State of the Society" statement along with a Q&A segment.

On the matter of Board elections, I think it is necessary that I make the point that all Board positions (with the exception of Immediate Past President) are contestable. Meaning that any member of the Society may run for any of the positions whether they are occupied or vacant. With that said, I want to emphasize that there are a great many positions opening up this year and that without persons willing and able to give some time to the Society, the

Society will be in difficult straights next year. Positions currently vacating or already vacant and without candidates to fill the roles include President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Monthly Programming, and Membership Secretary. I hope you will give some thought to sustaining the Society by contributing a little of your time each month to ensure its continued operation. Elections will be held by secret ballot at the November 4th Society meeting.

On the matter of smooth operations, we have encountered a problem with the Membership records. For the last few years we have used features of the Yahoo Email account to track membership periods and renewal dates. We are not certain when the change was effected,

however, some time in late August or early September, Yahoo saw fit to completely change the Email interface. Removing or limiting access to features like sorted contact lists and many of the detailed information fields we were using to track the membership. We have been able to recover much of the data, but there has been some loss that will require a lot of digging to recover. Ironically data for those who chose to renew their membership through Paypal and Eventbrite will be easiest to recover, if you have the option of using these services in the future I highly suggest doing so. Please bear with us as we sort through the data and establish a new database.

Thank you for your support,
—Bob Wright

October Meeting Focus

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

7:00 pm – MBS President's "State of the Society" statement along with a Q&A segment.
7:30 pm - General program; Wintering Trees.

Events Calendar

Tuesdays, October 1 - 29, 2019

BONSAI BEGINNER COURSES 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_beginner

Tuesday October 1, 2019

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

6:30 PM, Boerner Botanical Garden. Program: "Members 1st Trees" presented by the society's members. For further information see September newsletter at http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_latest.html

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Program Bonsai 101: Overwintering 7:30 PM, Program: Styling presentation by Jennifer Price. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Saturday October 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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 October 5, 12 & 19, 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.

Saturday October 5, 2019

BC BONSAI WIRING 101 AND MORE

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.

Sunday October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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, October 7, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM - MBS President's "State of the Society" statement along with a Q&A segment. 7:30 PM - General program; Wintering Trees. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Saturday October 12, 2019

BC BONSAI BARBADOS CHERRY WORKSHOP

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL.

Nursery stock provided as part of workshop. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com> or call 630 386-1515.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

BRING YOUR OWN BONSAI TREE WORKSHOP 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/bring_your_own_bonsai_tree_workshop

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING

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

Saturday October 19, 2019

BC BONSAI JUNIPER FALL STYLING & WIRING WORKSHOP

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 or Sunday, October 26 and 27, 2019

BRING YOUR OWN TREE WORKSHOPS

with Jan Culek

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 October 26, 2019

BC BONSAI MAPLE FALL STYLING & WIRING WORKSHOP

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, 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, 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.

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Monthly Care Report: What to Do in October

Fall is here! This is a great time to work on evergreen trees, particularly junipers and 5-needle pines. Remove yellowing needles from pines, and crispy leaves from deciduous trees. Keep a close eye on exposure to sunlight as the sun continues to move

south in the sky, as warm pots can dry out quickly.

Tree functions change significantly toward the latter part of October. In fall, photosynthesis slows down, deciduous trees "wall-off" the leaves at the petiole, and as a result

leaves begin to turn colors, and the trees prepare themselves for winter by continually moving accumulated energy stores down into the roots. As this happens, deciduous trees become less and less active on top, until winter is here and it becomes safe to work on the top by wiring and light pruning. Roots will remain active for the next several weeks, so proper watering is important. The stronger they are, going into winter, the stronger they'll emerge in the spring. Remember, healthy growth is the canvass for our art.

Bonsai will have "Dyna-Gro Mag-Pro" with N-P-K values of 2-15-4, where Nitrogen is 2% by weight of total content, Phosphorus is 15% by weight of total content, and Potassium is 4% by weight of total content. Phosphorus is associated with blooms and root growth. Potassium is associated with root growth and disease resistance.

Cool nights and higher humidity can lead to fungal problems. Watch the soil surface, backside of trunks, and understory leaves and take action if any fungal problems are identified.

—Excerpt from Brian's *Bonsai Blog on the Nebari Bonsai Website* (<http://nebaribonsai.wordpress.com>).

Continue feeding through October, using feeds with higher Phosphorus and Potassium. These are the 2nd and 3rd values on fertilizer labels. For example: at our meetings BC

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Monday, November 4, 2019

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 Program: TBD. 7:30 PM, Program: TBD. 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: Seasonal Tree Care. For further information See September newsletter at http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/mbs_latest.html

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room TEC/1038b College of DuPage. 7:00 PM, Program: Club business. 7:10pm, 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.

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 22, 23 and 24, 2019

MILWAUKEE HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

2:00 PM – 10:00 PM Friday, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 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

Chicago Bonsai Club

The October meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, October 16, beginning at 6 PM. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a plant 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. Please note: this will be the last meeting of the year and we will not meet again until Spring of 2020.

Contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

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

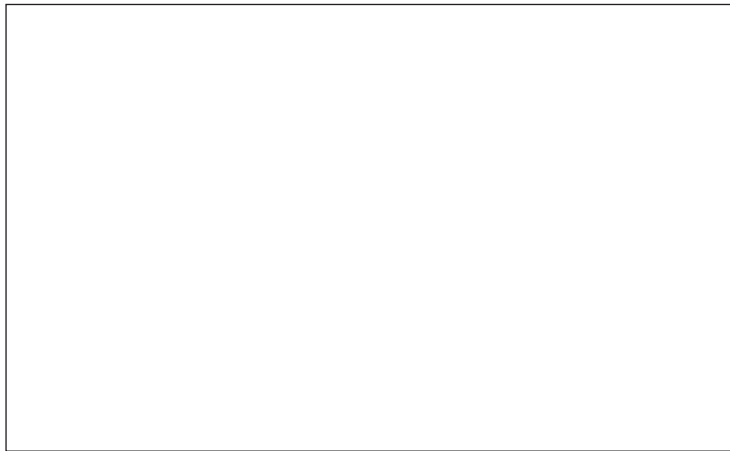
Meetings of the Midwest Bonsai Society are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

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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