
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

I can't believe Summer is over—well it isn't really, and we probably have a lot of nice warm sunny days yet to come, but it always seems to me like our August shows caps off the growing season. Maybe it's the anticipation leading up to the show, or maybe it's all the work—and fun—involved. But once the show ends I start thinking about getting my trees ready for Fall. Trees that slowed their growth during those few hot, dry weeks will start growing again and need to be watched for any wire scarring. Japanese beetles never showed up in any serious numbers in my yard this year but other pests are still out there waiting to take advantage of any complacency. Later in the month it's probably a good idea to begin switching to low nitrogen fertilizer (although some expert growers say that's unnecessary).

Speaking of the show, this was an interesting one. Our guest judge, Ivan Watters, deserves a great deal of thanks for stepping in when the original judge was unable to attend. All too often we tend to overlook the

"local hero" in favor of out-of-towners and this show was a good reminder of Ivan's considerable talent and respect in the bonsai world. We also owe a big thanks to all the volunteers who make the show possible. Other than the issue with the original judge, I think everything went pretty smoothly—but between now and next May I would really like to find a traffic manager to help maintain order during vendor setup and teardown. We all have

missed Rich Helminiak for many different reasons and he certainly had a talent for maintaining order in the loading area.

I want to congratulate this year's winners of the Jules Ladany Award—Louise and Florian Rszewski. I had met them at club meetings and I did recall their stories about the early days of the Midwest Bonsai Society, but I didn't realize how much they had contributed over the years to the club's success.

While Summer may be starting to fade, it isn't

completely over. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Milwaukee Bonsai Exhibit on September 19 at the Boerner Botanical Gardens Arboretum.

Also be sure to note that our next general meeting will be on Monday, September 14—that's a week after the first Monday of the month, which falls on the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will begin with a Bonsai 101 session on pests and diseases, and the main meeting topic will be an in-depth review of many ribbon-winning trees from this. —Jay Albright



Congratulations to Gary Andes for Best of Show.

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Events Calendar

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,
6:30 pm, Deadwood on Bonsai (Jin & Shari). For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,
Room TEC1038b. Programs: 7:00pm, Bonsai 101: Fall Maintenance; 7:30pm, GENERAL MEETING: Fall Maintenance. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Monday, September 14, 2015

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING
at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Programs: 7:00 pm: Bonsai 101, Pests & Diseases; 7:30 pm: General Meeting: August Show Review, including in-depth review of ribbon winners. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org. Note: later date due to the Labor Day holiday.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING
at the Garfield Park Conservatory. 6:00 pm. Focus will be on fall care, and there will be senior members available to answer questions and provide assistance, so bring a plant to work on. For further information, contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com

Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20, 2015
MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY 45TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT
with Ted Matson. Boerner Botanical Gardens in Witnall Park, Hales Corners, WI. For further information, go to: http://www.milwaukeebonsai.org/docs/YC/Exhibit_AE_Flyer.pdf

Monday, October 5, 2015

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING
at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Programs: 7:00 pm: Bonsai 101, Topic TBD; 7:30 pm: General Meeting: Topic TBD. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,
6:30 pm, Suiseki, guest speaker: Tony Ankosiszcz. For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,
Room TEC1038b. Programs: 7:00pm, GENERAL MEETING: Visiting artist, Walter Pall, demonstration. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB MEETING at the Garfield Park Conservatory. 6:00 pm. Focus will be on fall care, and there will be senior members available to answer questions and provide assistance, so bring a plant to work on. For further information, contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com

Lots of cool stuff in the vendor area.



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Chicago Bonsai Club

The September meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 6 p.m. We will be focusing on fall care, and there will be senior members available to answer your questions

and provide assistance, so bring a plant to work on. 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.

September Meeting Focus

The September meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14 (note later date due to Labor Day holiday), at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in

the Regenstein Center. 7:00 pm, Bonsai 101: topic, Pests & Diseases. 7:30 pm, General Meeting: August Show Review, including in-depth review of ribbon winners.

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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.

Monthly Care Report: What to Do in September

The home-stretch... September is here! The heat of summer may be giving way to football weather and the dogwoods are hinting that fall is approaching. Bonsai trees have made it through the hottest days and are in the home-stretch. What are we doing with our trees now?

Here is a list:
Continue feeding if you're using organic fertilizers into the middle of the

month; it takes a few weeks to realize the benefits of organic fertilizers and you want trees to be strong for that last growth spurt. Start looking for a low-nitrogen fertilizer with higher Potassium and Potash numbers for use in October-November.

Watch watering very closely, it gets tricky now. Cooler nights slow evaporation, and hardened-off leaves transpire less. In

August, watering was automatic—do it daily. In September, trees benefit from a slowed wet-dry cycle. Drier weather and increased sunlight will improve fall color.

Watch the sunlight your trees get. As the sun starts to travel lower in our sky, trees that were once under the shade of overhead trees may suddenly be exposed to very direct rays of hot sunlight.

Continue to look for pests and fungal diseases. Overnight humidity begins to increase this month, which

increases risk of unwanted pests and diseases. Slugs are active and are drawn to organic fertilizers.

Remove yellowing needles from pine trees. White pines tend to shed old growth before black pines.

Remove fallen leaves from the soil surface to prevent fungal problems.

Check wires and remove those that have begun to be imbedded in the bark.
—*Excerpt from Brian's Bonsai Blog on the Nebari Bonsai Website (<http://nebaribonsai.wordpress.com>)*

More Winners

Below: 2nd Place Professional - Rocky Mtn Juniper by Mark Fields.
Right: 1st Place Professional - Larch Group by William Valavanis.



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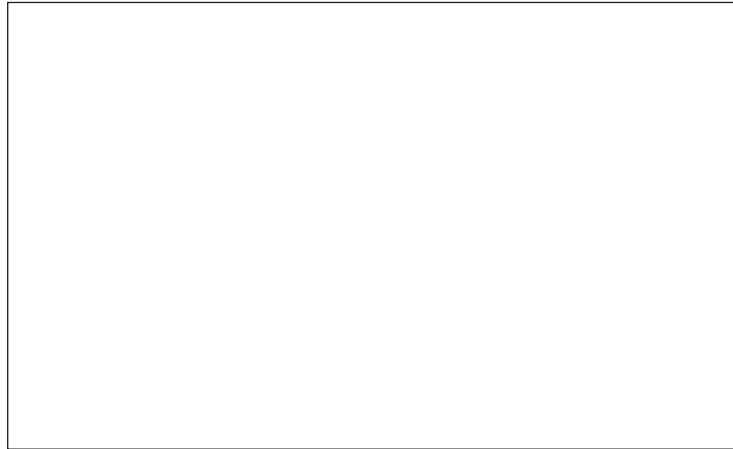
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Membership Renewal Reminder

August begins the new membership year. We appreciate the renewals already received in July, and encourage everyone else to send yours in August. Renewing is easier than ever—simply go to the club website at www.midwestbonsai.org, click on Membership and enter your payment information. Of course, we still accept checks at club meetings or by mail, and you can fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on the last page of this newsletter. If you do not renew your membership by the end of the year you will no longer receive newsletters via email or snail mail. Your renewal is important in order for us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date. Thank you for your ongoing support. 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.

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