
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

It seems like our May show was only a couple of weeks ago. Now here it is July and the August show is just around the corner. I hope everyone is preparing at least one tree to exhibit. I understand why you may be reluctant to show your trees publicly (I never showed a tree until 2014 myself)—it's a different skill set from just growing and styling them but that is exactly why you should consider exhibiting. You may have a tree that looks pretty good, but putting it into a public show forces you to up your game another notch or two. Why not give it a try this year?

And whether you put a tree in the show or not, please consider volunteering during the show. We cannot run the show without the help of members, and it's a great opportunity to work with fellow club members, vendors and visitors. A signup sheet will be passed around at the July and August meetings, and we will also email out a signup sheet.

Speaking of the meetings, the next meeting on July 11 should be very interesting. International

guest artist David Martinez will do a ponderosa pine demonstration. Oddly enough, ponderosa bonsai seem to thrive in this area but styling them is very different from most other local species so I'm definitely looking forward to David's program. I believe this is David's first demo for our club (if I'm wrong, I'm sure someone will correct me).

We are now getting into full summer conditions, meaning long hot days and strong sunlight. This combination can be very

harmful to the roots of potted trees—especially those in smaller pots and trees that were recently repotted. It is important to move or otherwise cover those trees on hot, sunny days. And all your trees can benefit from a midafternoon watering if at all possible. This is also the time of year that many pests begin their attacks. Japanese beetles typically arrive in July and can decimate flowering trees and roses in a matter of hours in a bad year.

This message is a little on the short side because

there is just so much to get done this time of year. As soon as I finish writing this I will be heading back outside to do more work in the yard and on my trees. I hope your summer is off to a goodstart and look forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting. By the way, that crepe myrtle that I had all but written off in last month's column? It finally woke up the first week of June and all the buds leafed out—this is truly a patient art.

—Jay Albright



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Events Calendar

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,

6:30 pm, Maples. Everyone is welcome. For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,

7:00pm, Bonsai 101, How to prepare your tree for a show; 7:30pm, General Meeting Room TEC1038b Program: Schefflera by Phil Malhiot. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Monday, July 11, 2016 (Note: meeting moved due to holiday) MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program: 7:00 pm, Bonsai 101, topic - daily care of bonsai; 7:30 pm, General Meeting - Guest Master David Martinez will do a presentation and demonstration. Afterwards, the demonstration tree will be raffled off. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org

Tuesdays, July 12 - August 16, 2016

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN BONSAI WORKSHOP,

Beginner-Basics and Fundamentals, Chris Baker, curator of bonsai, \$229 nonmember; members receive 20% discount, 6 Tuesdays, 6 – 9 p.m. For further information go to www.chicagobotanic.org

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

BONSAI DISPLAY 101 CLASS,

Chris Baker teaches how to display bonsai—especially useful if you are entering a tree in the August Exhibition. \$49 nonmember; members receive 20% discount, 6 – 9 p.m. For further information go to www.chicagobotanic.org

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

CHICAGO BONSAI CLUB,

Garfield Park Conservatory, 6 – 8pm. Bring a tree to work on or prepare for the MBS August Exhibit. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance. Contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

Monday, August 1, 2016

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program, 7:00 PM - Bonsai 101: accent plants. 7:30 PM - Guest Master Jerry Meislik demonstration, (Tree TBD). Afterwards, the tree will be raffled off. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,

6:30 pm, Guest Artist, Jerry Meislik. For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,

7:00pm, General Meeting Room TEC1038b Program: TBD. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 19 • 20 • 21, 2016

39TH ANNUAL MID-AMERICA BONSAI EXHIBITION,

9 am to 5 pm, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, Illinois. For further information go to www.midwestbonsai.org

Saturday, September 10 – Sunday, September 11, 2016

5TH US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION,

Rochester, NY. Details to follow.

Membership Renewal Reminder

July is the time to renew your Midwest Bonsai Society membership, so please fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on the last page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check, or pay in person at the August Show. 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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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 July

July, hot and humid as it is, is a great time of year for bonsai. Growth has slowed, deciduous trees are leafed out, and juniper trees should be bushy. Since it is also vacation time, be sure to plan ahead, even if leaving for a few days. Find a trusty friend or hook up a watering system with a timer.

Keep your trees in shape by pinching or light pruning. Check wiring on trees.

Watch for pests and diseases, and spray accordingly. If you find something wrong and aren't sure what the problem is, find someone who is knowledgeable and ask them. Watch out for scale, looking for tiny white specks on the foliage. Scale requires repeated sprayings regularly, as it is amazingly persistent.

Fertilize regularly. If using fertilizer cakes, replace every month.

Turn your trees often so that all sides get equal amounts of sunlight and grow in all directions.

The hot sun can heat up pots and the soil, and trees in wide-rimmed pots tend to get hotter, and deep pots retain more heat than shallow ones. To prevent heat damage to roots,

cover the rims of your pots with an old cloth or pieces of burlap. This will also help keep the plants moist longer.

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July Meeting Focus

The July meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. (Note: meeting moved due to holiday). Bonsai 101 begins at 7 pm, topic: daily care of

bonsai. At 7:30 pm, Guest Master David Martinez will do a presentation and demonstration using a ponderosa pine. Afterwards, the demonstration tree will be raffled off. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org

Jim Fairchild Interview



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Our own Jim Fairchild was quoted in the June 4th weekend's Daily Herald! Working on trees at the Japanfest held last weekend, we're very lucky to have Jim on the board!

"This is addictive," he said, barely looking up from his task of wiring a small tree branch. "You care for these trees just as you would children. It's an art form that's never finished. The only finished bonsai is a dead bonsai. It's like a living, growing art. It rejuvenates my spirit." (The full article is available on the Daily Herald's website <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160611/news/160619735/>)

—Matthew Corpolongo

Chicago Bonsai Club

The next meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, July 20, beginning at 6 p.m. Bring a tree to work on or prepare for the MBS August Exhibit. There will be senior members available to

answer your questions and provide assistance.

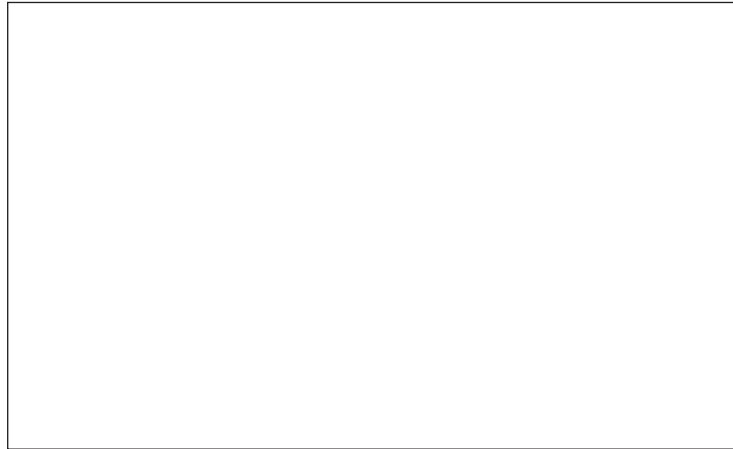
Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago. Contact: suekazoo@hotmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

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