
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

As many of you know, the company I worked for announced the pending closure of our office back in May. I have recently found another job in Denver and will be moving there in late October. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve on the MBS board which has allowed me to get to know so many more members than I ever would have known otherwise. Before joining the board, I thought attending the meetings and shows was inspirational. But

merely attending pales in comparison to the inspiration of seeing those events come together from the inside. Even something as "simple" as a monthly meeting requires far more work than I had ever imagined. I'm grateful for the knowledge and support that fellow members have generously shared with me.

Now that I've seen firsthand how a club of this size actually works, let me share some final thoughts

with you. There is no manual on how to run the Midwest Bonsai Society—it runs on the acquired knowledge of the people who serve on the board or who routinely volunteer for our special events. If you have an interest in serving on the board, or if someone asks you about an open position, please consider joining. It does require a commitment of time, but I assure you that the payback in terms of personal satisfaction is far greater.

Finally, I would like to once again thank all of the club members who volunteer during our May and August exhibitions. These events put MBS "on the map" in the bonsai world. While setting up, running and tearing down often appears chaotic, after witnessing the process for several years I've come to appreciate the power of committed individuals working toward a common goal. Farewell.
—Jay Albright



Ladany Award

The Midwest Bonsai Society is very happy to announce that Susan Babyk has won the 2016 Ladany Award for her service to the society. Many of you know that Sue is the editor of our newsletter but you may not know that she has been instrumental in building the Chicago Chapter which meets monthly at the Garfield Park Conservatory. This growing chapter of the club offers Chicago residents the opportunity to learn about bonsai without having to travel all the way out to Glencoe. Please congratulate Sue next time you see her!

Events Calendar

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,
7:00pm, MBS Swap—trees, pots, new projects. See the November Newsletter for further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Monday, November 7, 2016

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING
at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program: 7:00 pm, Andy Smith from North Dakota, guest lecture and demonstration. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org

Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20, 2016

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY FOLK FAIR,
An exhibit of trees from Society membership from students to advance members. For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,
General Meeting (Note: Earlier start time)
7:00pm, Room TEC 1038b Program: Demonstration By Italian Artist Mauro Stemberger. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Sundays, November 6, 2016 and through November
WORKSHOPS at Brendan Berry's residence,
735 Cherry Lane, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (\$60/workshop)
Please bring your supplies (and a turntable). For more info or to register yasukunai@hotmail.com or call Ivan: 847-917-0817

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

BONSAI SPECIALTY SERIES WORKSHOPS,
6-9pm Chris Baker, curator of bonsai, Chicago Botanic Garden. Register for both sessions (11/16:Pine Workshop & 12/7: Juniper Workshop) at once and save ten percent, \$88 nonmember; members receive 20% discount. For further info go to https://register.chicagobotanic.org/search_results.asp

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY
POT LUCK HOLIDAY PARTY,
6:00pm (set up at 5) Where: Takiff Center, Aiken Activity Room, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Bring a pot luck dish and any item you would like to donate for the evening's raffle. The Society is providing drinks. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org

NOTE: There are no regular MBS Meetings (or newsletters) in December and January but look for your February newsletter sometime in late January.

Midwest Bonsai Connection

Seeking Newsletter Editor

The Midwest Bonsai Society is looking for someone with editorial abilities to become the next MBS Connections Newsletter Editor. If you are interested or have any questions regarding this position, please contact suekazoo@hotmail.com.

Ivan Watters Sunday Workshops

Sunday workshops are being held, starting October 16: 10am to 2pm \$60

Brendan Berry's residence
735 Cherry Avenue
Lake Forest 60045

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Bring all your supplies.

Sign up or questions: yasukunai@hotmail.com
or 847-917-0817 Limit 12.

Chicago Bonsai Club

The Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will not meet in November & December of 2016, and will reconvene in March or April, 2017. Watch your newsletter for further details.

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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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 November

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

WINTER PREP...
You should also be getting ready for winter. 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 hrs. 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. 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.

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.

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 your fine twigging that you worked all summer on getting.

During November deciduous and evergreen trees can remain totally exposed until about the last week of the month. Prepare trees for their winter setting, whether it be a cold frame or whatever type of winter protection you may have. Prior to setting them in their winter quarters, check for insects and spray and remove all dead leaves and branches. Thinking ahead, write down and plan what you need to do for spring and choose which trees you will work on first.

During November we typically get our first heavy freezes so be prepared to protect your trees. November can also 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. 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.

Don't forget to pull any weeds and clean dropped leaves off your soil surfaces since they can provide shelter for unwanted pests. If you put your trees away for the winter be sure to inspect them for pests like mealy bugs or scale before doing so. Don't mulch too early or you may get creatures(mice) in it and they will damage your trees.

—Ed Hake • Fort Wayne Bonsai Club • Reprinted by Permission. Compiled from several Web articles with adaptation to our area.

November Meeting Focus

The November meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's

Bernstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00pm – Andy Smith from North Dakota, guest lecture and demonstration.

Hold the Date: December 7

The Midwest Bonsai Society is hosting a pot luck Holiday party.

Where: Takiff Center, Aiken Activity Room, 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL 60022

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 6:00pm – 10pm (set up 5pm)

Bring a pot luck dish and any item you would like to donate for the evening's raffle. The Society is providing drinks. Last year's party was a great deal of fun with fine food, wine and drinks. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships and meet new Bonsai members.

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To become a member of the Midwest Bonsai Society or re-new your current membership (July is the month to renew), please fill out the "Membership Request" form provided on this page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your check. 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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