
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

This time of year I feel like a squirrel. The August show is over, the hurried days of summer are winding down as are most of my trees, but I can't escape the feeling that there is so much left to do before the cold weather arrives. Aside from the work needing done around the house and yard, now is the time to pull weeds out of the pots and trim away some of the late summer growth. There is soil to be sifted and pots to clean—and who wants to do that in February? Pretty soon it will be time to needle prune the pines.

I don't grow tropicals myself, but I'm told those trees will need to come indoors as nighttime temperatures drop below the 50F mark. I would assume now is a good time to treat them for insects prior to bringing them indoors.

This is also the time of year when the Board begins considering programs and changes for the coming year. We would really like to hear from you, the members, since this is your club. Is something missing from our monthly meetings or are there

topics you would like to hear about? If you know of artists who might be in the area next year, please let our Programs Chairman, Victor Zurczak, know. And many of you have unique knowledge of some aspect of this hobby that would be interesting to the rest of us—why not offer to share

your knowledge as the main program or Bonsai 101 at a future meeting.

Our October meeting is the annual White Elephant sale, and it has to be one of my favorite meetings. Everyone who's been in the hobby more than a few years has something they

don't need (how many blue glazed Chinese pots does a person need, anyway?). And one person's junk is another's treasure—yes someone may actually need that blue pot. Due to the time required for the sale, there will be no Bonsai 101 this month.
—Jay Albright

**Monday,
October 5, 2015**

**MIDWEST
BONSAI
SOCIETY
MEETING**

White
Elephant
Sale—buy/
sell/trade
your bonsai-
related
items.



Events Calendar

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: General Meeting: White Elephant Sale—buy/sell/trade your bonsai-related items. 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

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WORKSHOP: Walter Pall and his International Bonsai Academy workshop

Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook. For more information visit the Hidden Gardens website, or call The Hidden Gardens at (630) 655-8283. For further information go to <http://www.thehiddengardens.net>.

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 overwintering, 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

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING,

6:30 pm, Prepare for Winter: Discussion on how to button up your trees for the upcoming season. For further information go to www.milwaukeebonsai.org

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY,

Room TEC1038b. Programs: 7:00pm, Bonsai 101, Stands by Jim Erlenborn; 7:30 pm, GENERAL MEETING: Pots by Dan Kosta. For further information go to www.prairiestatebonsai.com

Thursday & Friday, November 7 & 8, 2015

DEMONSTRATIONS

by Mauro Stemberger at the Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook. Call (630) 655-8283 to reserve a seat. Fee required. For further information go to <http://www.thehiddengardens.net>.

Monday, November 9, 2015

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETING

at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. Program: 7:00 pm: Guest Master Mauro Stemberger from Italy will be at our meeting. The exact program is still being finalized. Mauro's trees and blog are available at www.italianbonsaidream.com. For further information, go to www.midwestbonsai.org. Note: later date due to the opportunity to invite our visiting artist.

Chicago Bonsai Club

The October meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 6 p.m. We will be focusing on fall care and winterizing your bonsai. 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.

October Meeting Focus

The October meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center. 7:00 pm, General Meeting: October is our White Elephant Sale

Meeting, so bring your extra pots, plants, and any other bonsai related items you no longer use, such as books and tools. And plan your budget so that you can pick up some bargains! Note: There will be no Bonsai 101.

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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 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.

Continue feeding through October, using feeds with higher Phosphorus and Potassium. These are the 2nd and 3rd values on fertilizer labels. For example: N-P-K values of 2-8-4, where Nitrogen is 2% by weight of total content, Phosphorus is 8% 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>)*

Hold The Date: December 2

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 2nd, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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.



Bonsai On-Line

There's so much information available on-line to inspire the bonsai artist and I will periodically direct you there. Go to <http://www.ofbonsai.org> to visit a website where you may find videos of Midwest Bonsai Society events and reviews of bonsai courses available on video. Most recently, they reviewed and highly recommended The Bonsai Beginner's Course with Bjorn Bjorholm, on video, available through Bonsai Empire (cost \$30).

—*Susan Babyk*

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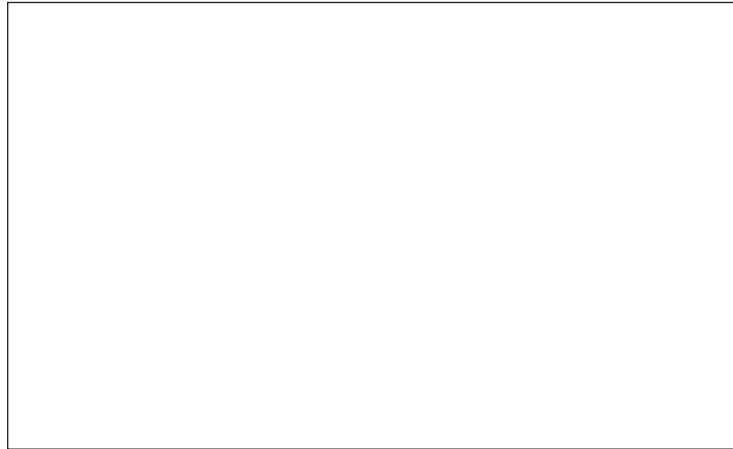
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Membership Renewal Reminder

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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