
MIDWEST BONSAI CONNECTION

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President's Message

For our next general meeting we will be hosting an on-line presentation by Michael Hagedorn. He is the Author of "Bonsai Heresy: 56 Myths Exposed Using Science & Tradition". It is a book that helps us move away from beginning ideas about bonsai and move toward intermediate and advanced ways of thinking about our trees. It should be very interesting. The next general meeting will

be held at the Gardens on April 1st.

Get ready for our 18th Annual Spring Bonsai Exhibit. The dates are May 18th and 19th. Matt has been hard at work adding new vendors for this year's Exhibit. The focus of the show is to educate people about Bonsai. Please think about bringing a tree or project for people to view. We are more interested in works

in progress than completed trees. Lots of sales merchandise will also be available. As always the Exhibit is only made possible by the volunteer efforts of our members. We will have volunteer slots showing up soon on our website. There will be a general E-mail going out to everyone as soon as they are available for signing up. Children's workshops will be held both days for kids to get a

Bonsai tree to take home.

If you are looking for a Bonsai experience between now and our May Exhibit check out the Bonsai on the Bayou show on April 25th -28th in Houston. Guest artists include Bjorn Bjorholm, Sergio Cuan, Min Hsuan Lo and Sean Smith. Visit www.houstonbonsaisociety.com for details.

—Larry Stephan

April Meeting Focus

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1st, at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center and via WebEx. WebEx Invitations will be sent to all members in an email.

We have a guest speaker so there is no Bonsai 101 program.

7:00 PM - General program; Webex Discussion on "Bonsai Heresy: 56 Myths Exposed Using Science & Tradition" led by the author, Michael Hagedorn. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

As always, you are invited to bring your own tree to the meeting as Victor and other experienced members will be available to answer questions and provide advice. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Botanic Garden's New Logo



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April Events Calendar

Monday April 1, 2024

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center or via WebEx Meeting (Invitation to be sent via email). 7:00 PM, Program: Webex Discussion on "Bonsai Heresy: 56 Myths Exposed Using Science & Tradition" led by the author, Michael Hagedorn. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Room HEC #1020 in the Homeland Security Center at the College of DuPage. The college address is 425 Fawell Boulevard in Glen Ellyn. 7:00 PM Program; Tree Repotting Demonstration and Bring Your Own Tree Workshop. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday April 6, 2024

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. "Focus: "Curved Chisel Use". Main Program: "Dawn Redwood Forest Creation" with Steve C. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Saturday April 6, 2024

PINE TREE STYLING WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM -12:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL Bring your own tree and tools, if you have them. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday April 6, 2024

EVERGREEN WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

1:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL Bring your own tools and tree, if you have them or buy one. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday or Sunday, April 6 or 7, 2024

JULIAN SAI WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Bring your own tree workshops or buy one. For further information go to <https://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2024

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 https://www.thehiddengardens.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday April 13, 2024

STYLING MAPLES/DECIDUOUS TREES WORKSHOPS at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM - 12:30 or 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL Bring your own tree (or buy one) and tools, if you have them. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY – CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

at the Garfield Park Conservatory. 6:00 PM, There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide

assistance, so bring a tree to work on. If you would like further information about or to join the club, please contact: suka-zu17@gmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

Friday and Saturday April 19 and 20, 2024

BONSAI OPEN HOUSE AND SALE at Phil Malhiots

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at 2908 S. 10th Avenue, Broadview, IL. He will be selling a wide variety of species from newer cuttings to established finished bonsai. There will also be lots of pots for sale including his own wood-fired bonsai pots and pots from other bonsai enthusiasts and artists. Stop by anytime and check out the collection, new benches, the art studio and his garden. For further information call 708-705-7768.

Saturday April 20, 2024

STYLING AND CARE OF JUNIPERS WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM - 12:00, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL Bring your own tree and tools, if you have them. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Saturday April 27, 2024

STYLING TREES FRESH FROM BRUSSELS WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai

9:30 AM - 12:00, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL Bring your own tools, if you have them. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

MAPLE FOREST WORKSHOP with Mark Karczewski

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook, IL. Workshop includes, instruction, five trees, pot, and soil. For further information go to <https://www.hiddengarden.net/bonsai.html> or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2024

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 https://www.thehiddengardens.net/bonsai_saturday_morning.html or call 630-655-8283.

Saturday May 4, 2024

MILWAUKEE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

9:00 AM, Boerner Botanical Gardens. Main Program: " Group Slash with Ron F. For further information go to Schedule for MilwaukeeBonsaiSociety.org

Monday May 6, 2024

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall located in the Regenstein Center or via WebEx Meeting (Invitation to be sent via email). 7:00 PM, Bonsai 101 program; "Propagation from Cuttings" presented by Victor Zurczak. 7:30 PM, Program: "Air Layering Demonstration", also by Victor. Members are encouraged to bring their own trees to be air layered. For more information or updates go to <http://www.midwestbonsai.org/meetings>

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Lecture Hall (HSC-1234) in the Health and Science Building at the College of DuPage. The college address is 425 Fawell Boulevard in Glen Ellyn. 7:00 PM Program; Styling demonstration by Mauro Stemberger an internationally respected Bonsai

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Monthly Care Report

What to Do in April

When the temperature is consistently 65 degrees and sunny you can bring your trees out of their winter storage area. According to current weather forecasts for a warmer than normal spring will allow us to take trees out of storage April 1. Get started repotting your deciduous trees. Junipers are OK to do, and pines can be started any

time during the month. Continue to provide good after-care, by protecting repotted trees from frosts, which will still happen in April.

Begin your feeding, pinching, watering, and pruning schedules in earnest. Of course, be mindful of potential cold snaps, and be ready to protect vulnerable plants. You can begin

fertilizing trees repotted in April. Keep your initial fertilizer mix on the light side for those first couple doses of fertilizer. April is still a decent month for root-pruning, and for digging trees from yard or field.

Tropical trees will be showing new growth, even under lights. Cuttings will be easier to root now that

the days are lengthening. Use a rooting hormone as an aid. As always, keep a close watch for insects, which may show up fast as the weather warms. In April you may want to start some plants from seeds.

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

Chicago Bonsai Club

The next meeting of the Chicago Bonsai Club, a chapter of the Midwest Bonsai Society, will be held on Wednesday, April 17, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be senior members available to answer your questions and provide assistance, so bring a tree to work on.

Chicago Bonsai Club meets at Garfield Park Conservatory, located at 300 N. Central Park Ave. (at Lake Street) in Chicago.

If you would like further information about or to join the club, please contact: sukazu17@gmail.com or call 773-235-9479.

April Events

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artist from Italy. For more information or updates go to <https://prairiestatebonsai.com/news-and-events/>

Saturday May 25, 2024

TROPICAL TREE REPOTTING WORKSHOP at BC Bonsai
9:30 PM - 4:00 PM, at 2250 Durham Drive, Wheaton, IL. Tree (multiple varieties), soil and pot provided. For further information or to register go to <http://www.bcbonsai.com/calender.html> or call 630-386-1515.

Thursday to Sunday May 9 to 12, 2024

ABS LEARNING SEMINARS and MEIJER GARDENS MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BONSAI SHOW at BC Bonsai

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, at Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Annual Bonsai Show enhanced this year with ABS Learning Seminars. Workshops, vendors from around the country, New talent competition and Bonsai Exhibition. For further information or to register go to <https://www.meijergardens.org/events/meijer-gardens-michigan-all-state-bonsai-show/>

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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Wednesday May 15, 22, and 29, 2024

BEGINNER TROPICAL BONSAI WORKSHOP with Chris Baker

5:00PM - 8:00PM at the Chicago Botanic Garden - Bonsai Studio in Grainger Gallery. In this beginner class, you will learn the basics of tropical bonsai care as well as the techniques to style and design your very own tree. Each session will include a lecture and hands-on workshop time to create a bonsai from your tree. All materials provided, including a tree of \$75 value. For more information or to register, go to: https://www.chicagobotanic.org/adult_education/horticulture/beginner_tropical_bonsai_workshop

Saturday & Sunday May 18 & 19, 2024

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY 18TH ANNUAL MAY BONSAI EXHIBIT

9:00 - 5:00 at the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall in the Regenstein Center. Vendors offer an amazing selection of trees, accent plants, pots, stands, tools and Bonsai books and literature. There are also workshops, including a children's workshop, and bonsai demonstrations. For more information or to sign-up for workshops or to volunteer go to <https://www.midwestbonsai.org/may-exhibit>

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