



BONSAI HAI

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General meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in Wheaton, IL, at the College of DuPage (see map on last page), February thru November (unless noted otherwise).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 July. General Meeting – RESCHEDULED

(Moved to second Wednesday of the month due to holiday, see directly below)

11 July General Meeting – 7:30 pm – Rm. TEC 1038b

7:00 pm, Bonsai 101: Branches by Jim Beck
7:30 pm, Program: Preparing a deciduous tree for showing & how to make bonsai stands.

16 July Board meeting: Nick DiBattista

1 August General Meeting – CANCELLED

(Cancelled due to proximity of the show)

3-5 Aug. PRAIRIE STATE BONSAI SOCIETY SHOW at the Morton Arboretum (See attached flyer)

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETINGS

Monday, July 2, 2018

7:00PM - General Meetin: There will be “Expert Tables” where you can get help preparing your trees for the August Show from expert members, so bring your trees and questions. In addition simultaneously, we will be doing a second repotting session for our oft neglected tropical enthusiasts. There will be no Bonsai 101.

THE HIDDEN GARDENS 2018 VISITING ARTISTS

Jeff Schulz, owner of the Hidden Gardens, has been very busy getting some of the best bonsai professionals from around the world to the Chicago area. Do not miss these great opportunities to experience their unique talents. For more information visit www.thehiddengardens.net or call (630) 655-8283.

Bjorn Bjorholm, August 4-5 (sold out)

Walter Pall, October 12-14

Mauro Stemberger, Early November

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Dean Cooper

June was, as usual, a busy month for the club. We had our annual Iron Bonsai competition at our regular meeting. It was won by Matt Mazza, with Nick DiBattista coming in a close second. I lost. Congratulations, Matt!



Left to right: Nick DiBattista, Matt Mazza and President Dean Cooper in the Iron Man Bonsai Competition

Then we had our club picnic. It was a rainy day but, since we were in the bear cage, we stayed reasonably dry. A good time was still had by all.

Chris Baker, the curator of the bonsai collection at the Chicago Botanic Garden, once again graced us with his presence. He also styled trees for those of us who brought them. Chris is an excellent bonsai artist and an easy going instructor. It is always a pleasure to have him work on a tree with you, and always an equal pleasure to have him work with our club.

Our July meeting will be on July 11th, the second Wednesday of the month, due to the first Wednesday being the 4th of July. Please refrain from blowing your fingers off on the 4th. You will regret having done so when you next try to wire your trees.

Jim Erlenborn will be instructing us on the intricacies of displaying a tree in a show and Jim Beck will be doing the Bonsai 101 on manipulating branches and stems.

And lastly, please see Nick DiBattista at the meeting to sign up to volunteer for our August show. We need people to be inside to watch the trees. Especially to watch the trees. Last year we had a small group of young ladies who had to be stopped from picking

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leaves off our trees and tasting them. Your knowledge of bonsai doesn't have to be great to answer the very simple questions we are asked at our shows. You mainly have to be able to say, "Please don't eat the trees."

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Indoor: If at all possible these trees will benefit greatly from a summer in the outdoors. Ideally they should have all been moved out by now but there is still time if you have not already moved them. Water as needed. Watering will depend on the weather, the location of the trees (sunny or shady), the soil, the pot size, and other factors. In many cases, however, daily watering will be needed. Always check the moisture content of the soil before watering. Fertilization should continue. Check wires for tightness. Repotting may be done at this time.

Outdoor: Watering is of prime importance at this time. Check the moisture content of the soil daily and water as needed. Be sure to fully saturate the soil at each watering. Healthy, actively growing trees should be fertilized on a regular schedule. Remember that, unless stated otherwise, the concentrations given on fertilizer containers pertain to a once-a-month feeding schedule. It is usually better to fertilize more frequently such as weekly or bi-weekly. To properly do this divide the concentrations by the number of feedings that you plan to do each month. In other words a bi-weekly schedule would be made to half strength or a weekly feeding would be done at one quarter strength.. There is an old greenhouse rhyme that says, "Its better to feed weakly weekly."

Check wires for tightness and remove any that are cutting in. Thin leafed trees, such as maples, may need some light shade during the middle of summer. These trees are prone to burning along the leaf edges in too strong sunlight. Watch for insects. If you find a problem treat with an appropriate material.

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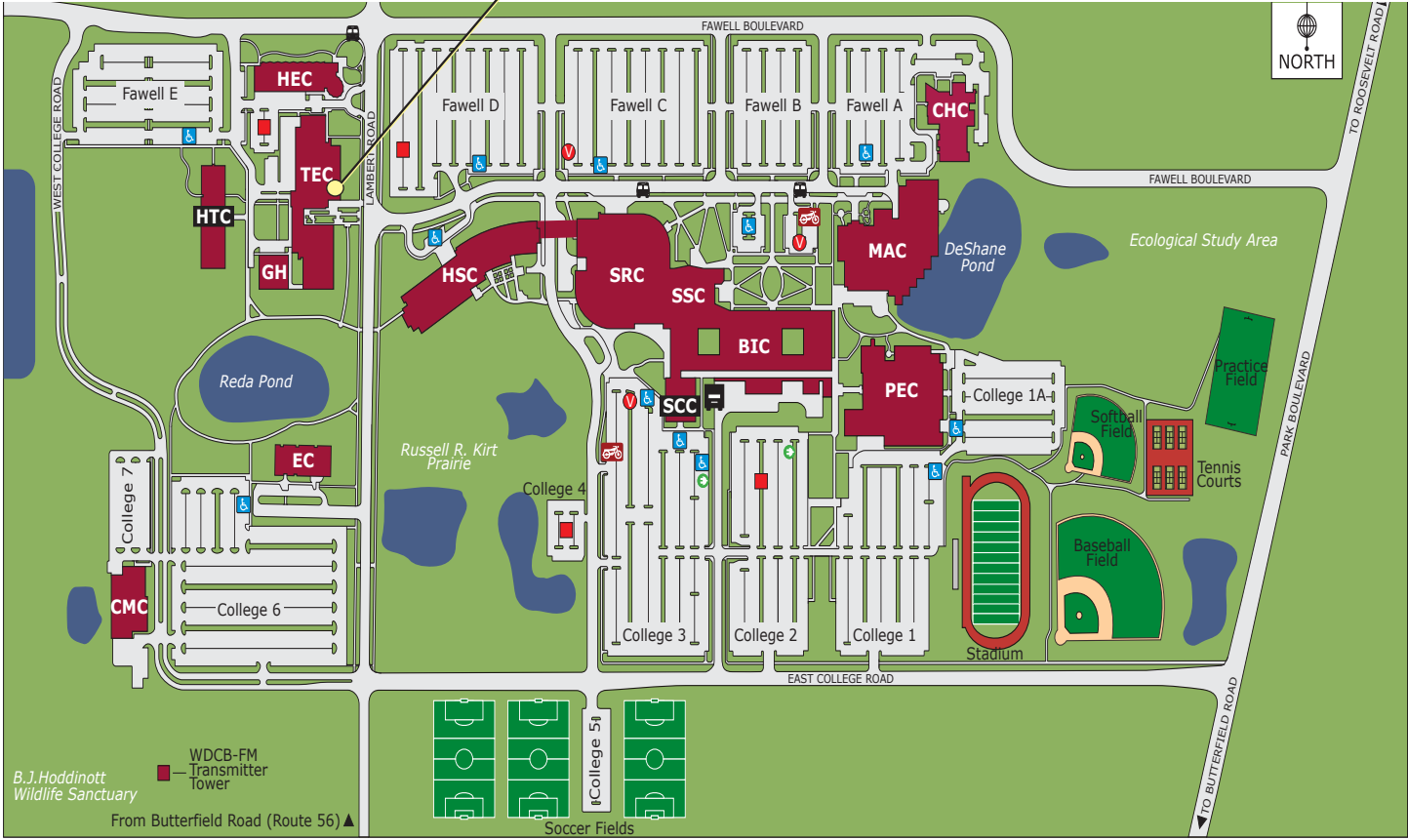
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