



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

5 Sep. General Meeting – 7:30 pm – Rm. TEC 1038b
Program: Bonsai Development as a joint presentation by members Mark Karczewski, Jim Keith and Phil Malhiot

Bonsai 101 – 7:00 pm

Keeping foliage happy! by Jim Keith

10 Sep. Board meeting: Badar Zulqarni

3 Oct. General Meeting – 7:30 pm – Rm. TEC 1038b

Program: TBD

Bonsai 101 – 7:00 pm

TBD

8 Oct. Board meeting: TBD

12-14 Oct. At The Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook
Workshops with **Walter Pall**

7 Nov. General Meeting – Rescheduled

Moved to WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
(see immediately below)

Wednesday

14 Nov. General Meeting – 7:00 pm – Location: TBD

(Note: Earlier start time of 7:00pm)

Program: Demonstration By Italian Artist

Mauro Stemberger

17-18 Nov. At The Hidden Gardens in Willowbrook
Workshops with Mauro Stemberger

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETINGS

Monday, Sep 10, 2018

7:00PM - Bonsai 101

7:30PM - General Meeting (Topic TBD)

(Note change in date due to Labor Day holiday)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Dean Cooper

Once again, our annual show at Morton Arboretum was a great success. Based on the number of votes for the People's Choice Award over 1900 people looked at our trees. That's around 200 more than last year. And I know that many people who walked through did not vote.

We gained 5 new members, if I recall correctly, and many more took membership forms to mail in later.

Victor Zurczak won the People's Choice Award with his Satsuki Azalea.

Aman Hussain took the Best in Show Award with his spruce yamadori.

Frank Mihalic, our visiting artist, told me he enjoyed his first time with our club and would be happy to do it again.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered, Thanks as well to those who brought trees. I state the obvious when I say we couldn't do it without the help of you, our members.

CLUB SHOW RESULTS AND PHOTOS

Kay and Jim Erlenborn tallied 1906 votes for the "People's Choice Award". The top 10 are:

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| 1. | 236 | Victor Zurczak | Satsuki Azalea |
| 2. | 215 | Cathy Schultz | Brazilian Raintree |
| 3. | 208 | James Keith | Trident Maples on a rock |
| 4. | 186 | Jim Erlenborn | Hinoki Cypress |
| 5. | 155 | Victor Zurczak | White Pine |
| 6. | 95 | Matt Maza | Snow Rose |
| 7. | 82 | Arlene Knapp | Japanese Elm |
| 8. | 63 | Mark Karczewski | Dwarf Alberta Spruce |
| 9. | 58 | Kay Erlenborn | Cork Bark Chinese Elm |
| 10. | 34 | Phil Malhoit | Pfizer Juniper |

Matt Mazza is the first member to join the "Top Ten" with a tree displayed on the "tree in training table".

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Victor Zurczak's Satsuki Azalea won the People's Choice Award.



TV spot for Channel 7 Weekender Report for Asian Festival



Aman Hussain took the Best in Show Award with his Colorado Blue Spruce.



Jim Keith and Nick DiBattista with Roz Varon from ABC 7.

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UPCOMING ADVENTURE IN WILLOWBROOK

While fall is certainly a busy time of year and summer has already flown by the beginning of October marks the return of Walter Pall to The Hidden Gardens bonsai. This past month I had the chance to visit Walter's garden just outside of Munich Germany. Where bonsai trees large and small, pines and conifers sit alongside of world class maples. Walking around one feels as if one is in a living bonsai museum. His love of trees and devotion to bonsai are infectious to say the least. Walter has spent the last 40 plus years devoted to his art form winning numerous awards and traveling the world extensively.

During my short time in Munich I attended daily workshops alongside of Walter's two other apprentices. What a week! We spent a great deal of time carving, working on both broadleaf (deciduous) and pines with an occasional spruce thrown in the mix. We spoke about branch placement, how to take a finished bonsai to the next level and of course spent endless hours wiring. Walter is like a walking encyclopedia speaking on how he fertilizes, waters and cares for his massive collection. His love of teaching and great sense of humor made for an unforgettable experience. I came home feeling as if I had improved immensely and yet had so much more to learn. Then the realization struck me.

We all have another opportunity to spend time with one of the worlds foremost bonsai artist's. Walter Pall will be at the Hidden Gardens Bonsai October the 12th- 14th.

It doesn't matter if you are a rank beginner or simply want a new perspective on your finished tree. At 74 years young Walter is still traveling, telling jokes and sharing his love of bonsai. Please consider taking this workshop. A few of the topics covered will be -

- Learn carving, shari and how to make deadwood look natural
- Feel more confident on how to find the bonsai tree within. How to go about selecting the viewing side and what comes next
- Gain horticultural knowledge, learn the myths about watering when to repot and so forth
- Work on trees at the Hidden Gardens bonsai
- Finally, take your tree to the next level

Laugh, tell bonsai stories and get to know the legendary Walter Pall.

I will always remember Walter telling me that he has so much more to learn. One of the biggest things I came away with was to never stop taking workshops. No matter how advanced one becomes one can always gain a new perspective.

"A tree in a pot is just a tree in a pot, it becomes a bonsai when it speaks to one's soul" ~Walter Pall

See you at the workshop
Jennifer Price

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Outdoor & Indoor: Watering is still a very important job at this time of year. Trees can dry very quickly during hot days. When the soil stays dry for too long the roots can be damaged or even killed. This can have devastating effects on your tree. Now is the time to switch to a low nitrogen fertilizer. The soil should be moist before the fertilizer is applied. This is a time when trees prepare themselves for winter. Trunks and branches will thicken as materials are stored there for the winter. Wiring can cut in rapidly so we need to watch for this and remove any wires that are too tight. Avoid pruning as this can reduce the tree's stored food reserves. Trees will put out extra roots at this time. This allows a chance to do some repotting if it is needed. Since the moderate temperatures will turn to cold rather than warm there is somewhat more risk and a smaller window for repotting at this time. Begin preparing for wintering your trees. Indoor trees can be moved inside when night temperatures are consistently in the 50's, approximately Sept. 15 in Chicagoland.

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