



BONSAI HAI

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 Feb.. General Meeting – Rm. TEC 1038b

7:30 pm, Program: Photo presentation of last years show

12 Feb. Board Meeting: Matt Mazza

7 Mar. General Meeting – Rm. TEC 1038b

7:00 pm, Bonsai 101: Bonsai soils by TBD
7:30 pm, Program: Repotting by Phil Malhiot

12 Mar. Board Meeting: Nick DiBattista

20-21 Mar. **Walter Pall** at the Hidden Gardens (see below)

MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETINGS

At the Chicago Botanic Garden's Burnstein Hall, located in the Regenstein Center.

Monday, February 5, 2018

Room: Burnstein Hall

7:00 PM - Bonsai 101, topic TBD

7:30 PM - Main Program, topic TBD

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00PM - Bonsai 101

7:30PM - General Meeting (Topic TBD)

THE HIDDEN GARDENS 2018 VISITING ARTISTS

The following bonsai artists will be at the Hidden Gardens giving workshops. Do not miss these great opportunities to work with professional world reknown artists. For more information visit www.thehiddengardens.net or call (630) 655-8283.

Walter Pall, March 20-21

Owen Reich, April 14-15

Will Baddeley, May 5-6

Jan Culek, May 19-20

Todd Schlafer, June 2-3

Bjorn Bjorholm, August 4-5

Walter Pall, October 12-14

Mauro Stemberger, Early November

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Dean Cooper

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is having a good new year, so far.

Our club Christmas party, for those who couldn't make, was great. The new location, the Scout Lodge in Roselle, seemed just about right for us. We can set the tables and such up to suit ourselves, the parking is good, and because there is only one large room, we had the building to ourselves. There were about 20-22 members in attendance.

The White Elephant gift exchange was the highlight of the party, as it usually is. The mix of semi-useless gifts to desirable ones was just enough to encourage lots of exchanging (read: swiping) of white elephants for nice pots and tools. The food people brought was tasty and of great variety. Thanks to those who brought food and gifts!

If you just couldn't make it, please do try to get to this year's party. It's one of a few occasions where we can all get together and get to know each other better.

We will be having a raffle at our meeting this month. It will consist of whatever you, our members bring, so rummage through your pots, tools, books, or other bonsai material, see what you can spare, and bring it in. I'll be bringing one or two large mica pots I no longer use. They are ideal for training bigger trees in. Our raffles are perhaps the main way our club raises funds, so please help out.

Lastly, club dues are due in March, but feel free to begin paying them now.

PHIL'S FATHER

Phil Malhiot's father, Robert J. Malhiot, 91, passed away last month from complications of pneumonia.

Our heartfelt condolences to Phil and his family!

FEBRUARY MEETING PROGRAM

This months meeting will be a slide presentation of last years show trees. I find this a good start to planning for this years show.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018

2017 memberships expire on March 1, 2018, unless you signed up at the August show last year, in which case your membership is still good for 2018. You can pay your 2018 dues at the general meeting

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or by sending a check along with a Membership Enrollment Form to the Prairie State Bonsai Society, PO Box 2634, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-2634. Please be sure to fill out the enrollment form below.

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- Lifetime Family Membership.....\$550
- Supporting Membership.....\$120
(Three year membership)
- Supporting Family Membership.....\$150
(Three year membership)

The Lifetime and Supporting Membership levels include the member's name being recognized and included in the monthly newsletter.

All memberships expire as of March 1.

Send form and dues to: **Prairie State Bonsai Society**
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THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Indoor: The mid-winter time period can be a crucial time for your indoor bonsai. This is often a period when there are many more cloudy days than sunny ones and trees at windows are receiving very low light levels. These trees will be doing little, if any, growing. There also may be some yellowing or dropping of leaves due to the low light. Do not fertilize trees that are placed at windows. Also be aware that there can be cold drafts through the glass itself. You may need to move these trees back from the window on cold days and, in particular, on cold nights. Low indoor humidity levels can also cause problems. If possible, it is a good idea to move these trees to a location close below a fluorescent light fixture or place a light near the trees at the window to supplement the meager natural light. Placing a humidifier in the area near the trees will help alleviate the problems associated with low humidity. Trees growing exclusively under fluorescent light may be fertilized if they are putting out new growth. Pinch or trim back any leggy, soft growth.

Outdoor: Watch that these trees do not dry out too severely. Water or pile snow over the roots.

General: Plan ahead for spring. Clean and sharpen tools, Replace broken or damaged tools. Look for pots that you may need this spring. Check out books and magazines for styling and care ideas.

WORKS CITED

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LIFETIME MEMBER(S)

James Bailey

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SATURDAY MORNING BONSAI

and a **SIX-WEEK PROGRAM**
 for beginners with **Mark Karczewski**.
 (held at The Hidden Gardens),
 Call (630) 254-8841 or email,
coolhand500@comcast.net
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 and/or the Six-week program!"

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