



# BONSAI HAI

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Prairie State Bonsai Society, P.O. Box 2634 Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-2634, [HTTP://PRAIRIESTATEBONSAI.COM](http://PRAIRIESTATEBONSAI.COM)

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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 Apr. General Meeting – Rm. TEC 1038b**  
7:00 pm, Bonsai 101: Fertilizers by Dan Kosta  
7:30 pm, Program: Carving by Jennifer Price-Svihla
- 9 Apr. Board Meeting: Jim and Kay Erlenborn
- 14-15 Apr. **Owen Reich** at the Hidden Gardens (see below)
- 19-22 Apr. ABS-Gateway to Bonsai Show  
Collinsville, IL (see advertisement in this issue)
- 21 Apr. Grow Plot Meeting at the Hidden Gardens,  
9am-Noon, Everyone is invited!
- 2 May General Meeting – Rm. TEC 1038b**  
7:00 pm, Bonsai 101: Branches by Dean Cooper  
7:30 pm, Program: Wiring by Mark Karczewski  
Members can bring trees
- 5-6 May **Will Baddeley** at the Hidden Gardens (see below)
- 7 May Board Meeting:
- 12-13 May Midwest Bonsai Society 14th Annual  
May Bonsai Exhibit

## MIDWEST BONSAI SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Monday, April 2, 2018

7:00PM - Bonsai 101 - Brief overview of Repotting  
7:30PM - General Meeting - Society Business, followed by a presentation on Stands from stand maker Austin Heitzman of Portland, Oregon. Austin's work can be seen on his website.

## 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](http://www.thehiddengardens.net) or call (630) 655-8283.

- Owen Reich**, April 14-15  
**Will Baddeley**, May 5-6 (sold out)  
**Jan Culek**, May 19-20  
**Todd Schlafer**, June 2-3  
**Bjorn Bjorholm**, August 4-5 (sold out)  
**Walter Pall**, October 12-14  
**Mauro Stemberger**, Early November

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Dean Cooper

Well, it's April already. It's officially spring. Last month I said I planned to have at least my conifers up on my benches that week, assuming they were not still frozen to the ground. They were. And then it snowed. The weather forecast is pretty much the same for this week as it was the first week of last month. My trees will be going on the benches next week, no matter what. And I will start re-potting those that need re-potting.

Bonsai 101 will be on branches, their care and feeding. I have been selected to conduct the class. It will be the first time I have done a presentation for the club. Wish me luck.

We will be having a raffle, as usual, so do bring any bonsai related items you no longer need. And money to buy raffle tickets with.

And lastly, club dues are due still due! Please use the form you'll find in this newsletter.

## OWEN REICH AT THE HIDDEN GARDENS

Owen Reich will be doing bring-your-own tree workshops at the Hidden Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, 9am-4pm.

Owen apprenticed at Kouka-en bonsai nursery in Japan and is now back in the United States. He is capable of working on deciduous and conifer bonsai. His ideal workshop involves a room full of students worn out from information overload; not having to guess what the next step is for their bonsai. Cost is \$100 per workshop. Contact [The Hidden Gardens](#), (630) 655-8283, for more information.

## BONSAI MASTER CLASS WITH IVAN WATTERS

Learn new skills.  
Sharpen existing skills.  
Improve your eye.  
Improve your bonsai.  
Correct bad habits  
Learn the traits of all good bonsai.  
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Acquire a deeper respect for the art and material.  
Begin to have fun with your bonsai.  
And much more.

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Bring your tools, wire and tree(s)

1:30pm to 4:00pm at

BC Bonsai

Cost \$75 per session

Call 630-690-0404 to reserve a spot.

### WILL BADDELEY AT THE HIDDEN GARDENS

British bonsai artist Will Baddeley will be doing bring-your-own tree workshops at the Hidden Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, 9am-4pm.

Will is well known for his skills at creating deadwood on Bonsai. Cost is \$120 per workshop. Contact [TheHiddenGardens.com](http://TheHiddenGardens.com), (630) 655-8283, for more information.

### AUGUST SHOW PEAR / CRAB APPLE WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHT

by Nick DiBattista

The workshop we are highlighting this month is our Flowering Pear/Crab Apple workshop. This workshop will be held on Saturday 8/04 from 9-12am and is for up to 10 students from beginner to intermediate skill level. These local field grown trees feature trunks of 1-4 inches. These particular trees were started as seeds in 2000 and then planted in the field in 2004 and were harvested between 2016 and 2017. Both the types of trees are flowering and fruit bearing. The workshop will consist of initial styling along with some discussion of carving opportunities with the instructor, Jim Beck.

Registration is only thru [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).



### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018

Please pay your dues at the general meeting or by sending a check along with a Membership Enrollment Form (below) to the Prairie State Bonsai Society, PO Box 2634, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-2634.

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## BONSAI RESOURCES



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Bonsai starters - Hardy & Tropical

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Workshops, check website for more info.

<http://www.bcbonsai.com/index.html>



### THE HIDDEN GARDENS

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### BONSAI FOR SALE

By appointment only. Call **Phil Malhiot** (708) 705-7768. Bonsai Trees For Sale and lessons also available

### NATURAL LIVING

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(630) 323-1085 Dan Kosta  
Bonsai, Pots, Tools. Closed Sunday  
[www.verngoersgreenhouse.com](http://www.verngoersgreenhouse.com)

### 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](mailto:coolhand500@comcast.net)

You can contact Hidden Gardens as well, just ask about "Saturday Morning Bonsai and/or the Six-week program!"

### OUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE CHICAGO AREA:

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[www.brusselsbonsai.com](http://www.brusselsbonsai.com)



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(618) 656-9087

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## MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Type of Membership:**

- Individual, e-newsletter.....\$30
- Family, e-newsletter .....\$35
- Individual, newsletter received by USPS .....\$40
- Family, newsletter received by USPS.....\$45
- Lifetime Membership\* .....\$500
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- Supporting Membership\* (3 years).....\$120
- Supporting Family Membership\* (3 years).....\$150

All memberships expire as of March 1.

Send form and dues to: **Prairie State Bonsai Society**  
**PO Box 2634**  
**Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-2634**

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

## THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

**Outdoor:** This is it, the busiest month in bonsai. Once night time temperatures are consistently above 32° it is time to bring your trees out of winter protection. Avoid sunny days and wait for a rainy/cloudy day to put out on your benches. Watering requirements will increase so be prepared to water on a more frequent basis. Fertilization can begin as soon as new growth is seen. Lower nitrogen types will help maintain smaller foliage sizes. Repotting may also begin as buds on deciduous begin to show green. Usually deciduous and larches are done first followed by pines and spruce, and lastly junipers. A transplant solution containing vitamin B can be used on these trees. Protect newly potted trees from freezing and do not fertilize for about 3 or 4 weeks. Remove any wire that may become tight during the spring growth season. Avoid foliage pruning until mid summer to allow trees to resupply energy lost to spring emergence.

**Indoor:** Watering needs may increase as light intensity and day length increase. Fertilize as needed. Pinch back overly long growth. Do not move these trees outdoors as yet. Do not repot at this time. Check wires and remove any that may become tight during spring growth. Replace wires as needed.

## WORKS CITED

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## LIFETIME MEMBER(S)

James Bailey


**SAVE THE DATES**


**GATEWAY TO BONSAI**  
**APRIL 19 - 22, 2018**  
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