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What's up for Sunday, July 17, 2022

We are scheduled for classrooms near the front desk. This is another BYOT meeting for fine tuning trees and learning how to collect, grow, and apply mos to dress your display. There have also been companion plantings of just moss displayed at the show.

Down the Rabbit Hole ~ President, Mark Passerello

Sad news to report this month. Richard H Gurevitz, known to many as "Doc" and "Doctor Dickey" has passed away after a period of declining health. A veterinarian by profession, Doc was a long time member of the club and served a tenure of Treasurer for the club. An enthusiastic bonsai hobbyist who managed to keep up that enthusiasm even though he had a pretty terrible track record of not keeping trees alive. He was also a collector of beer cans, noted for his garage full of cans, none of which, he was proud to note, he had personally emptied. Doc was always a lively and cheerful presence at club functions, always quick with a friendly greeting and a warm smile. He was also quick with inappropriate stories- really dirty jokes-that he seemed to delight in telling just a bit too loud.

Doc's standard New Year's greeting was "May your best day last year be your worst day next year". May we recall that positive spirit when we remember our absent friend.

We are getting closer and closer to "show time". To make this event a success we will need a variety of jobs taken care of by club volunteers. Save the dates of September 23rd, 24th and 25th and help out as you are able. Some tasks can be short duration-show security, vendor setup assistant, others can take a bit more effort-we are needing a person to coordinate donations and actually run the raffles/silent auctions that will take place both days of the show. Point is, its a fun weekend of bonsai fellowship, so plan on helping out as you can. Also, feel free to

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bring along some family members, or any Scout groups you know who may need to earn some community service credits.

One CBS show tradition we will revive this year is a Saturday evening gathering after the show. Our guest artists and several out of town participants will be staying at a hotel in Newark not far from Dawes, and we are confirming a food and beverage venue near the hotel. Stay tuned for more details as they develop.

In Memorium

Richard Herbert Gurevitz, 84, passed away July 5, 2022 at the Tuscany Gardens Nursing Facility, Pataskala, OH. Preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Rose Gurevitz. Survived by sons Michael Gurevitz and Andrew (Jennifer) Gurevitz; sister Susan (Laurence) Schor; nieces and nephews Meredith (Rick) Marmurek, Joseph (Kristine) Schor, Wendy (Rami) Haim, Samuel Schor; and many cousins and friends. Richard attended the Columbus Academy (1956), where he played varsity football; the Ohio State University (1960), where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and Romophos men's honorary society. He also attended the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine (1967). Affectionately known as "Dr. Dickie," his veterinary practices were Beechwood Animal Hospital and Bexley Veterinary Clinic. He also operated "My Doggie's Inn," a pet boarding and grooming business. He was also a member of the Columbus Veterinary Emergency Services. He received the Sertoma International Tribune award, as well as the Centurion Award. He was a past President of B'nai B'rith Zion Lodge Number 62. He was also a lifetime member, past Secretary, and past Treasurer of the Columbus Bonsai Society. Featured in an article in the Marietta, Ohio Times newspaper, he was a lifetime member of the Beer Can Collectors of America, with an enormous collection acquired over the years (although he never drank the contents of his collection). He was a lifelong contributor to the American Red Cross blood drive, and provided years of service to the National Federation of the Blind's Ohio Radio Reading Service. At his request, the family will not observe Shiva or hold a celebration of life. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to The American Humane Society (www.americanhumane.org) or The American Heart Association (www.heart.org) He will be remembered by many as a generous, caring, and loyal friend. Online guest book at www.epsteinmemorial.com

Random Thotz ~ Zack Clayton, Editor

What a month. Dry and hot alternating with short bursts of rain and humidity. If you didn't water stuff in the ground it has probably gone dormant. If you didn't water things in pots, you can empty the pot. I put 40 bags of bamboo out as yard waste and I have at least that much more to go. The positive side is I have table wide pieces of the bamboo cane drying to serve as separators for the formal/multi point displays for the show. If you are planning on a display, Please measure the space you will need so we know how to set up the tables and place the dividers. We may have some dividers available for the normal single tree and accent area also.

Speaking of formal displays, please include a picture with your registration so we know how you want it set up. We want to keep a display set up as intended and the photo will help us do that. To this end the registration forms will be in a different format from years past.

In other activity, I have dug and potted a Red Oak which is in deep shade and is putting out new growth. Burning bush which is doing well in the sun and I have a couple others to go. Some maples that are in deep shade, a tartary honeysuckle that has been pruned back 3 or 4 times and needs to come out of the ground, and some apple suckers that I will wait until fall to dig, but which I am pruning back for branch growth.

Regarding the size article. Several of the sources indicated that trees are getting smaller as the owners age, dropping one to three sizes as they are restyled. I must admit, I am phasing out most of my Omono to Chumono and Chumono to Katade-mochi. Most of the new trees I am creating now are Kifu or Katade-mochi. Old age is not for sissy's.

Articles

Some Bonsai Vocabulary by Zack Clayton

As I was researching some of this months content I ran into a term I did not recognize. I chased it down and here is the current report on size categories. I have seen pictures of bonsai larger than eight hand bonsai, but could not find a Japanese term for them.

English	Japanese	Size
Needs a crane	?	More than one ton
Needs a forklift	?	Less than one ton
Eight hand	Imperial	60 – 80" tall or wide
Six hand	Hachi-uye	40 – 60 " tall or wide
Four hand	Dai or Omono	30 – 48" tall or wide
Two hand	Chiu or Chumono	16 – 36" tall or wide
Two hand	Katade-mochi	10 – 18" tall
One hand	Kifu	8 – 12" tall
One Hand	Kumono	6 – 10" tall
One hand	Chohin (Shohin)	5 – 8" tall
One hand—Palm size	Mame	2 – 6" tall
One hand—Fingertip size	Shito	2 – 4" tall
Show off—Thimble	Keshitsubo	1 – 3" tall

References: Wikipedia, Bonsai Empire, Bonsai Outlet and the Brooklyn Botanical Garden

For the larger sizes, remember that one criteria for Bonsai is "less than 1/6 the size of the mature tree species". So a White Pine, Redwood, or Metasequoia could be 40 feet tall. Yes, ridiculous. So most of our trees are smaller than that. However, I have seen pictures of a crew rigging a more than one ton tree of ten feet or so for a move to a new location at a public Japanese garden Some Vietnamese multi-species landscapes can be ten feet long and several feet wide.

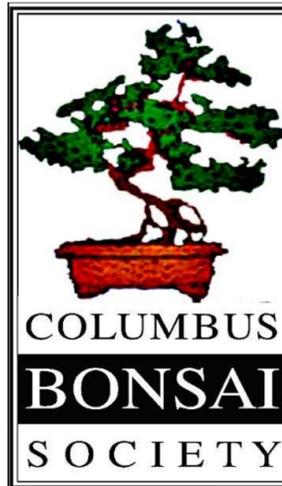
What is frustrating is the size overlap of the classifications. I understand that things change over time and location, but it is disturbing to see a 10" tree tagged as a Mame, it is not a "Bean" size it is not even really a "Palm" size. It looks like a nice example of a Kumono or

Kifu. Different folks have different ways of applying the terms I guess. The pot would fit on my palm, but I have freakishly wide hands according to my wife.

The Columbus Bonsai Society is now on YouTube!

By Ryan Huston / Ry2Tree2 Bonsai (www.Ry2Tree2.com)

In an increasingly digital age, the CBS is now offering selected recordings of our general meetings on our new Columbus Bonsai Society Youtube channel. As I mentioned at our January meeting, as our club librarian I will be recording meetings and periodically editing them for release to the public. The club hopes this will aid our educational mission around bonsai as well as cater to members who cannot always make it to meetings due to other obligations. We look forward to continuing to build one another's bonsai knowledge through our in-person workshops and meetings and hope that this online opportunity becomes a helpful supplement to our regular bonsai learning opportunities.



See the links below to subscribe to our channel as well as see the two meetings we have posted so far from October and November of 2021.

CBS YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMuxTwUO5Ja2zXIRetMqjPQ>

Todd Schlafer Finds the Trunkline - Full Demonstration - Oct 2021 -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdDGJGTmBdA>

Time-Saving Tools for Growing Healthy Tropical Bonsai Indoors - Nov 2021 -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYuTftTWNYA> The topic of the November meeting which is also available online was how to save time while growing a young tropical as on the left into a mature bonsai.



Seasonal Care

Summer is a good time to prune tropicals as they are still actively growing. This includes Olive. They will recover quickly and the increased light will strengthen interior branches. For established Ficus, this could be a good time for defoliation to increase ramification. For this to be effective be sure to trim off the terminal buds on the branch tips.

Water regularly, even after heavy rains. Don't let pots dry out the next day in the heat we have been having. Shallow and small pots may need twice a day attention. I have been de-

stroying bamboo that severely shaded 20' or so of benches last year and the increased exposure to the sun has helped growth, but also has increased the drying of those pots more than anticipated. I've had to pay special attention to make sure they stay moist to prevent dehydration losses.

For plants that are still actively growing switch to a lower nitrogen fertilizer unless you are feeding a sacrifice branch. Rapid growth from nitrogen usually translates to longer internodes. For the plants I dug and potted last month I want to push growth to support the roots so they have stayed on a balanced (~ 12-12-12) garden starter pellet blend. The approximation is because I switch up the brand to get a different mix of micro nutrients. I just make sure that the nitrogen is not the highest number.

If the plants are not actively growing and look like they have gone into summer dormancy, water less to prevent root rot, but don't let them dry out completely. Decrease fertilizer to almost nothing. This is a dance of balancing decreased plant metabolism and still supplying what it needs to survive.

Watch for pests and treat as soon as you notice a problem. Treat early and treat often will usually get ahead of long term problems. Often an alcohol spray or washing the leaves with dilute pinesol will do the trick. These are quick kill options. If you still have the problem after a couple of daily applications, upgrade to a commercial insecticide. The nice thing about the first two options is it lets the predator insectivores get away before the broad spectrum chemical gets them as well as the pests.

Found on the Web

The title here is "Decandling Field-grown Black Pines" but I think the real interest for most of our club is the proper use of rebar in styling. We talk about it as a method but have not gone into detail in recent memory. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/06/17/decandling-field-grown-black-pines/>

Summer Pruning Young Deciduous Trees. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/06/24/summer-pruning-young-deciduous-trees/> Examples of two crabapples and two Chinese Quince planned for Shohin and Kifu sizes.

Bonsai Development Series #27: Focusing Growth on the lowest Primary Branches. Jonas Dupuich. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2022/07/08/bonsai-development-series-27-focusing-growth-on-the-lowest-primary-branches/> Using Cork Bark Oaks as his examples, he discusses and shows before and after treatment and what future pruning will be needed.

Hinoki Cypress Pruning and Maintenance by Michael Hegadorn. <http://crataegus.com/2022/07/01/hinoki-cypress-pruning-and-maintenance/> discussion and closeup photos of where he is pruning. He removes 15% of the foliage on this pass and explains how pinching Hinoki does not weaken the tree as it does with Junipers. Pinching is good for Hinoki.

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Coming Attractions

August looks like Pot care and maintenance and selecting stands. We gave a nod to selecting a tree, as most of us only have 3 or 4 that are ready to show. It was inspiring for Jack, Mark, and I for Ken Schultz to be going through 15-16 of his trees for the Knoxville show and narrowing them down to 6 and then asking us what we thought.

And after the August meeting it is run up to the show in September.

Remember to sign up for volunteer positions for the show this meeting and August.

Bonsai Here and Beyond the Outerbelt

Meetings are the third Sunday of the Month unless stated otherwise. Our schedule is back to meetings at Franklin Park on the third Sunday at 2:00 for general meetings, and 10:00 for scheduled workshops. Please stay tuned for new developments as we get short notice from FPC of location changes. Thanks for your understanding and patience!

July 16 Michael Hagedorn leads a Wild for Accents in a 3 hour intensive interactive online course. Sign up at Crataegusbonsai@gmail.com

July 17 BYOT for general help, Growing Moss, and show preparation advice. Show volunteer signup opportunities, ask an officer or long term club member if you are not sure of details.

August 21 TBD – Picnic at Oakland? This is a great opportunity to wander their yard and find some great potensai. Also, BYOT for general help and show preparation advice.

September 23 Show Setup 3:00 at Dawes Arboretum, Tree drop off 4:00—7:00
Please note that this is the **4th weekend** in September. If you have a formal display or more than a couple of trees, bring them on Friday!

September 24-25 Jim Doyle, Chase Rosade - Special 50th CBS Show Guests

September 24 Please bring your trees Friday afternoon or evening.

Show at Dawes Arboretum 10:00am – 5:00pm

September 25 Show 10 – 5, and Tear down/tree pickup at 5:00pm

October 16 TBD

November 12-13 Pacific Bonsai Expo, Bridge Yard event space, Oakland, California
See Bonsai Tonight for details.

November 20 Officer Elections, and something pertaining to late fall and early winter

December - TBD Club Dinner

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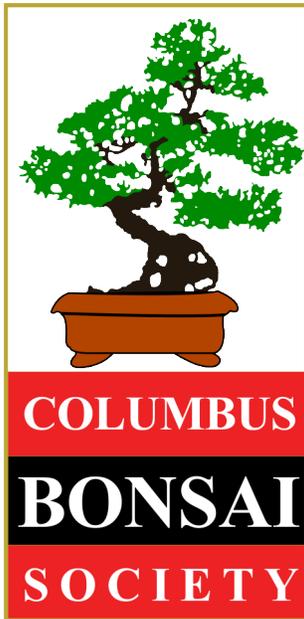
Membership Registration

Please fill out all information in the form. Including the address. If you want a club member to give you a ride, pick up and deliver your tree to the show, or water your trees while you are on vacation, we need your address to match you up with someone close by. The same goes for people willing to provide these services. In any case we must have your correct email for you to receive your newsletter. We get several people at the meetings each year wanting to know why they don't get the newsletter. Failure to provide a correct email is almost always the answer, and if you don't give us your phone or address, we can't contact you to ask why its bouncing back to us.

Payment can be made by check or cash at the meetings, On the website with a credit card, Paypal Friends and Family at ColumbusBonsai@ gmail.com. Or, if you trust the mail service with timely delivery:

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Please include your phone number! I still get new members with no email or phone number. And we don't do dead trees and ink.



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