



Iowa Bonsai Association Newsletter

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From The Editor

Susan Daufeldt

It's August. I'm SO behind...! So much is happening all over the country in the Art of Bonsai right now. See short articles about some great trees on pages 9, 10 and 14, that will also give you a gateway into a little bit that's been going on.



And there's plenty more to read - all the news from both clubs, thanks to Jared Wall and Bill Englert, Timely Tips, an excerpt from Scott Barbosa's article on the upcoming 8th US Nationals that ran in the ABS Newsletter this month, some details on the 2024 ABS Learning Seminars and a Smithsonian Online Class that you may be interested in. Have a wonderful month of August! Hope to see you at the Fair!

I'm still looking for additional Newsletter Staff. If you would be interested in joining the staff, please contact me. Help us report on local events and provide interesting content for the membership. There is so much going on in Iowa these days that one person can't get to every event! That's a good thing.

Please consider writing an article for the Newsletter. Remember that this is your club! If you have ideas, thoughts or comments, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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IBA President's Report

Scott Allen

Dear IBA members and friends,

I hope you are all well and ready for summer bonsai.

The Julian Tsai workshop is at my place on Friday, August 11, 2023. Julian is doing demos all day at the Greater Des Moines Botanic Gardens on Saturday, August 12, 2023. Trees for the demos will be chosen by Julian from among trees brought by club members for that purpose. If Julian chooses your tree for the demo, there is a \$100.00 styling fee. If you bring a tree, PLEASE ALSO BRING WIRE APPROPRIATE for the styling of the tree.

The Iowa State Fair Show, August 13, 2023. We will be setting up for the Fair Show the night before. Please come and help! We will begin setting up displays at the Fair at 6 am Sunday morning, with judging to follow. There will be a critique as soon as the judging is complete.

Our next club meeting is Saturday, August 19, 2023. IBA East will not meet in August 2023. We still have some Akadama at \$50 a bag for club members and \$55 a bag for non-club members. Not sure how long we'll have it, so I recommend getting some while we do have it.



Welcome New Members

The IBA would like to welcome New Members

**Kathy Hanlon
Larry Lykins
Chris Parry
Carson McRae
Molly Brown
James Sleyster
Libby Gottl**

Hope to see you all soon!
Sincerely,

Scott Allen, IBA President, (scott@vividpix.com)

EIBA Report

Bill Englert

Greetings Bonsai Friends,

The Eastern Iowa Bonsai Association held its second Bonsai display at NewBo City Market in Cedar Rapids on July 15th, 2023.

The event was very well attended by the public, and the working demonstrations received a lot of attention. Several of the members brought their trees to work on during the day. By doing this, the public had a chance to see how the trees are styled and shaped and they asked a lot of questions, especially why are you doing that? There were 26 different trees on display, all different varieties. It was a great day.

On July 16th, 2023, the EIBA held its workshop and club picnic at Guthridge Park in Hiawatha Iowa. The event started at 8:00AM and concluded at 3:00PM. We had 18 people in attendance. The first part of the day was spent working on members trees, giving them ideas as to what they could do, and the best part was seeing the finished product. I believe there were at least 12 trees, so it kept us all busy. Then Chef Otto Rajorta started up the grill, and we had brats and burgers for lunch, along with side dishes that the members brought. It was a delicious lunch. We wrapped up the day around 3:00. The weather was very good that day, even with some smoke in the air.

Our next board meeting will be held on August 10th, 2023 at 7:00PM and it will be virtual. If you would like to attend, let us know and we will add you to the list.

The next club meeting will be held on August 17th. At this time we are planning a workshop at the home of John Clemens. There will more information coming after our next board meeting.

Hope everyone has a great growing season, and keep those trees watered!

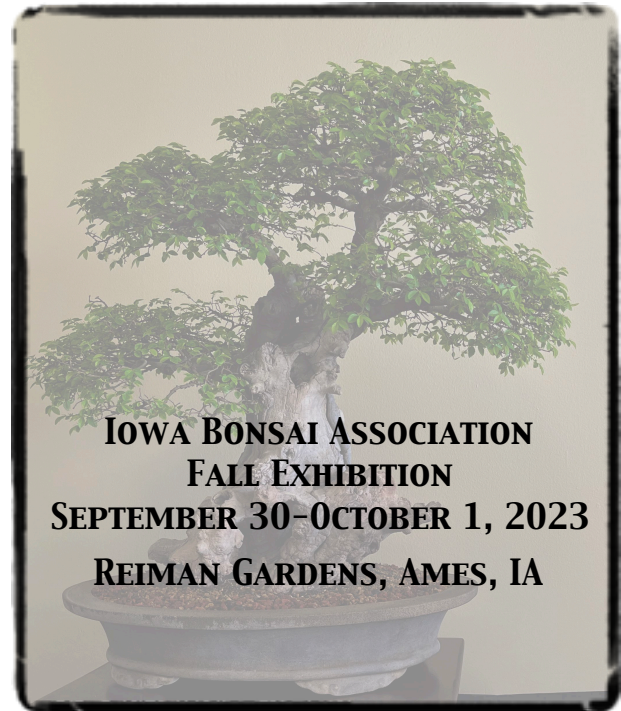
Bill Englert, EIBA Vice President (bandrenglert@mchsi.com)



Visitors view the displays at EIBA's Newbo Exhibition on Saturday, July 15, 2023. See more pictures from EIBA Activities Next Page. All photos by Bill Englert.

Notice of Upcoming Events

Susan Daufeldt



Calendar of Events

Note: IBA Activities are also on the IBA website. Click on the "Calendar" Link.

August 2023

ALL Members strongly encouraged to participate in and/or attend the State Fair Show, take the opportunity to work with Julian Tsai, and to Attend the Midwest (Chicago) Bonsai Society's August Exhibition.

August 11, 2023 (Friday)

Julian Tsai Workshop at Scott Allen's home. Slots available. See IBA President's Report for details.

August 10, 2023, 7:00 pm (Thurs)

EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.

August 12, 2023 (Friday)

Julian Tsai Demonstrations at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. See IBA President's Report for details.

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- August 13, 2023 (Sunday)** **Iowa State Fair Bonsai Show. See IBA President's Report for details or contact Pres. Scott Allen for specifics.**
- August 17, 2023, 7pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting:** Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.
- August 19, 2023,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program** at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: **Pest control and disease identification and treatment.**
- August 18-20, 2023** **Midwest Bonsai Society August Exhibition, Chicago Botanic Garden, Regenstein Center, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glenco, IL 60022 Guest Artist: Bjorn Bjorholm.**
- September 9-10, 2023** **8th US National Bonsai Exhibition, Rochester, NY**
- Sept 14, 2023, 7:00 pm (Thurs)** *EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.*
- Sept 16, 2023,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program** at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: **Tool Care - Cleaning and Sharpening.**
- Sept 21, 2023, 7pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting:** Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.
- Sept 23, 2023
10am-2pm (Saturday)** **IBA Satellite Meeting and Open Study Group.** Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, Hills, IA (Address for navigation purposes: Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, 5276 Oakcrest Hill Road Southeast, Riverside, IA 52327)
- Sept 29, 2023, (Friday)** **Set up for Reiman Gardens Show.** For more information contact Ron Heinen (ronheinen47@gmail.com) or Jared Wall (wallsrunner1@yahoo.com).
- Sept 30 - Oct 1 (Sat/Sun)** **Reiman Gardens Show.** For more information contact Ron Heinen (ronheinen47@gmail.com) or Jared Wall (wallsrunner1@yahoo.com).
- Oct 12, 2023, 7:00 pm (Thurs)** *EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.*

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- Oct 21, 2023,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: Watering/Winter Watering. Round table discussion.**
- Oct 28, 2023
10am-2pm (Saturday)** **IBA Satellite Meeting and Open Study Group. Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, Hills, IA (Address for navigation purposes: Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, 5276 Oakcrest Hill Road Southeast, Riverside, IA 52327**
- Nov 9, 2023, 7:00 pm (Thurs)** *EIBA Board Meeting via Zoom. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.*
- Nov 16, 2023, 7pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting: Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.**
- Nov 18, 2023,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **IBA End of the Year Auction at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, With Luncheon to Follow.**
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Timely Tips - August

Susan Daufeldt

This has been a challenging summer. We went from extremely dry, though mild, conditions to an extreme amount of moisture and heat and humidity. These conditions have escalated the likelihood and severity of fungal disease to unusual proportions. Too much water literally left some of my trees chlorotic. Proper (not too much/not too little) watering and nutrition will help trees to resist disease. In addition, insects seem to thrive in the hot, humid, weather. We're not having the precipitation now that we had earlier in the summer, but it is plenty hot and humid and I'm dealing with fungal issues I've never had before.

Keeping up with summer pruning is important, as spraying for pest and disease is not effective if the canopy is too dense for the spray to penetrate. Too much sun can be an issue and trees showing signs of heat stress should go into more shade immediately. This helps a lot every time. In my first few years in Bonsai, I lost some trees in the course of one afternoon because of too much sun. (While not enough sun is a problem, it generally doesn't cause immediate death – just large leaves and long, weak internodes.). Too much brutal sun through the day can also decrease a tree's resistance to fungal infections.

Watering in the heat can require some restraint. Be sure the tree actually needs water. Trees' water up-take may have slowed in the heat and just adding more water to the pot will only reduced oxygen to the roots and create an environment where pathogens thrive (this can result in root-rot). But note: If

you go out and the leaves at the end of branches are limp or wilted looking, you need to water immediately and a gentle misting or spray-down will help the tree to recover. (Trees both lose and absorb moisture through their leaves.) There is no watering formula – you have to learn your individual trees and how your environmental conditions affect them. Interestingly, I have a shady area in my bonsai yard where the trees actually require more water than those in the sun. There’s a really good reason for this: That shaded area gets a lot of brutal South, Southwest and West wind. The portion of my bonsai yard that gets the most sun is sheltered from the South, Southwest, West wind. My home sits at the highest point in rural Iowa County. Anyone who’s been here recently could not have failed to notice the giant wind turbines. They are here for a reason and that reason means many of my trees may need water daily or twice a day or three times a day, when my bonsai friends who live in more sheltered locations may not water certain trees for two or three days at a time.

If you HAVEN’T kept up with summer pruning on deciduous trees, get cracking! The middle of August is pretty much the cut-off date for that activity. Trees will grow when and where you cut them during the growing season. If you keep on cutting, the tree will be pushing new growth when it should be preparing for a long winter’s nap. This is a month when we need to begin to think about that transition. It seems a long way away, but it’s really just around the corner. And in the middle of show prep and all that jazz, we need to keep the seasonal nature of the art in mind.

If you have pine, early August is the time to start fertilizing them. Recently repotted tropicals should also be ready for fertilization. Remove weak, yellowed, foliage from junipers. Watch your wire - especially on deciduous trees. Wire bite is most likely to occur in the crown of the tree or where branches have been sharply bent, but can show up anywhere. Be sure to rotate trees so that they get sun evenly on all sides. If your trees are against a wall or fence, you can lose half a tree in one season by failing to rotate it.

Have a great month and be sure to contact someone in the club for help if you need it. That’s why we have a club!

Information in this month’s Timley Tips specifically relating to conifers and tropicals was gleaned from prior Timley Tips written by John Denny.

Julian Tsai **August 11, 2023**

Julian is back this year to judge the Fair Show and will be doing a workshop on August 11, 2023, at Scott Allen’s home. Don’t miss this great opportunity to get professional assistance with your trees. This is a terrific learning opportunity for bonsai practitioners of all levels!



IBA June Meeting - July 15, 2023

Jared Wall

Fifteen attendees joined the Iowa Bonsai Associations open work study July 15th, 2023, at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. We had an interesting mix of trees this month: A former member brought two Boxwood for discussion; we had a juniper, Trident Maple, Tiger Bark Ficus, variety of White Spruce; and David Lowman brought a Grewia, from the Malvaceae family - it's worth consulting google for more information, if its something that interests you. This month's discussion topic was show preparation. Ron Heinen took us through his preparations that start a month before a show with trimming, foliar feeding a few weeks before the show then adding moss a week before. We watched a few YouTube videos of Bonsai shows and discussed the displays, stands, accent plants, and touched on my personal favorite, Suiseki. The message was go with what you like and everyone is willing to help with showing your trees. Next work study will be held August 19th, 2023, at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, 9am, in the Kemin Plant Science Lab. Our discussion topic will be a round table covering pests and disease. Hope to see you all there. If you don't already follow the club you can find us on Facebook.



Ron Heinen presented on Show Preparation at the IBA Meeting in July. Photo by Jared Wall.

Right, Scott Allen assists a club member with a Tiger Bark Ficus. Photo by Jared Wall.



Left, Ron Heinen and Brian Ivanovich work on a trident maple; bottom, (foreground) club members discuss trees while Bill works on his White Spruce (center back). Photos by Jared Wall.





Brian Thacker (foreground left) talks with club members before starting work on his juniper. Photo by Jared Wall.

*A Special Exhibition
at the Pacific Bonsai Museum*

Living art evolves
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ABS Learning Seminars 2023 - Best in Show/Award of Merit



Adam Johnson's Rocky Mountain Juniper was the Best in Show at the ABS Learning Seminars Exhibition and also received an Award of Merit. Adam collected this juniper in the Colorado Rockies. He did the initial styling in a workshop with Ryan Neil. Container by Tom Benda, a bonsai potter from the Czech Republic. Photo by Dan Wiederreck.



Left, a suiseki display at the 2023 ABS Learning Seminars, "Melting Snow" collected from Long Valley Creek, CA. Collector: Nina Ragle.

ABS Learning Seminars 2023 - The John Naka Award



The John Naka Award is given each year at the ABS Learning Seminars to the exhibitor whose native North American tree best expresses the spirit of artistic design taught by Master John Y. Naka. This year's recipient was Dan Wiederrecht of Backcountry Bonsai for his lovely Lodgepole pine. Dan collected this tree in Wyoming in 2017, while hiking with his father and his niece. Bjorn Bjorholm did the initial styling in the fall of 2018. Dan repotted the tree into its current pot in 2021. Photo by Dan Wiederrecht.

Bonsai As Fine Art Exhibition - Daniel Coffey



Daniel Coffey's very large and impressive Rocky Mountain Juniper was on display at Blue Spiral 1 Art Gallery during the Bonsai as Fine Art Exhibition that took place in June of 2023. The tree is planted on deadwood that has undergone considerable preparation as a planting surface. The wood was burned and gold leaf was applied using traditional methods of application. Photo courtesy of Steve Mann.

In Asheville, North Carolina, there is a little known professional bonsai artist with impressive credentials. Daniel Coffey interned at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum under Jack Sustic and spent years apprenticing in Japan, at Aichien bonsai nursery with Junichiro Tanaka, where, for the first two plus years, he literally lived in the bonsai garden. After settling in North Carolina, Daniel quietly built his bonsai clientele with minimal use of online aids. (He has an instagram account - handle TreeThePeople). The Bonsai as Fine Art Exhibition was a collaborative effort of the Blue Ridge Bonsai Society, The North Carolina Arboretum and Blue Spiral 1 Art Gallery. Twenty trees were displayed at the gallery over a ten-day period, providing a unique opportunity to view exceptional trees in a fine arts setting. A commemorative exhibition album can be preordered at <https://www.blueridgebonsaisociety.com/copy-of-work-space>

The U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition

An excerpt from the main article, ABS Newsletter, August 2023

Scott Barboza



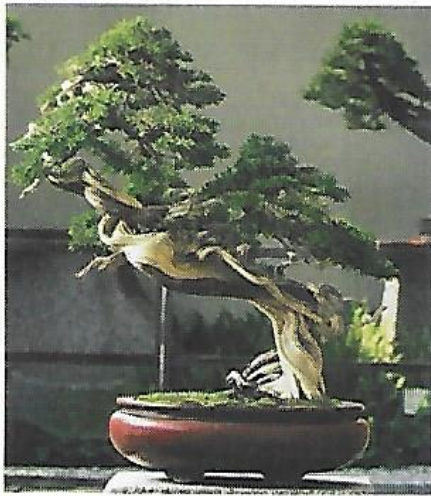
Photo courtesy of William Valavanis.

The 8th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition is scheduled for September 9-10th, 2023 in Rochester, NY.

The National Bonsai Foundation and the American Bonsai Society stand together in support of this special event. As a showcase for the best in American bonsai, this is an opportunity to measure the quality and progress of your own collection and to reimagine how far your own artistic efforts can take you. As an educational experience, this is an opportunity to engage with some of the best American artists on how you may improve the quality of your collection and, thus, contribute to the progress of bonsai in North America. As one of the largest gatherings of artists and vendors in the U.S., this is an opportunity to connect with a community of people having a shared and common interest. This is an event not to be missed. I'll be there and I am already blocking my weekends in September 2025 for the next one.

Dr. Scott Barboza was introduced to bonsai by a friend while studying geology at UC Davis in the early 1990's. Bonsai resonated with his passions for hiking, the outdoors, and gardening. He took classes in Sacramento and while in graduate school at the University of Washington. After moving to Houston in the late 1990s, Scott became a member of the Houston Bonsai Society and began studying with Boonyarat Manakitivipart with whom he has worked for many years. Scott's trees have won awards at local, state, and regional competitions and he has exhibited trees at several national shows. He has lectured, taught, and helped to organize several conventions and exhibitions.

**Smithsonian Associates Online & In-Person Classes is offering.
Bonsai: Small Wonders.**



Sargent juniper, Juniperus chinensis var. Sargentii, in training since 1905

Bonsai: Small Wonders

Wed., Aug. 23, 12–1:30 p.m. ET

Bonsai have delighted and intrigued people for centuries, from their origins in China to their extraordinary refinement in Japan to their global popularity today.

Michael James of the U.S. National Arboretum and **Ann McClellan**, author of *Bonsai and Penjing: Ambassadors of Peace and Beauty*,

offer a look into the arboretum's National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, as well as a few tips on how to care for these living works of art.

CODE 1NV-046; Members \$25; Nonmembers \$30

More information is Available at https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/streaming/?utm_source=SEM&utm_medium=OA&utm_content=Brand-KWDS&utm_campaign=CAP23Q4&promo=268963&gclid=EAJaIQobChMI6dCprLy3gAMVe_c0WBRtXHAAgEAAYASAAEgKvsfD_BwE



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Please consider joining our national bonsai organization: The American Bonsai Society. Membership is not expensive and the benefits are many. Check out the ABS website for details at <https://www.absbonsai.org>.



Save the Date
May 9-11, 2024
ABS Learning Seminars
In Coordination with
**Meijer Gardens Michigan All-
State Bonsai Show**



West Michigan Bonsai Club

Guest Artists -
Hugo Zamora, Jack Sustic, Suthin Sukosolvisit



Demonstrations, New Talent Contest, Cash Awards, Vendors, Banquet, Welcome Reception.
Additional Guests: Steve Jetzer, Mark Fields, Kurtis Smith, Matt Spinniken, Tim Priest.

Bonsai Classifieds

FOR SALE: IBA T-Shirts – \$25.00 each. Unisex sizes m l xl xxl xxxl. We still have some of the new T-Shirts as well as some of the old ones. New shirts are \$25, the second generation shirts are \$20 and first generation shirts are \$15. All proceeds will help grow bonsai right here in Central Iowa. Contact Scott Allen



FOR SALE: Two Established Bonsai for sale as a pair. Japanese Black Pine approx. 34" tall, 6-7" root spread; Korean Hornbeam approx. 25" tall, 2" trunk base. If interested, text Bruce Pendland @ (206) 465-2825. Serious inquiries only.



Wanted to Buy: Round or Hexagonal Unglazed Pot; inside width 11-12"; inside depth 5-6" (4.5" might work, but deeper is better). Contact Noah Butler at (319) 480-5923.

FOR SALE: Pumice 5 gallon bucket \$15 - bring your own buckets. Small and medium Double Red Line Akadama. The last pallet went fast, so let me or Tim know if you need any. Cost is \$50 for IBA Club Members and \$55 for nonmembers. Contact Scott Allen or Tim Peterson. Lava - Contact DaSu.

FOR SALE: DaSu Studio,
lowman@netins.net
Has LOTS of Tropicals, new dwarf conifers and 128 new companion plants - many varieties



Left, Seedlings available to EIBA Members for purchase. Contact Bill Englert for more information. Photo by Bill Englert.

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