



The Indianapolis Bonsai Club Newsletter

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From Paul's Desk **November 6 IBC Meeting**

The program for this month's meeting will be a presentation by our own Rob "The Bonsai Tool Man" Pugh. Rob seems to have every bonsai tool known to mankind and will explain and demonstrate each and every one of them. Rob will also discuss the care of your tools, i.e. how to sharpen and how to keep them from rusting.

MABA 2003

The Mid-American Bonsai Alliance will have their convention in Cincinnati July 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th next summer. The Indianapolis Bonsai Club is one of the founding members of MABA and support their activities. The headliners read like the who's who in bonsai:

Salvatore Liporace from Italy
Colin Lewis from England
Mary Madison from Florida
Boon Manakitivipart from California
Dave Kreutz from Missouri
Doug Hawley from Ohio
Vance Hanna from Michigan

Also included in the convention are workshops, demonstrations, raffle, banquet and judged bonsai exhibit. Mark the dates in your calendar and consider taking one of your bonsai to the exhibit. MABA will be sending out further information on a periodic basis and we will publish the info as received but to keep current I suggest going to their web site at w.cincinnati Bonsai.com.

Garfield Park Chrysanthemum and Bonsai Show

This was a first for the IBC.....two bonsai exhibits at the same time. 18 bonsai were on display along with the chrysanthemums at the Garfield Conservatory for a two week period. Most of the bonsai were deciduous and the staff at Garfield were constantly explaining the bonsai were not dying, they are entering their normal dormancy period, just like the full size trees outside.

The 18 bonsai at Garfield and 80 at WRG totals 98 excellent specimens on display. Thank you to all who are and have provided bonsai.

July 3 2003 Workshop

I know it is a little early to talk about a Bald Cypress workshop scheduled for next summer but I just returned from a meeting with our featured artist, Mary Madison from Homestead, Florida, and am quite excited about this event. Registration will be limited and will happen after the first of next year. The exact cost will be determined based upon what size and quality cypress specimens Mary will be able to collect this winter. It appears the cost will be about \$80 to \$100 for +/- 24 inch tall trees and upgrades will be available at additional cost for those who wish larger trees.