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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

Welcome to 2018 &

50 Years of Bonsai History In Indianapolis

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From the President

It is a cold winter day; dormancy is in 'full bloom!'. I check my bedded plants often, especially if there is strong wind.

The year end dinner was enjoyable. The most entertaining part of the night was the dead bonsai tree award. Most of the contestants had award winning stories about their misfortunes. I thought for awhile that I was watching an episode of the long ago "Queen for a Day" show. Each participant, to their credit, took responsibility for their mishap. Now if I can only find the trophy and blame it on someone else, all will be well. Thanks again to Bob Hoy, Steve Dick, Scott Yelich, and especially Lauren Yelich for their handling of the raffle.

I am excited about next years calendar. The theme is "Enhancing our skills". The short program before the break will be dedicated to reintroducing good bonsai tree material, such as Barberry, Cotoneasters, Chinese Quinces, etc. The trees that were worked on at the November meeting will have preference for representing at their appropriate times, but with few exceptions, a "new" tree will be discussed each month. Below is the first six months.

January: Tree of the Month; Barberry. Long program; severe wire and bending of an evergreen by Mark Fields. This tree was purchased at a national convention by Paul Weishaar for the sole purpose of the program. Come see this technique; ask questions.

February: Tree of the Month; Mugo Pine. Long program; Finding the bonsai in the tree. This program was done at the 101 class and was a big hit. There will be 10 to 12 'pre bonsai' that may, or in some cases, may not have a future "bonsai" in them! They will be at different tables and you are asked to try and find a potentially future bonsai within them. There will be some drawing paper available at each table and we ask you to draw the future bonsai that you see. If you are uncomfortable with this, Dave Morrison and Mark Fields can help you. When finished, the trees will be reviewed by different experienced members of the club. This technique has been one of the best ways to enhance skills. If time permits, there will be a few "finished" bonsai that may need one or two "additions" to make them better for showing. This should be a fun evening.

March: Tree of the Month; Flowering Apricot. Long program; everything about Bonsai pots — (please spare me, this is not a pot party!!). Paul Weishaar has put together an excellent program on how to

evaluate, maintain, match the correct pots to trees. This is a must come hear and see.

April: (no tree of the Month). 6:00 to 6:45pm; It is early Spring and there may be a tree, pot or a table that you want to "move on", so bring it to the meeting, after you have sprayed the tree for critters. Club members can bring in bonsai items to sell or exchange with other members with no portion going to the club. You can then pot this new treasure with the instruction help of Bob Warfel. The club will provide club soil, but if you want more specific soil, vendor will try to accommodate. Members need to bring their own wire or purchase it from one of the vendors. Until further notice, no Boxwoods.

April; American Bonsai Club Convention April 19-21 at Collinsville Ill. Headliners are Bjorn Bjorholm, Marc Noelander, and Matt Reel. Collinsville is less than 4 hrs away on I 70west. One day registration of \$135 includes exhibits, vander area, seminars and/or One workshop.

May; Tree of the month; Trident maple. Long program; Shohin with Neil Dillinger. Neil has had extensive experience with shohin and is an excellent grower both shohin and accent plants. Details of the program in the near future.

June; Tree of the Month; Crabapple. Long program; Accent plants. This will be a demonstration and probably a workshop. Details to be worked out.

June: Garfield Park Exhibit

July thru December; The auction and dinner are in but other details need to be worked out.

That's a lot of information, but I hope you can see that there is every opportunity to enhance your skill with in the Indianapolis Bonsai Club. I wish everyone a joyful and satisfying holiday season.

Carl Wooldridge

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Upcoming Bonsai Events

For IBC monthly meetings, see: www.indybonsai.org

February 24-25, 2018

Bonsai-A-Thon XXII at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, CA

April 19-22, 2018

ABS/Bonsai Society of Greater St Louis Convention in Collinsville, IL.

August 3-11, 2018

Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN

August 18-19, 2018

Mid America Bonsai Society Show at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago, IL

September 8-9, 2018

6th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. East Rochester, NY

Date 2018	Short Program	Long Program	
1/3	Barberry Trees	Severe wiring of a Juniper	
2/7	Mugo Pine	Finding the bonsai in the tree	
3/7	Flowering Apricot	Everything about bonsai pots	
4/4	Chinese Quince	Potting a Bonsai; Club exchange/selling of trees	
5/2	Crab Apple	Shohin Bonsai	
6/6	Japanese Maple	Kusamono	
7/11*	Junipers	How to finish a bonsai display	
8/1	Tropicals	Presentation of show only State Fair trees	
9/4	Members Only Auction	Annual Club Members Bonsai Auction	
10/3	Evergreen Workshop		
11/21	Preparing for Winter	How to draw a bonsai	
12/5	Annual Dinner		

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Club Information

Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

Where: Garfield Park Conservatory
2450 Shelby Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

When: First Wednesday of each
month

Time: 7:00 pm

Club Dues: Dues are \$25 per calendar
year. Cost includes (up to)
two members of the same
household.

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