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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

Happy Valentines Day!



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From the President

It's a good thing that February is the shortest month of the year. There isn't much of anything exciting in February. Sure, there's Valentine's Day. I know a few people with birthdays in February, too. But besides that, February is fairly cold, dark, and there isn't a lot you can do with your trees right now. There are always exceptions, but February isn't as busy as late spring or early summer. This is often the time when I challenge myself to find something different to do. As I stated during last month's president message, I try to learn something new during the winter months. Now is also a good time to read. For Christmas, I got the book Bonsai Heresy, by Michael Hagedorn. I'm not finished with it, but so far it's a good read.

Years ago, I decided to learn more about suiseki and how to make daizas one winter. Like anything else, the more you make, the more you learn. I think my first few daizas started out pretty rough, but eventually I managed to get pretty good at it. The only problem with making daizas and having suiseki, is now I have rocks all over the place. Although I sell some, production outpaced demand. Therefore, I'm not spending this January and February making daizas for stones. I needed to find a new addiction!

I've always been interested in bonsai pots. I guess it comes with the territory. I admit, I also had a lot of fun making those slabs during our November meeting. On top of that, I also look at a lot of bonsai pottery on various FaceBook pages and auction sites. Seeing that I needed to learn something new and I needed a new addiction, I decided to learn how to make bonsai pots.

Like many people, I learn best by doing. When it comes to bonsai pots, I already knew what I liked. Even though I've never actually made a bonsai pot myself, I've actually written a couple of articles and I've done a number of presentations on what makes a good bonsai pot. It was really just a matter of taking what I already knew and putting it to practice. I've worked with clay in the past, but high school was over 30 years ago. Luckily, I found this thing called YouTube. I've used YouTube for things like minor auto repair and hiking trail research, so why not pottery? I ended up finding and watching a bunch of videos on how to make bonsai pots from clay slabs. From that point, I made the leap. I purchased some tools, some glaze and 100lbs. of clay! (Seriously, 100lbs!) This week I'm on about my 12th pot. Some have been unglazed and I'll be glazing some in the near future. The ones that I'm going to glaze are currently being bisque fired. I'll let you know how they turn out.

Just like I how get excited by pottery, our IBC vice president, Alyssa Batula, is excited about scrolls. Scrolls traditionally play a key role in classical bonsai display. Although you may not see scrolls at smaller local shows, you see them frequently displayed at big shows like the US National Bonsai Exhibition. Most of the time it's because local shows don't provide a good backdrop where a scroll can be hung. At this year's Garfield Park Show, we plan to use the club's shoji screens between tables so we can make use of scrolls in this year's display. That way, we can use some of what we learn from Alyssa's upcoming Scroll presentation. I'm looking forward to seeing it.

Scott Yelich, President

2022 Bonsai Events

**March 12 – 20, 2022. IBC / Indiana Flower & Patio Show Bonsai Sale
Indianapolis, IN**

March 19 – 20, 2022. Atlanta Bonsai Society Bonsai Exhibit, Atlanta, GA

May 26 – 29, 2022. American Bonsai Society Convention, Olive Branch, MS

May 27 – 29, 2022. Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention, Orlando, FL

June 4 – 5, 2022. IBC / Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit / Sale. Indianapolis, IN

June 23 – 26, 2022. Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention, Milwaukee, WI

July 16 – 17, 2022. Elkhart Bonsai Show, Elkhart, IN

July 29 – August 7, 2022. IBC / Indiana State Fair Exhibit/Sale, Indianapolis, IN

September 10, 2022. IBC / Penrod Arts Fair Bonsai Sale, Indianapolis, IN

October 13 – 16, 2022. World Bonsai Convention, Perth, Australia

(For the most current and accurate calendar, visit www.indybonsai.org)



Reminder:

**We'd like to showcase members trees! Send us photos and
a brief commentary on your tree(s).**

Send to r.hoy@outlook.com

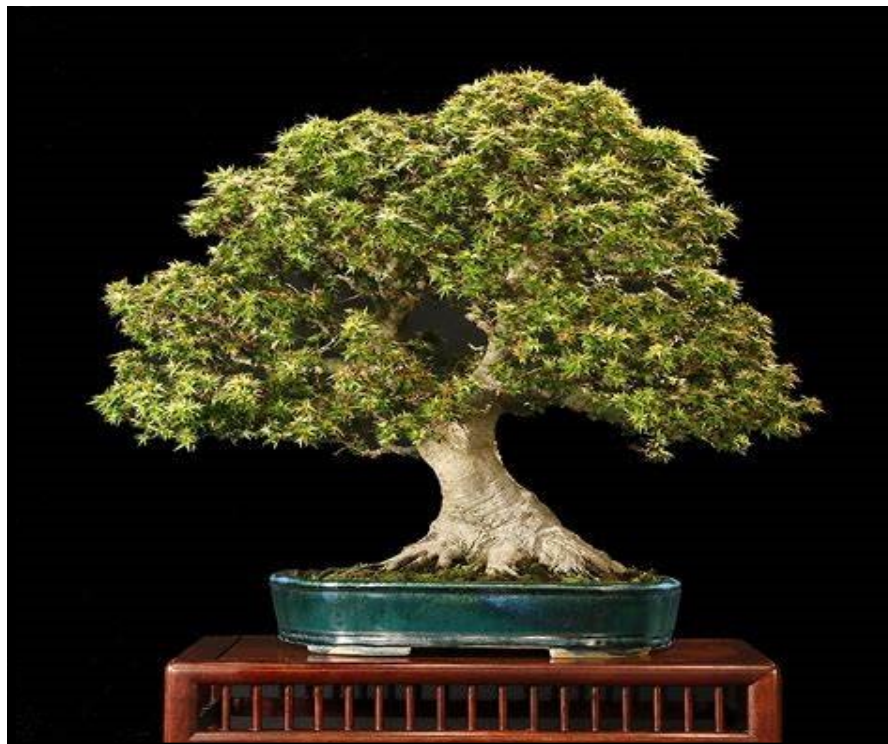
Thank you!!!

2022

- January 5 ● Bonsai Tools, Use & Care, presented by Rob Pugh
- February 2 ● Scrolls presented by Alyssa Batula
- March 2 ● Propagation techniques

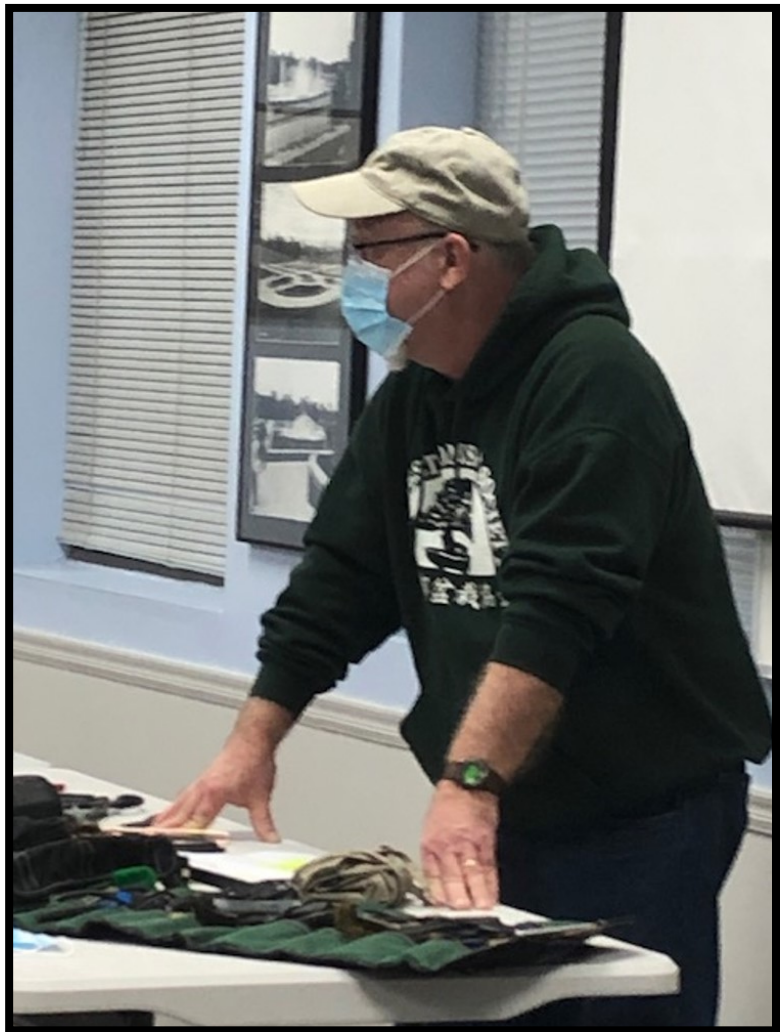
(Also, Jacy Macchia will be doing short programs during Jan, Feb & March on Insecticides, Fungicides and Fertilizer)

- April 6 ● Members only swap meet, Bonsai Tree Critique
- May 4 ● Members only Bonsai Forest Slab workshop
- June 1 ● Members only Tropical Bonsai workshop
- July 6 ● How to display your tree
- August 3 ● Deadwood—Jin and Shari Techniques
- September 7 ● Members Only Auction
- October 5 ● Members only Conifer workshop
- November 2 ● Bonsai Pot presentation
- December 7 ● Annual Holiday Gala





**Rob Pugh
explains the
function and
care of
Bonsai tools
to IBC Club
members**



Indianapolis Bonsai Club Calendar 2022

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Club Officers

2021-2022

President	Scott Yelich
Vice-President	Alyssa Batula
Secretary	Robert Scarborough
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Paul Weishaar
Newsletter +	Robert Hoy
Webmaster	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Membership	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA / BCI	Paul Weishaar

**For the most up to date calendar, visit our website:
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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.

Club Officers+ 2021-2022

President	Scott Yelich
Vice President	Alyssa Batula
Secretary	Neil Scarborough
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Paul Weishaar
Membership	Steven Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
Garfield Curators	Chip Taylor Jacy Macchia
ABS	Mark Fields
Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy
Videographer	Cameron Fackler

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