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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC



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From the President

The days are getting longer and things are starting to warm up a bit. It finally feels like spring is around the corner. As many of you know, I spent the last couple of month diving into bonsai pottery. Soon, I'll be pausing on pots because it's almost time for me to be potting trees. So after a couple of months of making pots, am I ready to crown myself a ceramic artist? No. I'm just a guy who does bonsai and now I can make a little bit of pottery, too. In many ways, it's similar to the learning experience I gained carving daizas. Your 50th one is better than your 1st one. I did actually manage to crank out a lot of pots. Some were glazed and some were not. Some were done in dark clay and some in light clay. I tried firing pots at different temperatures. Sometimes the results coming out of the kiln were quite different than what I expected. Not always bad; just different. Pottery is quite different from bonsai because you can always work on a tree to improve it. You're never done until you kill it and throw it into the trash. That's not the case for a pot coming out of the kiln. If it doesn't meet your expectations, you can't improve it. You have to start over from scratch. I was disappointed by some of the pots that I completed and I was elated by others. I'm sure that I will pot a few of my trees into some of these new pots. By spending a couple of months focused on pottery, it really helped my to understand what I like and don't like about certain types of bonsai pots. It also helped me to appreciate the *real* ceramic artists even more. There are folks making pottery that are real pros. Their level of work greatly exceeds mine. It also helps one to understand why a bonsai pot may be worth hundreds of dollars. I now understand the true level of difficulty and how many of hours go into making a high quality pot from scratch. Many cheaper pots are made pressed out of molds. It doesn't mean they are bad, but there's much less work in them compared to a pot that is thrown on a wheel or cut from slabs.

Since we are getting into the growing season, the March meeting will provide some great information, particularly to those who are newer to bonsai. Bonsai is addictive! When you get started in bonsai, you naturally want *more* bonsai! Sure, you can always buy more from a bonsai dealer, but many people want to learn how to start their own material, too. The March meeting will focus on propagation techniques. We'll be learning about how we start new trees. We'll be talking about starting trees from seed, from cuttings and from air layers, and why different techniques may be used depending on the situation. Besides our main program on propagation, we'll also have a couple of short programs as well. Bob Hoy will present March's tree of the month and Jacy Macchia will present the second half of his program on insecticides and fungicides. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming jam-packed meeting.

Scott Yelich, President





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2022 Meeting Topics

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

February 16th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Location – Garfield Park

Time – 7:05

Attendance - 24

Treasurer – Checking \$2478.61, Savings \$4703.56, Total \$7182.17

Membership –members, 47 paid for 2022 out of 87

VP – Will be doing a scrolls presentation

President – Next month we will be discussing bonsai propagation. Tonight we will be having a presentation on fungicides, pesticides and fertilizers. Also tree of the month.

Jacy Macchia did a presentation on fungicides, pesticides and fertilizers. The program is available on the IBC website: www.indybonsai.org

Paul presented on the Tree of the Month – Ficus. Discussed the categories and characteristics of Ficus trees. There are over 800 varieties of Ficus but only 15-20 are suitable for bonsai.

Alyssa presented on scrolls. How they are made and the materials that are typically used. Also talked about how they have a flow to them just like the trees and they can be used to accentuate the shape of the tree.

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)

Club Information

Visitors are always WELCOME!

Where: Garfield Park Conservatory
2505 Conservatory Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46203

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

Visit our website for more information on our club, bonsai events, nurseries and suppliers, and bonsai links worldwide

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

Indianapolis Bonsai Club Calendar 2022

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July 6	How to Display Your Tree
August 3	Deadwood : Jin and Shari Techniques
September 7	Annual Members Only Auction (Club receives 20%)
October 5	Members Only Conifer Workshop
November 2	Bonsai Pots Program
December 7	Annual GALA

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
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MABA / BCI	Paul Weishaar

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Web Master	Scott Yelich
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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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