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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

Jin, Shari & Deadwood



**Trees provided by:
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From the President

It's the middle of summer and there's so much going on that my mind is swirling as I attempt to write the August president's message. I will first start with important information about the Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show.

The State Fair starts on Friday, July 29th. We will have bonsai on display at the fair from Friday, July 29th through Sunday, August 7th. As usual, we will be in the Agriculture & Horticulture Builds. What's unusual, is that we will be working with only about half the space as we've had in years past. One of the nearby buildings is being renovated, so the State Fair Board decided to stuff two buildings worth of displays into the Agriculture & Horticulture Building. Therefore, everyone displaying in the building will be working with about half as much space as usual. Since we won't be able to have as many trees, the club decided to make this year's show exhibition only, so there will be no fair ribbons awarded for 2022. Although I wish we had more space, it's still better than our situation a couple of years ago when we had no fair at all. That being said, we will still need trees for the show. We're asking you to bring trees for the display, but just not as many as before! If you have a tree or two that you'd like to display, please do. We won't need as much information as we'd normally need for a judged show, but a form with your name and the species and/or common name of your tree would be helpful so we can make sure we have nametags for the trees on display. We will be setting up the show on Thursday, July 29th. We'd ask that you drop your tree off between 10am - 2pm on the 29th. We normally have two sessions covering our 10 days out at the fair. If some of the trees start stressing out, we normally switch them out. Since the fair is closed this year on Mondays and Tuesdays, we plan to switch trees out as needed on Tuesday, August 2nd. We only have a couple of passes for us to get in to water and swap, so if you want to drop off a tree for session 2, or if you want us to pull a tree out of session 1, please make arrangements with either myself or Paul Weishaar. We will be able to get trees in or out on the days that the fair is closed to the public. Since the last day of the bonsai show is Sunday, August 7th, we will make arrangements so we can get our trees out on Monday morning.

The next IBC meeting is going to take place on Wednesday, August 3rd. The presentation that night will be on deadwood. Deadwood on a bonsai is sometimes called "jin" or "shari." Dead wood, be it a branch or on the trunk can give our trees the illusion of great age. Although the practice can be done on some tropical trees and deciduous trees, it is most often seen on conifers. Sometimes, these dead branches occur naturally. Other times, we create them on branches and trunks. This can be done a number of different ways, like using pliers, knives or even rotary tools. We also often need to seal and protect the dead wood so it doesn't rot away. Bonsai artist, Mark Fields, will lead the presentation on deadwood.

Finally, we need to start thinking about electing new officers for 2023-2024. Although the elections are held in November, the nominations for officers open in September. Currently, I am in my second go around as president. I served as president for two terms that lasted from 2013-2016. The current two year terms for officers ends in December, 2022. I don't plan on running for a second term this time. I'm really hoping that others are willing to step up and run for office. The club has been around for 54 years now. We've had eighteen different presidents in that time. A few of us have been president more than once. For a club to last as long as this one has, some of us need to pass the torch. Others have to be willing to take up that torch. Being a club officer is great because you can influence the monthly topics and events. So, if you are interested in learning about a certain subject, it can be made into one of the club's monthly programs. Furthermore, you don't need to be a seasoned pro to be an officer. You just need to be able to manage and run a meeting. You can also get help for programs. We have many talented club members willing to assist and we can also bring in visiting artists if needed. There are years and years worth of program ideas at your disposal along with a other board members and past presidents to serve as mentors. Whether you decide that you want to run for president or one of the other elected positions, there will always be seasoned veterans to assist and mentor when needed. Thanks in advance for your consideration. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.

Scott Yelich, President

July 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was started at 7:05 pm with Alyssa Batula officiating as Scott Yelich was in Florida. There were 23 members in attendance. The Treasurer reported \$3,127.89 in checking and \$3,703.79 in savings for a total of \$6,831.68. I reported 102 members listed with 74 paid for 2022. Before the short program, I also reported that we had 445 people attend our Garfield show with 11 members showing trees, including 5 people showing for the first time. Everyone enjoyed the show and the first time exhibitors trees showed very well. Paul also discussed the upcoming IN State Fair show from July 29 thru August 7. Due to the Expo Hall being under renovation, some of the vendors there are being shifted to the Ag Building where we exhibit. The net result is that our space is again being moved and reduced to only 10' x 30'; meaning we will have room for only 5 show tables and 1 sales table. This reduces us to exhibiting only about 15 trees each half of the show. Altho not yet fully decided, we will probably limit exhibitors to one tree per half of the show to allow as many exhibitors as possible to participate. Further details and a sign-up will be sent to members by email. We also need volunteers for this show as we get upwards of 1,000 people thru out display per day. With hours returning to 9 am to 9 pm each day, it makes for very long days.

The short program was presented by Carl Wooldridge on the Basics of Styling a Tree. Carl used a very bushy Ficus and discussed how to read the tree to expose its trunk and root system for maximum benefit, and trimmed the Ficus of many lower branches. Lots of questions we asked and answered.

The long program was presented by Paul Weishaar on Setting up a Show Display. Paul brought multiple show tables and several trees to discuss different themes of how to display a tree. He continued with various options and guidelines on choosing and placement of a good accent for the tree, whether that be a plant, a rock, or an accent such as a grasshopper, temple, or other object. Paul also discussed the coordination of trees and pots, be they glazed, brown unglazed, or antique pots to compliment the tree and not over-power the tree. Many members had questions and a lively discussion was joined into by members sharing their thoughts and experiences. The program also discussed going to other shows such as the Chicago Botanical Garden show in August to view many trees, pots, tables, and how their displays were done. It was also suggested that this show features many vendors and good classes for those interested.

The evening concluded about 8:20 pm..

Location – Garfield Park Conservatory

Time – 7:00 PM

Attendance - 23

Neil Scarborough, Secretary (minutes by Steve Dick for Neil Scarborough)

It's State Fair Time!

**Come see our
exhibit & sale
table!!! July 29
through August 7.**

(The Fair is closed Mondays & Tuesdays)



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

Remember: We are interested in showing members trees. Send us a photo and description of your trees/collection to:

r.hoy@outlook.com

Thank you!

Indianapolis Bonsai Club Calendar 2022

For the most current calendar, visit our website: www.indybonsai.org

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Special Events

June 23-26 ● Mid-America Bonsai Alliance, Convention, Milwaukee, WI

July 16-17 ● Elkhart Bonsai Show (Cancelled)

July 29-Aug. 7 ● Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit & Sale

September 10 ● Penrod Arts Fair

October 13-16 ● World Bonsai Convention, Perth, Australia

2022 Meetings	Program
January 5	Bonsai Tool Program (Rob Pugh)
February 2 (16th)	Scrolls—Alyssa Batula
March 2	Bonsai Preparation Techniques/Presentations by Jacy Machia on Fertilizers, Pesticides, & Fungicides
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	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
Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA / BCI	Paul Weishaar

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

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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