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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC



Kusamono

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Happy St. Valentines Day!

From the President

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hat is there to do on a cold, dreary, February day? Most trees I have are either dormant or have slowed their growth for the winter, so with a few exceptions there's not much to do on that front. If you have deciduous conifers (like bald cypress or larch) now is a good time to read up on how to recognize their preferred repotting window, but otherwise it seems like a pretty quiet month. So, how about working on some kusamono to go with your favorite trees?

Kusamono are accent plants that add to a bonsai display. They can suggest a place, a time of year, or just accentuate a cool feature of your tree. They also go a long way towards making a tree look like a complete display. You can learn all about them at our February meeting, which will feature a workshop to create your own kusamono.

If you participated in the January pottery workshop, we'll bring your fired pot to the meeting all ready to add some accent plants. I saw some really nice-looking pot designs last month, and I'm looking forward to seeing how they all turned out! But no worries if you couldn't make it last month, you can bring your own pot or buy one at the meeting.

Whether you decide to make a kusamono to go with your favorite tree, or plan to make a tree to go with your new kusamono at one of our upcoming workshops, I hope this workshop helps you get one step closer to creating a new bonsai display. And of course, I'm hoping you'll show us your new setup at one of our local shows or as a picture in the newsletter. :)

Alyssa Batula

Happy February!

Remember: We are interested in showing members trees. Send a photo & description of your trees/collection to: r.hoy@outlook.com.

Thank you!



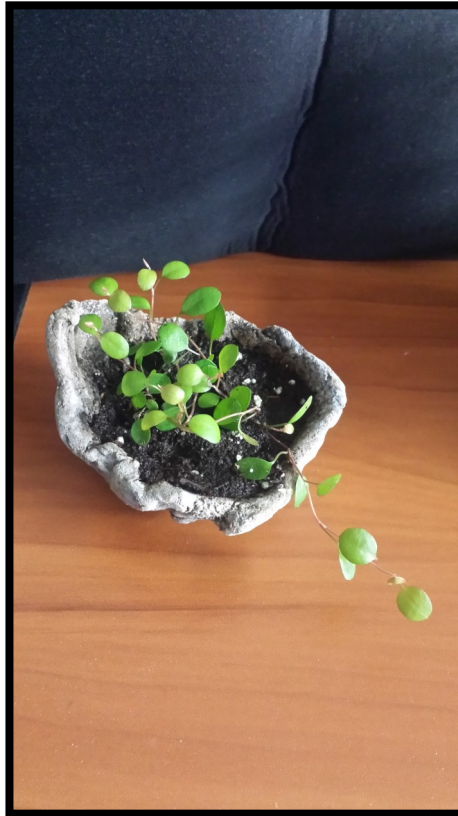
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A sampling...



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Alyssa Batula



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Photos provided by Alyssa Batula

2023 IBC Meeting Calendar

January 4	■	Preview of Year Events/Suiseki
February 1	■	Pottery Workshop
March 1	■	Kusamono/Accent Plants
April 5	■	Deciduous Workshop
May 3	■	Repot Your Tree/Repot Garfield Park Trees/Members Swap Meet
June 7	■	Demo (Tree to be raffled off @ July 5 mtg.)
July 5	■	Tropical Workshop
August 2	■	Winter Tree Care Preparation
September 6	■	Members Only Auction
October 4	■	Conifer Workshop
November 1	■	Winter Tree Care/Show and Tell
December 6	■	Annual GALA

(meeting topics/presenters subject to change)

January 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Alyssa Batula. The Secretary gave a report on the December gala which was held at the Journey Japanese buffet in Fishers IN.

The Treasurers report was given; checking account had a balance of \$ 965.58, savings had a balance of \$ 5924.02 for a total amount of \$ 6889.60.

.Number of members in attendance for workshop was 22.

A workshop was conducted by Scott Yelich on making kusamono pots. Scott demonstrated on the two different types of pots: Pinch pots, or Drape pots .

Randy Suhre

Randy Suhre, Secretary

**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+ 2023-2024

President	Alyssa Batula
Vice President	Neil Scarborough
Secretary	Randy Suhre
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Scott Yelich
Membership	Steven Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
ABS	Mark Fields
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