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The Bonsai Creation

BONSAI IN JAPAN

A PHOTO SAMPLING OF MARK FIELDS LATEST JOURNEY
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From the President

Wow! It looks like Spring finally decided to arrive. After a seemingly endless winter, It was so nice to be able to get into thawed ground. I love digging trees up from the growing beds, even though things were pretty muddy from all the rain and snow melt. I just hope that I'm not getting ahead of myself, but I'd like to think that the heavy freezes are done for the season.

Since the April newsletter actually comes out in mid-March, I will once again urge club members to get signed up for the MABA convention. Priority registration ends March 31st. Now is the time when you can register and get the best prices for the convention. Some workshops and critiques are already full, so I also recommend to sign up before all the workshops are filled. Don't forget -- If you volunteer for a four hour period, you will save \$25 off your registration fee.

There are a lot of things going on during the month of April. First, we have the lace rock planting workshop. The price for the rocks are based on the size, but they will be cheap when compared to the average going rate for lace rock. We'll have many varieties of small trees available, so you'll be able to choose from both tropical and cold hearty plants. You'll be able to purchase trees for just \$6 each! Don't forget to bring your tools for this project.

April also brings with it the first bonsai show of the season. The IMA spring bonsai show, in conjunction with the Perennial Première, will take place the weekend of April 18 & 19. As usual, we'll be needing both trees and volunteers. This year's show will once again be at the Garden Terrace, just inside of the IMA's Michigan Road entrance. We will be using both the upstairs and downstairs of the building, so we'll have lots of room. As we've done for the last couple of years, we'll be giving awards for "Best Novice Tree," "Best of Show," and a "People's Choice Award." Unlike other judged events, this

one is done by popular vote. IBC members vote for the novice and best of show awards. Any non-IBC person coming to see the show can vote for the People's Choice. If you want to win the people's vote, I suggest bringing something with some color or flowers!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting. I will try to keep the business meeting brief, since we will be working on those lace rock projects.

Scott Yelich

Tree of the Month — Cedrus

Steve Knapp

Cedrus is a genus of 4 species of monoecious, evergreen coniferous trees found in forest areas of the Western Himalayas and the Mediterranean.

Needle-like foliage is arranged in clusters on short shoots, which develop new whorls each year.

Species and varieties suitable for bonsai include:

Cedrus atlantica / Blue Atlas Cedar



Fissured, silver-grey bark, produces roughly 4-sided darkgreen /glaucous blue pointed leaves to 2.5cm long. Has a conical habit becoming more open as the tree matures. Native to the Atlas mountains growing up to 40 meters As C.Atlantica but with vivid glaucous blue foliage.

Cedrus brevifolia / Cyprus Cedar

Open crowned coniferous tree when mature, fissured silvery-grey bark.

Sharp pointed needles/leaves to 1.5cm are green-grey to mid-green and borne in whorls of 20-30. Native to Cyprus growing to heights of up to 25 meters in height.

Cedrus deodara / Deodar or Indian Cedar



Conical tree with spreading, drooping branches and pendent shoot tips.

Dark brown or black bark, needles are bright to mid-green up to 4-5cm.

Native to West Himalayas where it grows to heights of 40metres

Slow growing coniferous tree with wide-spreading branches and flat apex.

Bark is black or brown with scaly fissures and ridges. Slightly flattened 4-

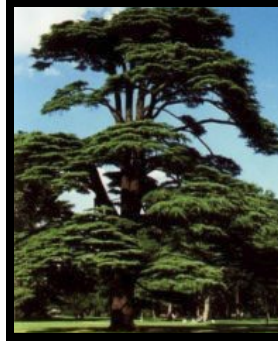
sided sharply pointed dark-green to grey-green leaves to 2.5cm are borne in whorls of 10-20. Native to area running from the Lebanon to Turkey where heights of 30 meters are reached.

Cedrus libani /Cedar of Lebanon

Slow growing coniferous tree with wide-spreading branches and

flat apex. Bark is black or brown with scaly fissures and ridges. Slightly flattened 4-sided sharply pointed dark-green to grey-green leaves to 2.5cm are borne in whorls of 10-20. Native to area running from the

Lebanon to Turkey where heights of 30 meters are reached.



Bonsai cultivation notes

Position Full sun. Protect from extremes of temperatures.

Watering Cedrus like to be kept on the dry side, use a free draining soil mix.

Feeding Every two weeks through growing season.

Repotting Cedrus dislike repotting and can drop older needles, but these are soon replaced. Repot carefully every 3 or 4 years in April. Use freedraining mix.

Pruning Pinch back new shoots throughout the growing season. Hard prune in Autumn to avoid bleeding. Pruning scars heal very slowly, if removing branches, stubs can be left to Jin.

Propagation Sow seed in Spring after 21 days moist pre-chill at 0-1°C.

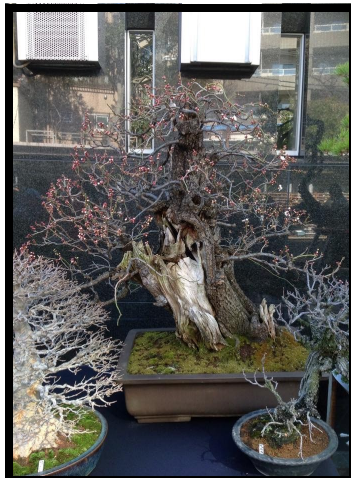
Pests and diseases Few problems

Styling Formal and informal upright forms in single or multiple trunk styles. Medium to extra-large sizes.

Checkout the updated IBC websites:

www.indybonsai.org / www.maba2015.com

JAPAN



Mark Fields has just recently returned from his latest trip to Japan. These are just a sampling of the amazing photos of his most recent journey.

As soon as he catches up with items on his "to do" list, his monthly "Things to do" article will resume.

Indianapolis Bonsai Club
March 4th, 2015
Meeting Minutes
Amanda Cox

Date & Time: March 4th, 2015 from 7:00-9:00

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance: 25 **Visitors:** 4

Membership: 36

Checking/Savings Balance: \$3882.00

MABA

-Raffle and Auction Items Needed

-Looking for Volunteers for various jobs at the MABA convention.

-Please see Steve Dick to sign up.

-Members working a 4 hour shift will receive a t-shirt and a \$25 Discount off MABA registration.

Early registration End March 31st. Register Today!

March Meeting

Tree of the Month: Foemina Juniper

Presenter: Kyle Weidner

Presentation: Wiring

Presenter: Mark Fields

April Meeting

Build Your Own Lace Rock Planting

Rock \$10-\$25

Trees \$6 each

Dates to Remember

-Perennial Premier April 18th & 19th

-MABA Convention July 10th, 11th, 12th

-Bjorn Bjorholm will be at Bonsai by Fields October 11th & 12th. More details to come.

Date 2015	Meeting Topic	Detail	Presenter - Coordinator	2015
1/7	How to choose quality pre-bonsai stock	A presentation of how and where to buy quality pre-bonsai.	TBD	
2/4	Accent Pots	Members will be able to make their own accent pot from clay for a	Paul Weishaar, Mike Thiedeman	
3/4	Wiring Demo–BYOt and wire	How to wire a tree	Mark Fields	
4/1	Lace Rock Planting	Creating a bonsai on lace rock; trees and rock available for purchase	Scott Yelich	
5/6	Grafting and air layering	Members bring trees that need grafting/air layering and work on trees during the meeting.	Mark Fields	
6/3	Candle pruning - tree display	Mark Fields will discuss candle pruning techniques/Members will get in groups and design a tree display	Mark Fields	
7/1	MABA	Finalizing details/tasks/volunteer assignments for MABA 2015 in Indianapolis	All	
8/5	State Fair Judge - Demo	TBD	All	
9/2	Annual “Members Only” Auction	Members bring in “anything bonsai” to auction. The club receives 20% of sale.	All	
10/7	BYOT Workshop	Members bring in trees they want help/advice with...	All	
11/4	Benches, winter Prep, 2016 Ideas	Presentatiion on bonsai displays, winter prep, spring tasks	All	
12/2	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All	
Events				
April 18, 19	Perennial Premier	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at the IMA	All	
June 6,7	Garfield Park Exhibit/Sale	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at Garfield park conservatory	All	
July 10, 11, 12	MABA 2015	Major Bonsai convention hosted by the IBC	All	
August 7-15	State Fair	Exhibit and Sale	All	
September 12	Penrod Art Fair	Bonsai Sale on the grounds of the IMA	All	
September (TBD)	Bjorn Bjorholm	At Bonsai By Fields: contact Mark Fields for details	All	

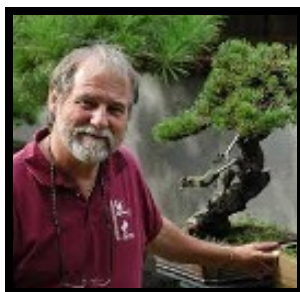


Suthin Sukosolvisit — Headlining Artist

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Jim Doyle



Mark Fields



Owen Reich



Brian Ciskowski



Mike Thiedeman



Scott Yelich

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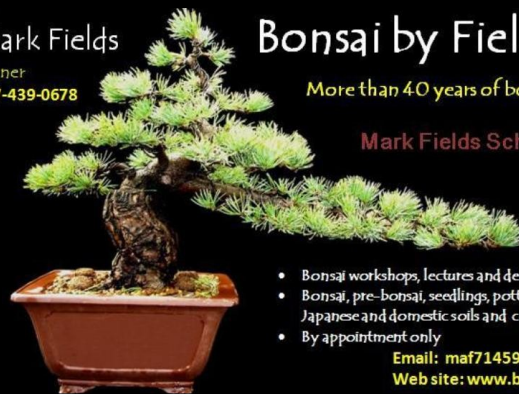
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Club Information

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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