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# The Bonsai Creation

INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# It's MABA Time!

**Are YOU registered?**

**It's not too late!**

**Do so, today! [www.maba2015.com](http://www.maba2015.com)**



**Suthin Sukolsovisit, Headlining Artist**

## **Featured Artists**

**Jim Doyle, Mark Fields, Frank Milhalic, Ken Huth, Pauline Muth, William Valavanis, Paul Weishaar, Brian Ciskowski, Mike Thiedeman**

# From the President

## It's Here!

The **MABA 2015 Convention** is upon us. First of all, though, I want to thank all of you who participated in the Garfield Park annual bonsai show. Thanks to all of you who helped set up, displayed trees and assisted during the show. This was a good show to lead into events like the convention and the Indiana State Fair show. Your participation is always appreciated.

I want to remind you that the July meeting will not be at our usual Garfield Park Location. The July meeting will be at the Clarion Waterfront Hotel and , Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention centerConference Center, located at 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Driver is just outside of the 465 loop off of Crawfordsville Road on the west side of town. The meeting will take place in their theater. This will give you a chance to see the venue. The focus of the upcoming meeting will be the upcoming MABA 2015 Convention. Since many club members will be volunteering for the event, we want to make sure that you are familiar with the layout. If you haven't been there to see the place, we have an area for a bonsai show, space for vendors, a theater for demonstrations and several rooms for workshops. I think that all of you will be pleased with the convention center. I think it will serve our needs well.

Although I think we have this convention pretty well planned out, I am still expecting a few last minute things we'll need to care for. Hopefully, we'll get most of the bugs worked out during this meeting. During the convention, we'll need to have trees, tools and materials in the right places at the right time. We need to make sure that the rooms are cleaned up and ready from workshop to workshop. We'll need to make sure that the exhibition trees are secure and cared for properly. We need people to assist in running the raffles. There is a lot to do!

I am getting excited for this upcoming convention. We've been working on this for over a year and it will be great to see it come together. We have participants coming from all over the Midwest. We have fantastic artists and vendors participating in this convention as well. I really want our club to shine among our peers. I also hope that it brings in a fair amount of revenue into our club. As a not-for-profit club, the money we raise on this event will be used to enhance the learning experience for our club members. This means bigger and better workshops, material and learning experiences for all of us.

Thanks goes to all of you who are critical in making this convention a success. I look forward to seeing all of you at our July meeting at the Clarion.

Scott Yelich

**Indianapolis Bonsai Club**  
**June 3, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Amanda Cox**

Date & Time: June 3rd, 2015 from 7:00-9:00

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance: 33; Visitors: 2

Membership: 42 paid households

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$1,076.55

Savings: \$2,888.88

Maba: \$18,972.26

**\*MABA\* July 10th-12th**

Less than a month away, get your registration forms and tree entries in ASAP

Prices have been reduced for the following workshops:

Workshop #3 - Daiza building with Scott Yelich    Was \$75, now \$55

Workshop #7 - Accent Plants with Pauline Muth    Was \$125, now \$95

Workshop #11 - Cotoneaster Bonsai with Frank Mihalic    Was \$125, now \$95

Workshop #15 - Penjing with Pauline Muth    Was \$265, now \$195

IBC Picnic

July 26th Paul and Judy Weishaar will be hosting.

Tree of the Month: Red & Black Pines

Presented by: Mark Fields

Program: Displaying a tree for show, presented by: Mark Fields

**JULY MEETING \*\*Location Change\*\***

Wednesday July 1st 7:00p- 9:00p

Clarion Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center

2930 Waterfront Pkwy W Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46214

# Tree of the Month — The Tamarind Tree

## Amanda Cox

The Tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) is an evergreen indigenous to tropical Africa, and is widespread throughout the tropics. It is one of the most widely distributed tropical fruit trees in the world. In nature, it is slow growing and reaches heights of 40 to 60 feet.

The foliage is bright green, dense, pinnate and feathery in appearance and the leaflets close at night like the Brazilian Rain Tree. Despite the delicate looking leaves, Tamarind bonsai trees are very sturdy. They tolerate heavy pruning, extensive root manipulation, wiring and even a little neglect.

The tree is wind and salt resistant and is widely used as a shade tree. When the wood is burned it gives off an intense heat, and the resultant charcoal is used in the manufacture of gun powder.

Blooming in spring, the 1" wide petaled flowers are yellow with orange streaks and are arranged in small racemes. These blooms are small and resemble orchid blooms. The blooms are followed by cinnamon colored scalloped pods that are edible and used in sauces, chutney, candies, beverages and other food items. Tamarind paste is widely used as well. You can find many Tamarind recipes. Normally, trees will produce flowers and fruit on new growth after about 8 to 10 years but Tamarind tree bonsai grown in pots will not flower.

### Care

The Tamarind should be treated like a tropical tree so it will need winter protection when temps drop below 45 degrees but loves to be outside during the summer months. During the winter the tree can be moved indoors and placed in a sunny south facing window with a humidity tray.

In the summer the tree should be in full sun even after severe pruning of the roots and/or branches is best. The tree will respond sooner.

### Fertilizing

Preferred pH is 5.5. Use an acid fertilizer weekly during the growing season and once a month during the winter. In early spring add a super phosphate to encourage blooming. Organic fertilizer is preferred. Over fertilization prevents good ramification and causes long internodes. Cut back on high nitrogen fertilizer after new growth is established.

### Trimming/Repotting

Foliage can be trimmed any time of year, but spring is the best time to remove branches for bonsai styling. New growth will need frequent pruning during summer and roots should be pruned during periods of warm nights - 55 degrees or warmer. Repotting should be done in mid-summer when the tree becomes root bound.

### Pest/Diseases

Aphids on new growth and powdery mildew (especially in humid environments) are possible problems. Powdery mildew is a type of plant fungus and can easily be treated with a fungicide. The Tamarind Tree can also be susceptible to Scale, Leafspot, Caterpillars and Borers although not usually a problem.

Over watering, can cause leaf drop as well as branch die-back, by using a well-draining bonsai soil this should not be a problem.

### Propagation

Seed: Tamarind seeds remain viable for months, will germinate in a week after planting. Best to germinate with root heat.

Cuttings: are harder to root but can be done with soft wood cuttings. However they are slow growers so a larger trunk cutting would be ideal.

Air layering: in the summer with a rooting compound can be obtained in a couple months.

### Design and Styling

Informal upright



## What To Do:

By Mark Fields

### Mid-July through Mid-August

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runing, pruning, pruning....seems it's a never ending task this time of year.

I carry a pair of scissors and a basket whenever I'm in the bonsai garden. In some cases you want to let the tree grow out of its profile, such as when an unhealthy tree is trying to regain its vigor. Or, if you are letting a sacrifice branch grow. In such cases, use your own discretion as to when it needs to be cut off.

Continue a regular fertilization schedule as long as the trees are growing. In August they generally go into a summer dormancy period. At that time, hold off on fertilizing.

When conifers go into summer dormancy, it is safe to repot them. It is also safe to dig evergreens safely. I learned this when I had a nursery and would regularly dig taxus and junipers in August. When this is done, they have a chance to push new roots prior to fall and winter ensuring their survival. It is important to move them into shade for a while after digging and repotting before acclimating them back to the full sun.

Watering is key this time of year too. My rule of thumb is to water 2 to 3 times a day when temps are above 90 and 1 to 2 times a day when temps are in the 80's. However, if it rains sometime during the day, check the soil to ensure there was sufficient enough rain to saturate the soil mass. If not, water!

Keep an eye out for pests and diseases and treat as necessary. Fungus is a problem when we get a lot of rain like we have this year. Some trees are unaffected while others are prone. Powdery mildew is the biggest pest. There are several sprays on the market to treat or prevent this problem.

Of course here in Indy, its time to get your trees ready for exhibition at the Indiana State Fair! Keep them healthy and pest free!

*Mark Fields*

**Checkout the updated IBC websites:**

**[www.indybonsai.org](http://www.indybonsai.org) / [www.maba2015.com](http://www.maba2015.com)**

# Donate to the Auction!

The upcoming MABA convention is progressing well, but needs help from the members of the club. It is misleading to think that the convention will be financially profitable, unless our club members actively participate!

There has been a great deal of voluntary work, but unfilled work shops and no shows are costly. Small, yet huge buffers, are the raffles and auction. The raffles can only succeed if they have items to raffle off! I am asking every member of the club to look for items - duplicate bonsai books, the pot left over from your tree that did not make it, the bonsai gift "Aunt Sara" gave you that really needs recycled (lets hope she is not at the convention). There are hundreds of "flea markets" in June; take a look and buy an oriental looking "thing" that someone else really wants (maybe aunt Sara's sister). We have four raffles to fill, and need about 25 to 30 items per raffle. We were also hit with a \$75 'gambling' fee from the state! (I really do not want to talk about it.) I hope every person comes to MABA, but, if it is not possible, please bring an item to the meeting on Wed. July 1, at the hotel!

*Carl Wooldridge*

**IBC Vice President**





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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 small fee. TBD	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	MABA2015	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	
<b>Events</b>				
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 at the Clarion Hotel	All	
July 26	Annual Picnic	Annual Club Picnic hosted by Paul and Judy Weishaar	All	

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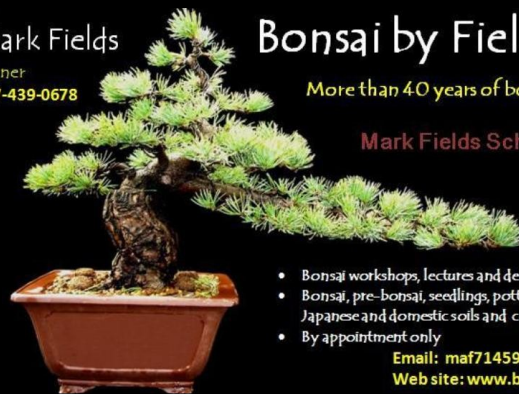
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## IBC Annual Picnic

The pitch-in picnic this year will be hosted by Paul & Judy Weishaar on **Sunday July 26**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

# 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 2015-2017

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