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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation



MAY THE PEACE AND
BLESSINGS OF THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON BE
YOURS...

THE IBC BOARD

From the President

2015 was quite a ride for the Indianapolis Bonsai Club! I am really looking forward to a little relaxation at our annual holiday party. There will not be a meeting at Garfield Park in December, rather we will gather for dinner at The Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet, located at 7737 Shelby Street, Indianapolis. The cost for this dinner is \$15 per person, and you must be a current member of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club to attend. This is a family event, so feel free to bring your kids and your significant other. We will gather that night at 6pm for some social time before dinner and the festivities. As usual, this event will feature our annual club raffle and the special volunteer raffle. During our November meeting I was reminded by Chuck that we also have our annual "Dead Tree" contest. So, rather than throwing your recently deceased bonsai into your pile of fire wood, bring it along to the party. Who knows, that dead tree might just win you an award!

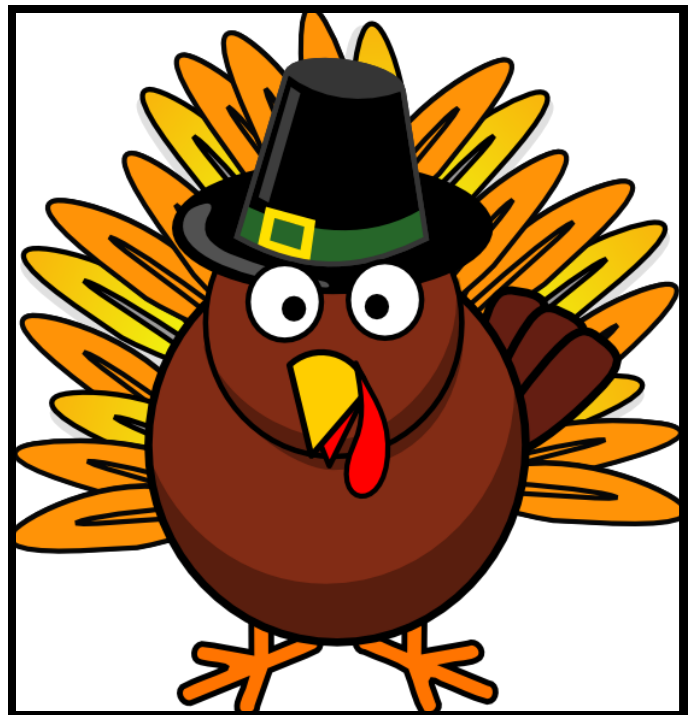
Thanks in part to our highly successful MABA Convention, this past year is going to be hard to top. That doesn't mean that we aren't going to try, though!. It was the board's observation that the most well-attended meetings of 2015 were the meetings that featured hands-on activities. We are going to be bringing you even more. We will still have some great presentations on things like pottery, winter care and bonsai presentation, but we will also have a series of hands-on workshops which will allow you to put together a great show piece. This year we will have workshops featuring shohin/kusamono sized pinch pots, kusamono (accent plants) and bonsai stands. If you participate in these workshops, you will go home with a pot, an accent plant and a bonsai stand. We will also conduct an American Larch workshop in the spring and a tropical bonsai workshop in the summer. Finally, we will have a "BYOT" bonsai workshop in the fall. You'll have the opportunity to get your hands dirty during most of the 2016 meetings.

Finally, we will have one more significant change, which starts later in the spring. We often get so busy during our meetings, that we have been lacking time for those people who bring trees in need of assistance. Rather than cut into the time of a workshop or a presentation, we will be able to come in early for those sorts of things. The good folks of Garfield Park have agreed to open things up for us at 6pm, rather at 7pm, beginning in March. First of all, we are going

to use that time and have a Bonsai 101 series. That way, neophyte bonsai hobbyists will have some time to learn basic design and bonsai care before they get overwhelmed by things like thread grafts and air layers. We are also planning on using this timeslot for a little more personal bonsai assistance. This will be the best time slot to address specific questions or problems in more of a "one on one" setting. We still have some details that need to be worked out with this extra training time, but we have a few months to work it out.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the IBC's upcoming dinner.

Scott Yelich



SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 2, 2015
AT THE
HIBACHI GRILL &
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7737 SHELBY STREET
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\$15 PER PERSON

FRIENDS, FOOD, FUN & MORE!

Carl Wooldridge is setting up an advanced study group for the Indianapolis area starting in 2016. The group will be lead by Rodney Clemons from Atlanta (Rodney gave the knock out presentation at the August IBS meeting.) The present plan is to have all day meetings on Saturday and Sunday, 3 or 4 times per year, with 6 participants in either class. Seven people have signed up so far so there is room for five more. The cost will be \$375 to \$500 per year, depending on the number of sessions. If interested, e-mail Carl at carlwool@hotmail.com, or call 765-914-1029. Participants would provide their own trees, soil, tools and a plastic cover for the table. Everyone is expected to clean up at the end of the day!. Carl Wooldridge

Correction: The Garfield Park Bonsai Trees do not belong to the IBC. Former IBC member and president Bob Mogle donated the bonsai to Garfield many years ago. When Bob donated the trees, the IBC volunteered to maintain them.

The Editor

2016 Meeting Calendar

January 6 - Pottery Presentation by Mike Theidemann

Short program on viewing stones by Scott Yelich

February 3 - Pinch Pots workshop with Paul Weishaar

Short program on making pinch pots & small slab pots by Paul Weishaar

March 2 - Bonsai Stands workshop presented by Scott Yelich & Paul Weishaar

Short program on assembling and finishing a bonsai stand presented by Scott Yelich & Paul Weishaar

April 6 - Kusamono workshop presented by Amanda Cox

Short program on Kusamono presented by Amanda Cox

May 4 - American Larch Workshop presented by Paul Weishaar & Mark Fields

Short Program on American Larch care

June 1 - Setting a bonsai display (hands-on presentation) conducted by Mark Fields

Short program - how to set a bonsai for formal display by Mark Fields

July 6 - Tropical Bonsai Workshop conducted by Scott Yelich

Short program - tropical bonsai care presented by Scott Yelich

August 3 - Bonsai demonstration by Jim Doyle

no short presentation

September 7 - Annual Club Auction

no short presentation

October 5 - Bring Your Own Tree workshop, Nominations for 2017-2018 club officers

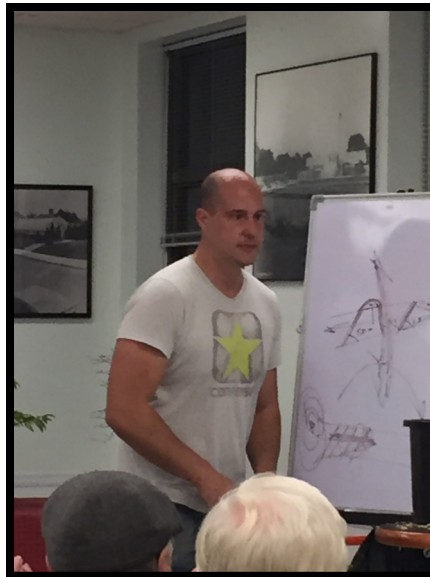
SHORT PRESENTATION NEEDED FOR THIS MONTH

November 2 - Fall and Winter bonsai care, Club election of executive officers

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December 7 - Annual club holiday dinner.

Italian Bonsai Artist Mauro Stemberger



M A U R O





Date 2015	Meeting Topic	Detail	Presenter - Coordinator	2016
1/7	How to choose quality pre-bonsai stock	A presentation of how and where to buy quality pre-bonsai.		1/6: pots
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	2/3: pinch pots
3/4	Wiring Demo–BYOt and wire	How to wire a tree	Mark Fields	3/2: Making stands
4/1	Lace Rock Planting	Creating a bonsai on lace rock; trees and rock available for purchase	Scott Yelich	4/6: Kusumono
5/6	Grafting and air layering	Members bring trees that need grafting/air layering and work on trees during the meeting.	Mark Fields	5/4: Larch Workshop
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	6/1: Display Setting
7/1	MABA	Finalizing details/tasks/volunteer assignments for MABA 2015 in Indianapolis	All	7/3: Tropical's Tropical Workshop
8/5	State Fair Judge - Demo	TBD	All	State Fair Judge
9/2	Annual "Members Only" Auction	Members bring in "anything bonsai" to auction. The club receives 20% of sale.	All	9/7: "Members Only" Auction
10/7	BYOT Workshop	Members bring in trees they want help/advice with...	All	10/5: BYOT Workshop
11/4	Mauro Stemberger Demo	Bonsai Artist Mauro Stemberger will do a demo	All	11/2: Elections
12/2	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All	12/7: Annual GALA
4/23-24	IMA	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at the IMA	All	
June	Garfield Park	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at Garfield Park	All	
8/ 7-15	State Fair	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit	All	
9/10	Penrod	Bonsai Sale	All	

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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.

Club Officers 2015-2017

President	Scott Yelich
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www.indybonsai.org**