

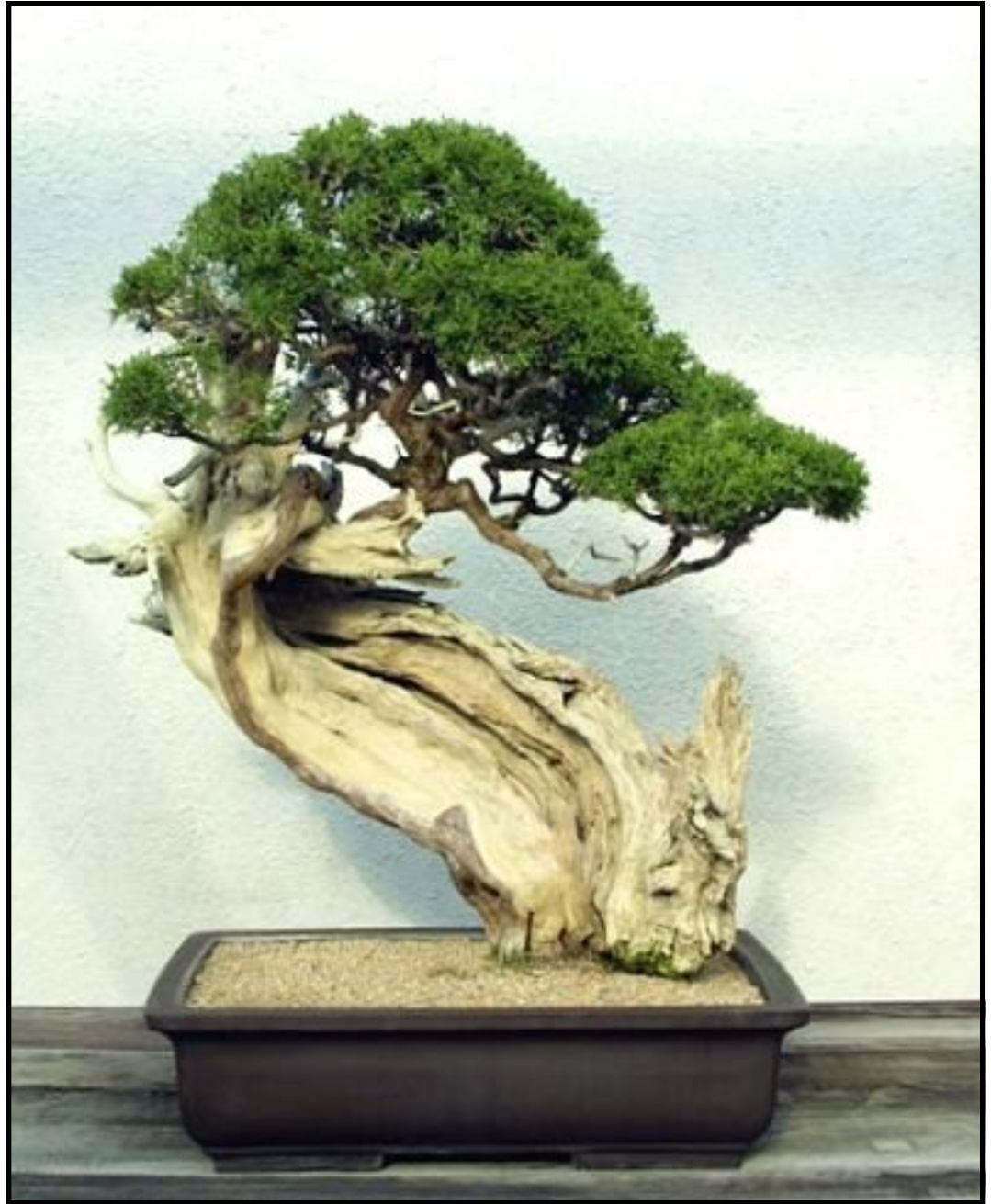
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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation



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# From the President

Yahoo! It looks as though Spring has finally sprung. Mother Nature has graced us with a long stretch of warm temperatures. She's been more than generous with the rainfall as well. According to the ten day forecast, there are no below freezing temperatures in the foreseeable future. As we get closer to April, chances of a hard freeze really diminish, so I am feeling pretty good about the weather right now. Sure, they may always be a slight chance of frost at one point or another, but the lack of a hard freeze means that I've been digging my "outdoor" trees from the mulch. If there is a chance for frost, I will just move some of my trees to the garage for the night. Still, the buds on the trees are swelling and their winter nap is over. So far, I have 3/4ths of my deciduous and conifer trees up on the benches. I am hoping to finish that project this week.

With the buds swelling, and some even opening a little early, the time to repot some trees is now! Within the next week I'm sure that I will be transplanting maples and digging some up from the growing bed. The waiting is over. A fun-filled season is upon us.

I am really looking forward to our next meeting and I am also really looking forward to our first bonsai show. The IMA Spring Bonsai Show will once again be held in conjunction with the IMA's Perennial Premier, which takes place on the weekend of April 23 & 24. I am hoping that many bonsai club members will choose to participate and bring their trees to the show. As many of you know, we often show our trees on bonsai stands, accompanied by an accent plant or accent stone. Hopefully, many of you managed to finish the bonsai stands from the March workshop. I can't wait to see how they turned out. For the April meeting, we will be putting together accent plants, which can also be used for this upcoming show.

For the April workshop, Amanda Cox will be demonstrating and then leading a workshop on Kusamono, or accent plants. We are going to

bring in a nice assortment of low cost plants which can be purchased for this workshop. Many of us will be using our pinched pots made during the February meeting for this workshop. If you don't have a pinched pot, or choose not to use it, vendors will have small pots available for sale which can be used for the project as well. Since I tend to be more of a rock guy than a accent plant guy, I'm really looking forward to learning more about kusamono myself and I hope I can manage to put together a nice one. I look forward to seeing all of you at our April 6th meeting.

Scott Yelich

# The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum

Carl Wooldridge

The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C. is another must see for bonsai followers. It was started after President Nixon received a gift of penjing trees from China in 1972, This was later followed by a gift of 53 trees from the Nippon Bonsai Assn. of Japan in 1976. A third collection of "National Trees" was developed to complete the collection. The National Bonsai foundation, a non-profit section 501 © 3 organization, was founded in 1982 to sustain the collections.

The Arboretum is in the Northeast area of Washington D. C. and you should use a Google guide to find it; driving in DC is not for the faint hearted. The grounds are very well kept and the trees are worth the trip. The drive to D. C. is 12 hours and hotels are not cheap. There are several day flights from Indy that are affordable.

Below are photos of trees from the different collection. Please note the difference between the penjing style and bonsai style. Enjoy.

<http://usna.usda.gov/Gardens/collections/bonsai.html>



**Goshen**



**Japanese Pine**



**Ulmus Parvifolia|Chinese Elm**

# **Indianapolis Bonsai Club**

**March 2, 2016**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Amanda Cox

Date & Time: March 2, 2016 from 7:00-9:00

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance:

Membership: 67 paid members for 2016

Checking/Savings Balance:

Bonsai 101 and Bonsai One on One Began March 2nd

Starts at 6:00 Garfield Park

### **March Meeting**

Short Program: Stand Building demonstration by Scott Yelich

Workshop: Build your own stand 9x12 Walnut Stands

### **April Meeting**

Short Program: Kusamono (accent plants) demonstration by Amanda Cox

Workshop: Creating a Kusamono display with Amanda Cox

### **Upcoming Events**

Brussels Spring Preview Sale March 5th & 6th

IMA Perennial Premiere & Bonsai Show

April 23rd and 24th

Will need volunteers to help set up, watch displays, tear down

Will also need trees to display

# What to do...

## March

- **Some deciduous trees start to grow again, like the ulmus.**
- **Most trees can now be left unprotected from freezing temperatures, possible insulating materials can be removed in late March (Most pine trees can be repotted late March).**

## April

- **Most trees start growing, only a few tree species take more time (like the oak tree).**
- **The growth of trees indicates fertilization can be resumed, and trees can now be trained, pruned and repotted.**
- **For most trees this is the best time to start wiring; but mind that trees grow rapidly so check on your wiring so it doesn't grow into the bark.**

## May

- **Trees that started growing late (Oak, etc) can now be trained and repotted.**

**Fertilization is important now.**

Date 2016	Meeting Topic	Detail	Presenter - Coordinator
1/6	pots	Pottery Presentation  Short program on viewing stones	Mike Thiedeman Scott Yelich
2/3	Pinch Pots	Pinch Pots workshop with Paul Weishaar  Short program on making pinch pots & small slab pots	Paul Weishaar
3/2	Making Stands	Bonsai Stands workshop  Short program on assembling and finishing a bonsai stand	Scott Yelich & Paul Weishaar
4/6	Kusamono	Kusamono workshop  Short program on Kusamono	Amanda Cox
5/4	Larch Workshop	American Larch Workshop  Short Program on American Larch care	Paul Weishaar Mark Fields
6/1	Display Setting	Setting a bonsai display  Short program - How to set a bonsai for formal display	Mark fields
7/6	Tropicals	Tropical Workshop/  Short Program: Tropical Care	Scott Yelich
8/3	State Fair Judge - Demo	Bonsai Demonstration	Jim Doyle
9/7	Annual "Members Only" Auction	Sell/Buy any Bonsai related item (must be a current, paid member to participate)	Scott Yelich
10/5	BYOT Workshop	BYOT  Nominations for 2017-2018 club officers	Scott Yelich All
11/2	Elections	Club election of executive officers	All
12/7	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All

## IBC Financial\$ 3/15/16

<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$ 803.91</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ 9,389.55</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,193.46</b>

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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
Vice President	Carl Wooldridge
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