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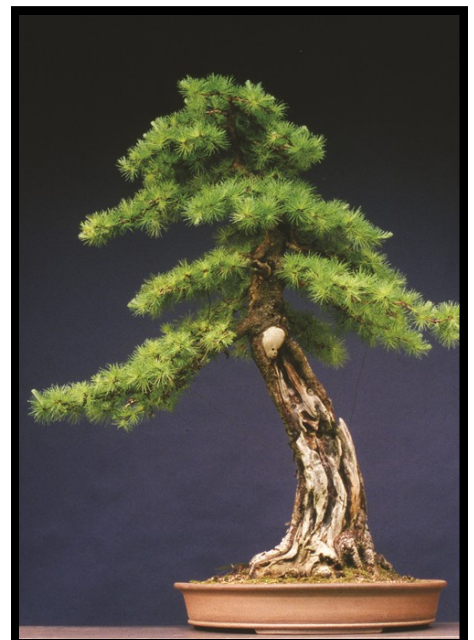
June 2016



INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

## American Larch



# From the President

Wow! The growing season can't seem to get here fast enough. We are closing in on June and we've still been feeling some seriously below average temperatures. I put my tropical plants outside a week ago thinking we were in the clear. I guess Mother Nature decided to throw me a few parting jabs. While many of my tropicals toughed out the evening chill, I did end up putting several of my most tender tropical bonsai back in the greenhouse for a few days. I am really looking forward to warmer weather and the bonsai show season.

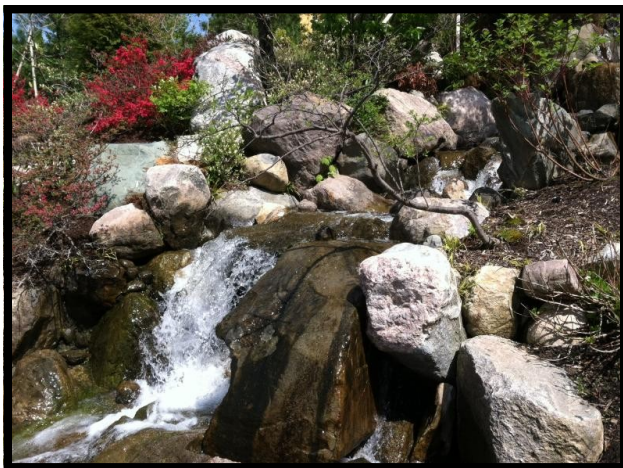
Over the last few months, we've been building up towards the show season by hosting workshops on things like bonsai stands and kusamono. In late April, we had our first show of the year at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. For the June meeting, we are going to spend time learning how to properly build a bonsai display. After a presentation on bonsai displays, IBC members will have the opportunity to try their hand at display building. We will have a number of trees, stands, stones and kusamono available which can be assembled in a variety of ways. I also realize that not everyone has access to an unlimited number of accents and stands available for their personal trees at a show. I also intend to show a few "cheap and easy" ways to present a bonsai at a show. The fact is that sometimes, we may not own the ideal stand. We have to learn to do the best we can with what we have available. With upcoming shows in mind, I'd rather you bring a tree to show, even if you don't have the ideal stand or accent. The Garfield Park bonsai show will be taking place the first weekend of June. This show tends to be a little less formal. I'd just like folks to come out and support the club by showing a tree or two and volunteering some of your time. Supporting this show and donating service time to Garfield Park is really important. This is one of the ways we earn our free stay at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Keeping in theme with "Show Time," the American Bonsai Society recently held their annual

show and convention in conjunction with the All-Michigan Bonsai Show. The show and convention were held this past weekend at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI. Besides myself, IBC club members Paul Weishaar, Steve Dick, Carl Wooldridge, Hank Martin, Mark Fields and Larry Benjamin were also in attendance. Mark Fields and Carl Wooldridge both had trees on display at the show. Mark was also there vending and conducting workshops. Although I did not participate in any workshops, I can tell you that the show was very nice and they had a great collection of vendors. We also took the time to see the recently opened Japanese Garden. Meijer Garden's Japanese Garden was designed by Hoichi Kurisu. The garden features a large koi pond, several waterfalls, a Japanese tea house, a bonsai garden, and a Zen-style rock garden. Since the garden is less than a year old, some of the plants and trees still have some growing to do. Still, the garden was beautiful and it will only get better as it matures. I've included some pictures of both the bonsai show and the Japanese Garden. I hope you enjoy them and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

Scott Yelich





# **ABS/All Michigan Bonsai Show**

# What to do...

Mark Fields

If you haven't done so already, you need to cut the candles from your Japanese black and red pines. Cut the entire candle off leaving about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Within a month or so, you will notice buds emerging from behind the cut and maybe even farther back along the branch. You also need to take all the growth back to just 2 (like a "Y") branches. In the long run your tree will become more balanced tree. I'll explain that in more detail later this year.

This is also the perfect time to repot your tropical bonsai. Though they can be done most any month of the year, they recover more quickly when they are growing their strongest. Note that they will require less water as you have removed some of the roots.

If the leaves on your Japanese and trident maples are too large and the tree is healthy, through the end of June is the perfect time to de-foliate them. It can be time consuming. You need to cut each leaf at the petiole (stem). You also need to cut all of the terminals (the growing point). This will promote new buds to open at the base of each petiole just behind where you cut the terminals. All of the new leaves that emerge within 4 – 6 weeks will be smaller and about double in number. This also increases the trees ramification (tertiary and quaternary small branching). Again, when you do this, the tree will not need as much water.

Continue to water and fertilize on a regular basis throughout this period.

If you are growing trees for future bonsai in the ground you need to cut them back by the end of June so that they have time to flush back out before it gets too hot.

As the temperatures climb higher, into the high 80's and 90's, you need to be aware of water loss in your shohin trees and that the darker ceramic pots will heat to the mid 100's and can result in the scorching of their roots. This can result in the decline or even death of the tree. This can be averted by placing your trees in an area where they can receive some shade during the hottest part of the day. Place your shohin trees on a bed of small grade gravel, sand or Turface which holds onto the water and will provide more humidity around your trees. For your larger trees you can place small white towels, which can be obtained in bulk at some department stores, over the sunny side of the pots and watered when the trees are. This will significantly cool the temperatures of the pots averting the burning and scorching of the roots.

Of course there are a lot more things you should do this time of year. If you have a specific question, please feel free to contact me and I will try to answer any questions you may have.

(reprinted from 2015)

*Mark Fields*

# **Indianapolis Bonsai Club**

**May 4th, 2016**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Amanda Cox

Date & Time: May 4, 2016

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance:

Membership: 75 paid members for 2016

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$483.29

Savings:\$9.090.13

### **Past Events:**

#### **Perennial Premier & Bonsai Show**

IMA April 23-24

50 Trees on Display

520 people in attendance

#### **May**

Larch tree workshop presented by Paul Weishaar

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit and Sale—June 4th & 5th**

Volunteers and trees needed for display

#### **Rodney Clemons Workshop**

Hoosier Village

September 16, 17. 18

More details to come

#### **June**

How to set up a formal bonsai display by Mark Fields

#### **MABA 2017**

July 6-8, 2017

Clarion Hotel on the West Side of Indy; Hosted by the Indianapolis Bonsai Club

Will need volunteers









## Larch Workshop: May 4, 2016



# IMA 2016





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 Felds
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\$ 5/15/16

**Checking**                **\$ 491.04**  
**Savings**                **\$ 9,090.13**

**Total**                    **\$9,581.17**

\* total does not include income from Larch Workshop

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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
Asst. Vice Presidents	Robert Hoy Kyle Weidner
Secretary	Amanda Cox
Treasurer/Newsletter	Robert Hoy
Past President	Mark Fields
Membership	Steve Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steve Dick
Historian	John Strassburg
Librarian	Tom Barnes
MABA/ABS/BCI	Paul Weishaar
Garfield Curator(s)	Chuck Perry Carl Woodridge Robert Hoy

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