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Garfield Park 2016



INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

From the President

I want to lead off this month by saying thanks to the IBC members who volunteered their time and their trees for the Garfield Park Bonsai Show which took place the weekend of June 4 & 5. Although the Garfield Park show isn't usually our biggest show throughout the season, it is still an important one. We are able to use Garfield Park's meeting room for free because we volunteer time to the park. This show counts toward our volunteer hours. I have a great appreciation for Garfield Park and it's outstanding staff. I am also very impressed with the recent renovation of Garfield Park Conservatory's meeting room. I know of other clubs that have to meet in library meeting rooms, basements and garages. I know of other clubs that meet in great facilities, but they have to pay for those facilities. We are lucky. Not only do we have a great meeting place, but we can keep membership costs down because we don't have to spend additional money to rent a meeting space. So, thanks again to those who took the time to help out at this weekend's show. For those of you who couldn't make it, there are always opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talent to Garfield Park. If you choose to do so, make sure to log your volunteer hours into their book as a member of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club. That way, you are not only helping out around the conservatory, you are helping the IBC.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming July meeting because we are going to be focusing on tropical bonsai. Although I have plenty of deciduous and conifer bonsai in my collection, tropical trees have been and likely will always be my favorite. When I was a bonsai newbie, I spent many weekends visiting Mike Devore's greenhouse outside of Crawfordsville. I was always impressed by how hard you can prune a tropical tree and how fast it would grow back. Being a person of little patience, topicals were the perfect bonsai for me. Mike was often referred to as 'The Butcher of Montgomery County,' due to his rather extreme pruning techniques. I guess my

pruning techniques follow a similar path. If I treated my "outdoor" trees the way I treat my topicals, I'd have a bunch of dead trees lying around.

This month, I am going to lead a mini program on tropical bonsai and then we are going to have a tropical bonsai workshop. We will be repotting and shaping the trees during this workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$40. You must be a member of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club to participate in the workshop. I think you are really going to enjoy this program. All of the trees are nice. We have the following species available:

Brazilian Rain Tree, Dwarf African Jade and Green Island Ficus. We will be potting these trees into 12in. glazed ceramic bonsai pots.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our July 6 meeting.

Scott Yelich



More of the Garfield Park Exhibit 2016

What to do...

Mark Fields

Mid-July through Mid-August

Pruning, 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 couple of 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!

(reprinted from 2015)

Mark Fields

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

June, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Steve Dick

Date & Time: June 1, 2016

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance: 22

Membership: 75 paid members for 2016

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$1090.63

Savings:\$9.090.13

Details were given for members intending to exhibit trees in the Garfield Park Exhibit

Discussed the July 6 Workshop (Tropicals). Cost is \$40, limit of 25 participants. Participants receive a tree and a pot.

The evenings program was a presentation on how to exhibit /stage a tree for a show. Mark Fields, Scott Yelich, and 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

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\$ 6/15/16

Checking \$ 1,550.97

Savings \$ 9,090.13

Total \$10,641.10

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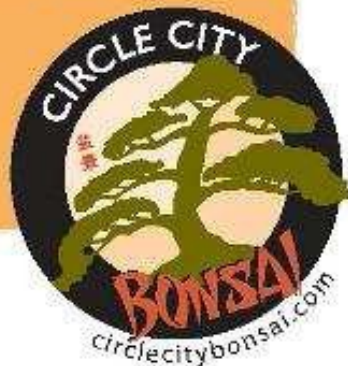
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Club Information

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.

Club Officers 2015-2017

President	Scott Yelich
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Garfield Curator(s)	Chuck Perry Carl Woodridge Robert Hoy

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www.indybonsai.org