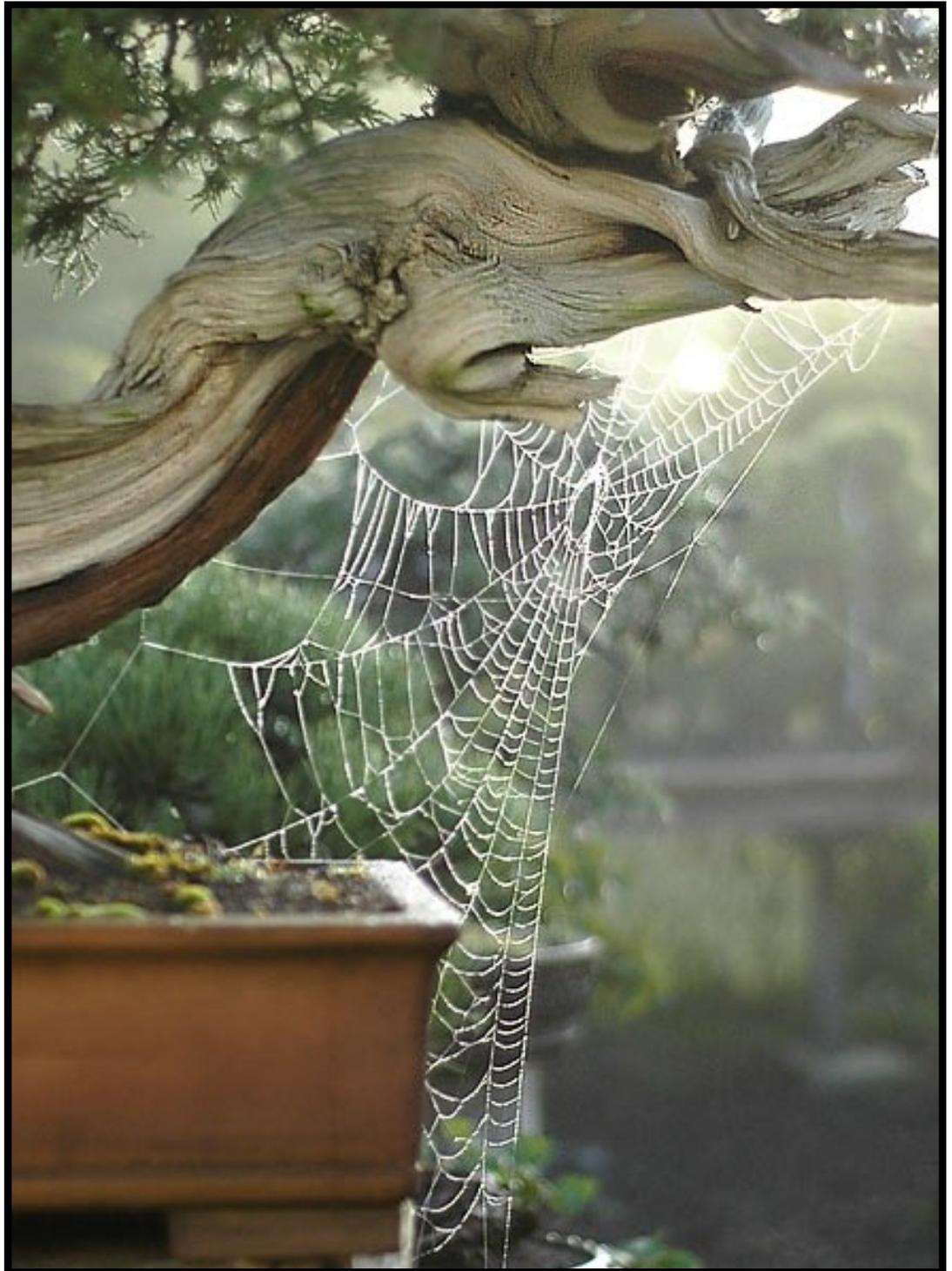


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From the President

We've had a pretty warm Autumn. I finally put my tropical trees into the greenhouse about a week ago. With the warm weather we've been having, I managed to keep my tropical trees outside for almost a month longer than usual. This year, I was able to clean the greenhouse and move things in a leisurely fashion and not in a mad dash like some years in the past. By now, I assume that most of you with tropical trees have moved your trees inside by now. Personally, I usually leave my out until the nighttime temperatures start falling below 50 degrees F.

Although I hate moving all my trees around in the fall, I really look forward to the fall colors. Since I often bring more tropical trees to bonsai shows, few people realize that I have a lot of maple trees in my collection, too. This is the best season for enjoying my maple trees. Who doesn't enjoy a splash of fall color? With the warmer weather, it's taken the trees longer to turn, but they finally started turning this past week. My bonsai benches are filled with red, orange and yellow little trees. I'm enjoying the color right now, but it about a month I'll start the process wintering my outdoor trees.

The November meeting is our last "official" meeting of the year. The meeting is a pretty important one, though because you'll be voting for elected officers for the 2017-2018 term. Each current club member gets to vote. Maybe you don't realize what board members do, but these are the folks that put the calendar together, organize workshops and control the club's funds. Since my term of president ends in December, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank those who have served on the board in my past four years as president. Many club members don't see all of the behind the scenes footwork you all do. Board members aren't just meeting a couple a times a year for planning purposes. They are also out hunting for trees, plants, pots and other

material in order to make all those hands-on projects happen. We enjoy doing it, but there is still a lot of work involved. One example that comes to mind was the bonsai stand workshop. We needed to buy the walnut boards, but then we needed to pre-cut and prepare all of the boards for the workshop. That job took hours! I'd like to think I had a pretty good run as president, but a lot of it has to do with surrounding myself with good people. I seriously can't thank you enough! I look forward to serving the next board in the role of 'past president.'

There will be more going on in the November meeting besides the upcoming election. November is when we prepare our outdoor trees for winter. Winter prep is an important topic especially since we have so many new members in the club. We need to make sure that we properly care for our trees during the winter months, otherwise we will have a nice pile of spring firewood. I look forward to seeing all of you at our November Second meeting.

Scott Yelich

What to do...

A few (simple) possibilities...

This is a good time to do the bonsai chores you have been putting off till cooler weather. Make preparations for Winter Protection if you haven't done so yet. This is also a good time to redesign your benches and sprinkling system. Be sure to consider the available sunlight during the four seasons when setting up your benches.

WATERING

Since the days are shorter and temperatures cooler, plants need less water than they do in summer.

FERTILIZER

Many plants will still be growing this month. Continue to fertilize in order to maintain the health of the tree. Healthy plants will survive the cold weather better than plants that are starved. Do not over-fertilize, however.

INSECTS AND DISEASES

Continue to be on the lookout for them.

WIRING

This is the best time to wire trees that are going dormant. It is much easier to wire a branch that is bare than one that is full of foliage. Since these trees will not be growing until Spring, the wires can be left on for a longer time. It takes longer to train a bonsai by the "Clip and Grow" method than it does by wiring. Learn to wire, you will have better bonsai in less time. Let the soil dry (slightly moist) before wiring. Branches are more flexible when they are not filled with water.

The IBC Nominating Committee, comprised of past IBC Presidents Mark Fields, Steve Knapp and Paul Weishaar, is recommending the following candidates and their positions for 2017 – 2018.

Carl Wooldridge – IBC President

Dan Cain – IBC Vice President

Bob Hoy – IBC Treasurer

Amanda Cox – IBC Secretary

The elections will be held at the next meeting on Wednesday November 2, 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/Paul Weishaar
10/5	BYOT Workshop	BYOT :Nominations for 2017-2018 club officers	Scott Yelich All
11/2	Elections	Club election of executive officers Demo's by Paul Weishaar & Mark Fields	All
12/7	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All

IBC Financial\$ 10/20/16

Checking	\$ 1,365.08
Savings	\$ 8,091.01
Total	\$ 9,456.09

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Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

Where: Garfield Park Conservatory
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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 2015-2016

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 Robert Hoy Carl Wooldridge

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www.indybonsai.org