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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation



MAY YOU AND
YOURS HAVE A
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON

...AND MAY SANTA BRING YOU LOTS OF COOL BONSAI STUFF!

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From the President

Since this is the last news letter of the year, I'd like to look back at our club's 2016 achievements and activities. One of the main goals of the 2016 calendar year was an increase of "hands on" activities. Although there is always a need for presentations of certain topics, like Winter preparation or grafting techniques, I've observed that club members have more fun and are more engaged when they actually have the opportunity to do something, and not just watch.

In 2016, we had plenty of opportunities to get a little dirt under our fingernails. We made pinched pots, we made kusamono, we had three bonsai workshops and we even had a workshop on building bonsai stands. I think we managed to keep things lively and interesting, and because of that, the club has more members than I can recall. I believe our last count was 102 members. As an outgoing president, that's something I can really hang my hat on. It excites me that we have so many new members.

I think that 2017 can be just as exciting. The IBC board is currently working on a schedule of events for 2017 that should be as good, if not better than, the 2016 events. To top it off, we are hosting another MABA convention in 2017. For those of you who are new to bonsai, hosting a bonsai convention in your city is a big deal. We'll need your help, but we are also hoping that you take the time to participate and join in the convention activities. In July, Indianapolis will be hosting some of the best national talent and some of the best vendors you'll see anywhere. I'm sure we will have an outstanding bonsai show at the convention, as well. You'll be hearing a lot about the MABA 2017 Convention in the coming months. The Convention will take place July 7 & 8, which is the weekend following Independence Day.

Although I look forward to 2017, let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. We have a party to attend! The IBC will have it's holiday dinner at the Hibachi Grill, located at 7737 South Shelby Street (Just off of US-31) in Greenwood, IN. The event will begin at 6pm with a social hour. We'll have a dinner, the best dead tree contest, the volunteer raffle and the holiday raffle. The cost for the dinner, which includes your drink and gratuity, is \$15 per person, payable to the Indianapolis Bonsai Club.

Finally, I want to say congratulations to the newly elected executive board for 2017-2018. Our newly elected board members are: President -- Dr. Carl Wooldridge, Vice President -- Dan Cain, Treasurer -- Bob Hoy and Secretary -- Amanda Cox. I wish all of you the best and I look forward to working with all of you as I assume my new board position of 'Past President.'

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Holiday Dinner.

Scott Yelich

What to do...

A few (simple) possibilities...

Protecting your Bonsai trees in winter

In nature trees are often subjected to temperatures of minus 10 degrees Celsius (14 °F) and lower. These tree's roots are too deep under the ground to freeze. Therefore, as long as the roots of Bonsai trees are protected, low temperatures are not a serious problem as the foliage protects it-selves when it enters the period of dormancy.

Keeping your trees in a greenhouse or cold frame during the winter is recommended for those living in cold areas, as roots in the shallow pots easily freeze. When such accommodation is not available, use covers around the pots to protect your Bonsai's roots. When living in warm, (sub)tropical environments you can normally leave your trees unprotected.

When in dormancy, be careful not to expose your trees to an extended period of high temperatures (open greenhouses when they warm up during sunny days for example) as this might bring them out of dormancy. Once it gets cold again the trees wouldn't have their natural protection and buds die off.

When overwintering, keep a close eye on your trees. Water when the soil dries out, the trees don't need much water when in dormancy so be careful not to water too often. Also check your trees for insects or infections regularly. During the spring you can place your trees outside again, but be alert to protect new growth against late frosts.

On behalf of the IBC membership, the Board of Directors thanks Scott Yelich for his 4 years (2013-2016) of service as club president.

IBC Board of Directors 2017 & 2018

Carl Wooldridge – President

Dan Cain – Vice President

Bob Hoy – Treasurer

Amanda Cox – Secretary

Mark Your Calendars!

MABA 2017

July 6*, 7, 8

(*pre-convention workshop)

Clarion Hotel

2930 Waterfront Pky West Dr.

Indianapolis, IN 46214

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Indianapolis Bonsai Club

November 2, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Amanda Cox

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

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Membership: 100 paid members for 2016

Checking/Savings Balance:

Upcoming Events

Annual Holiday Party Wednesday December 7th

6:00 \$15.00 Per Person

7737 US-31, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Dinner

Dead Tree Contest

Raffle

*2017 Club Dues will NOT be accepted at the party

Please bring dues to the January 4th meeting

Elected 2017-2018 Club Officers

President: Carl Wooldridge

Vice President: Dan Cain

Treasurer: Bob Hoy

Secretary: Amanda Cox

November Meeting

-Officer elections

-Winter storage discussion

-Tree Demo: kishu shimpaku juniper by Mark Fields

Annual Gala 12-2-16: Hibachi Grill

7737 South Shelby Street (just off Hwy. 31 in the Greenwood Place Shopping Center)

Indianapolis, IN

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\$ 11/15/16

Checking	\$ 1,901.17
Savings	\$ 8,091.01
 Total	 \$ 9,992.48



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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 2015-2016

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(Chuck Perry

Checkout the IBC website:

www.indybonsai.org