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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

2017
A YEAR OF
BONSAI, BONSAI, AND MORE BONSAI IN
INDIANAPOLIS...IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT
YEAR!



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From the President

Greetings: it is getting cold, so keep warm and keep your plants protected. The Christmas dinner was very well attended and the food was quite good. Scott did a wonderful job with the raffle as his last official duty; of course his daughter stole the show!

The January program, done by Mark Fields, Neil Dellinger and myself, will be a presentation on changes and new directions in American bonsai. There will be many pictures of last years Artisan show in Portland and the National convention last September. The presentation of collected material from the Northwest, and very creative bonsai stands and pots are an exciting new direction. It should be well worth attending.

There are several areas of the club that I would like to focus on this year.

1. We need better usage of audio - visual tools. Garfield Park installed an excellent overhead projector and we should take advantage of it. I am looking for someone with camera skills to amplify the presentations and programs . This is especially needed when small plants are being used.

2. Hospitality is part of any club's programs. It would be wonderful if we could have snacks and beverages available at the meetings. The summer picnic has been sporadic and poorly attended. I am not sure that with MABA, state fair and earlier school start up that it is a viable program for 2017. I would ask if there is someone who could take this on and see if it is a go.

3. Our recording secretary had a work schedule change and can no longer do the job. Thank you Amanda for doing such a fine job for so long. We need to find a replacement.

MABA is coming along well and some updates will be at the next meeting. Hope to see you there!

Carl Wooldridge



What to do...

Protecting your Bonsai trees in winter

In nature trees are often subjected to temperatures of minus 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 itself 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.



IBC Board of Directors 2017 & 2018

Carl Wooldridge – President

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Mark Your Calendars!

MABA 2017

July 7, 8

July 6*

(*pre-convention workshop)

Clarion Hotel

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Date 2017	Meeting Topic	Detail	
1/4	Trends Shift	The shift in American trends toward trees, stands, and pots used in US national shows	
2/1	Pottery	AV presentation on making bonsai pots	
3/1	Doug Hawley	Presentation and demonstration by Doug Hawley, nationally recognized on grafting to improve your bonsai	
4/5	Root over rock workshop	Modest fee for rocks and either Ficus or Maple trees	
5/3	Preparing for Shows	Presentaion for preparing your bonsai for display at shows	
6/7	Soil and Pot colors; Moss ball accent plants workshop	A report on en his experiments on the effect of pot colors on soil temperature; Moss Ball accent plants workshop	
7/5	MABA site preview	On site preview of MABA Convention Preparations: Clarion Hotel & conference Center (Westside)	
8/2	State Fair Judge Bonsai Styling Demo	Bonsai styling by State Fair Bonsai Judge	
9/6	Members Only Auction	Annual Club Members Bonsai Auction	
10/4	Tropical bonsai Styling Workshop	Tropical Bonsai styling workshop. BYOT or trees available to buy (modest fee)	
11/1	Dueling Demos	Dueling Demos on late fall bonsai styling and care	
12/6	Annual Dinner	Annual Club Holiday Dinner and Raffle, Volunteer Raffle, Dead Tree Contest	

IBC Financial\$ 12/15/16

Checking	\$ 1421.29
Savings	\$ 8091.01
Total	\$ 9,512.3

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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 2017-2018

President	Carl Wooldridge
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MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
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Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy

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