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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation



**Is it Winter,
or is it
Spring?
Who knows...
It's Indiana!**



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From the President

It is February and it is acting like March! Warm and rain followed by wind and cold. Our plants might start budding out, so be prepared to protect them from early Spring insatiability. There is going to be a cold snap and hard wind waiting for them.

Mike Thiedeman's program was as expected: outstanding. The preparation was exceptional and presentation; a mix off well organized information mixed with folksy narration, was complete. WOW, a lot goes into creating a bonsai pot but to make one beautiful requires a gifted artist. I am so thankful that Mike and Mary are part of our club.

MARCH MEETING AGENDA. There are many events happening in March, so here goes.

1. The beginners class begins at 6:00pm in the Kitchen area. If you are interested, register with the Garfield Conservatory on line. Cost \$20
2. There is a change in the program. Doug Philips will demonstrate how to a 'Fusion' Trident maple tree bonsai! Doug is an experienced bonsai artist who has mastered an unusual way to make a huge and less heavy bonsai.
3. There will be a sign up for the Root over Rock program. There will be examples types of rocks available for purchase. You can sign up for a Trident maple or a Benjamin Ficus plant.
4. There has been considerable development in some club members. We now have several "early old" members who are growing and marketing small pre bonsai trees. This is very encouraging to me. I think Mark Fields should get some credit for this development. We are going to have a Spring sale for members only.

(Rules).

- a. The sale will be from 6:00pm to 6:50pm in the large room. We will extend the break to 15 minutes for sales.
 - b. Only members can sell bonsai related material; i.e.. plants, pots, tools. [no Tupperware, please].
 - c. All profits go to the seller.
 - d. Each seller is entitled to one table that will be set up on the periphery of the room.
 - e. There will be no sales during the business meeting or during the presentation. If you must finish a sale go to the kitchen room and close the door.
 - f. The room must be cleaned up by 9:00pm. I would ask seller to bring in some type of cleaning wipe for the tables. They are new and we need to be good guests.
 - g. The club cannot be responsible for any item sold.
5. There is an outstanding sale at Brussels Bonsai the first weekend of March. See Mark Fields for details.

That is enough typing for one day, so I will see you at the meeting.

Carl Wooldridge

Early Spring Tips: Patience and Perseverance

Let me start out by saying that I am **NOT** a bonsai expert. I am an enthusiast, and so following is simply one of a plethora ways to do things for your little trees at this time of the year, here in “crazy weather” town. IT’S HOW I DO THINGS. It’s right for me.

This time of year is dangerous for my bonsai. The biggest threat to my “little trees” is *my* impatience. My trees have enjoyed a much needed rest over the winter and will soon be ready to reward me with a burst of spectacular spring growth (hopefully).

I remind myself daily (especially with the beautiful weather we’ve had recently) to remember the following:

Spring starts March 20, 2017.

Just because it’s Spring, it doesn’t mean it’s time for me to bring them out of their winter resting spot. I wait ‘til Mothers Day. (A lesson learned years ago from my bonsai mentor, Mark Fields.)

For my Junipers, Pines and Deciduous trees?

■ I leave them alone, buried in the mulch where they have been ALL winter. ■ I force myself to be patient (extremely difficult for me) and keep them there until the weather is (consistently) warmer. On occasionally warm days, (of which we’ve had several recently) I go out and check them to see if they’re dry. If they are, I water.

■ I don’t use a cold frame, but from what I know, it’s OK to open the doors on warm days, but be sure to remember to close them at night. This helps to keep the temperature more even and prevent the possibility of premature leafing.

I remind myself daily: *patience and perseverance*: Remember, temperatures in Indiana at this time of year fluctuate - a lot. During the day the wind can be strong and drying, and a frost at night is entirely possible both which can cause irreparable damage to your trees.

For my tropical’s, I leave them alone, in the greenhouse, and water and fertilize regularly. I do not take them out during the day (although the temptation to do so is GREAT) and then move them back in at night - patience and perseverance - it is far wiser to keep them in the greenhouse (that’s why I built it) until all signs of frost have passed. (Mothers Day for me)

When a bonsai loses its leaves, it loses its ability to transpire, which in turn prevents the roots from being able to absorb water, which in turn creates soggy soil conditions, which in turn leads to root rot, which, if not properly addressed with - patience and perseverance - will lead to the untimely demise of your beloved indoor bonsai.

I sing a line from a song I listened to a lot with my granddaughters (and occasionally still do) as a daily reminder to myself when I get the urge to water unnecessarily... it goes “*Have patience, have patience, don’t be in such a hurry...*” It’s a song about Herbert the Snail... and, as old as I am, I do things at a snails’ pace, so it seem appropriate. Y’all be good, and remember... **Have patience!**



(Information
“gleaned” from
bonsai sources on
the internet)

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

February 1st, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Alyssa Batula

Date & Time: February 1st, 2017

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Carl Wooldridge

Attendance:

Membership: 100 memberships, 51 paid for 2017

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$790.75

Savings: \$8,091.42

The February meeting featured an AV presentation by Mike Theideman on creating bonsai pots, demonstrating the time, effort, and talent that goes into making a good bonsai pot. A few fun facts:

- After making the wall, bottom, and feet of a pot, it can take 45-90 minutes just to assemble them
- Earthenware (typically more orange than stoneware) cannot be left outside in the winter

Pots aren't glazed inside because some plants will turn their roots back towards the center if they hit a smooth surface, creating an unhealthy root mass in the center

Announcements

- If you have a question about a tree, bring it to a regular club meeting for feedback
- Especially if you are considering showing it (i.e. MABA)

The 2017 club directory and brochures are in!

Upcoming Events

MABA July 7-8

- We need more volunteers!
- All volunteers receive a special volunteer shirt
- No experience needed to help
- Attending MABA is a great learning opportunity
- No admission charge for Saturday exhibit and vendor room
- Registration is required to attend or observe workshops
- Registration opens March 1st
- More information will be on the website soon: www.MABAbonsai.org

March Club Meeting

- Doug Hawley's presentation is postponed
- Looking for a new presenter, possibly Doug Phillips from KY

Tree fusion demo

MABA 2017 Minutes 2-1-2017

Alyssa Batula

Met at 6pm on 2/1/2017

Priority: Firm up planning for MABA 2017

Registration Forms and Schedule

- Several grammar/wording/format changes recommended
- Try to keep paid visitor workshops/demos all on the same day
 - Switching workshops W11 & W22 on schedule
 - Hotel registration discounts are unclear
 - Remove online registration or find an online code we can use to get the rate
 - Make sure people know to specifically request the rate when calling
 - Wire is NOT provided for the workshops
 - But there will probably be people selling it

Trees for workshops will be distributed by random draw at the start of the workshop

Tree Entry Guidelines

- Trees will not be pre-judged, but will be turned away if they aren't clean, disease free, and properly prepared
- Maximum of 5 entries per person, try to defer to visitor's trees
 - Indy club members should be ready to reduce the number of trees they show if we run out of space
 - Alternatively, use another room for overflow (maybe exhibition only trees?)
 - This probably won't be an issue anyway
 - Encourage early entries

\$10 per entry until 6/10, then \$20 per entry

Encouraging (Experienced) Amateur Entries

- There is no amateur category for judging
 - The "prize" is getting your tree critiqued
 - Amateurs (with some experience) interesting in showing could "apprentice" with experienced club members to get ready

May workshop is too late for MABA prep, encourage people to bring trees to any meeting for advice and critiques

We Need Volunteers!!!

- Actively seek out volunteers
 - Everyone needs a backup
 - People usually won't volunteer unless you ask them directly
 - ✦ Also, bribe them with shirts and registration discounts
 - ✦ All volunteers will get a volunteer shirt and \$25 off registration
 - MABA organizers should get them early and "model" them at club meetings
 - ✦ Need shirt sizes from all members
 - ✦ It has been requested that people's shirt sizes not be recorded in the minutes
 - ✦ Need volunteers for setup and teardown
 - Especially teardown

Neil has 5 volunteers

Advertising

- MABA add may not have been in ABS like it should have been

Paul is looking into this

Other Club Matters

Bonsai 101 Class

Class will be held in March, April, May, & June

March Speaker Change

- Doug is having ankle surgery, cannot/should not give a demo so soon afterwards
 - We may be able to get some of his videos to show
 - Considering other presenters
 - Fused tree or olive demonstration?

By Doug Phillips from KY

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

Financials 2016

Expenses

Print	\$698
Dues	\$45
Trees	\$1,338
Office Supplies	\$50
Sales	\$ 3,223
Insurance	\$288
Artists	\$1,428
Auction Sales	\$1,252
GALA	<u>\$1,306</u>
Total:	\$9,628

Revenue

\$12,957

Mark Your Calendars!

MABA 2017

July 7, 8

July 6*

(*pre-convention workshop)

Clarion Hotel

2930 Waterfront Pky West Dr.

Indianapolis, IN 46214317.299.8400

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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	Carl Wooldridge, Neil Dellinger, Mark Fields
2/1	Pottery	AV presentation on making bonsai pots	Mike Thiedeman
3/1	TBA		
4/5	Root over rock workshop	Modest fee for rocks and either Ficus or Maple trees	All
5/3	Preparing for Shows	Presentation for preparing your bonsai for display at shows	
6/7	Soil and Pot colors; Moss ball accent plants workshop	A report on his experiments on the effect of pot colors on soil temperature (Ron Fraley); 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\$ 2/15/17

Checking	\$ 823.99
Savings	<u>\$ 8,091.01</u>
Total	\$ 8,915.00

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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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Checkout the IBC website:

www.indybonsai.org

www.mababonsai.org

(click on the MABA 2017 link)