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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

## Trick or Tree ... Happy Halloween



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# From the President

I just returned from the TREE CITY BONSAI SHOW in Greensburg Ind. The venue was great and we received Hoosier hospitality. Four members of the club showed 28 trees and 19 exhibits; Mark Fields, Kyle Weidner, Hank Martin and Carl Wooldridge. Mark's Blue Alps Juniper was the 1st place winner and deservedly so. This is the second year for the show and it has been a good ambassador for Bonsai. Hank has been in the club for over 10 years and has helped in many programs. He has shown at State Fair, MABA, and Nationals. IN his spare time he is a full time Veterinarian married with four grown sons and two grandchildren with two on the way! Thanks Hank.

A survey is being sent out by the club via Scott Yelich to help determine future programs. Please try to participate.

The Bonsai 101 class has 6 people signed up for Saturday Oct. 21 at 9:00. It will be held at Garfield Park. If you are interested, come at 8:45. The cost is \$70 which includes a tree to style. Please bring tools and note pads.

*Carl Wooldridge*

## Learning Through Volunteering

Alyssa Batula

I'm very much a bonsai newcomer, but I've learned a lot of great information in the not-quite-two-years since I joined the Indianapolis Bonsai Club and started studying bonsai. On top of all of the workshops and demos, volunteering at local shows taught me even more about how to create bonsai and showed me how much I already learned.

A lot of volunteering at bonsai shows like the State Fair is answering questions for people, and this can really drive home how much you already know! Most of the questions I could answer on my own: "Is there a specific type of bonsai tree?" or "Do you grow them from seeds in those pots?" Other questions I could answer by glancing at the display tags, but the few times I didn't know, I just asked some experienced members who were happy to fill in the answers for both of us.

I probably learned the most about how to "finish" a tree and put together a display by volunteering at local shows. It's a great chance to ask your own questions about bonsai, not just answering other people's questions. Seeing multiple displays together can really help you figure out what you like, or don't like, or provide inspiration on what to do with that pre-bonsai you have sitting around waiting for inspiration to strike. There are always experienced members there, and they've been happy to talk about the various trees and displays. What's good, what could be improved, or what you could do to achieve a similar effect yourself.

There's even more to learn from volunteering at bigger shows, like this year's MABA. Bigger shows attract more participants, which means even more amazing displays to study. Not only did I learn how to keep the trees and accent plants watered, I got to ask questions of people who know what they were doing and could provide additional commentary on what made the best trees so great.

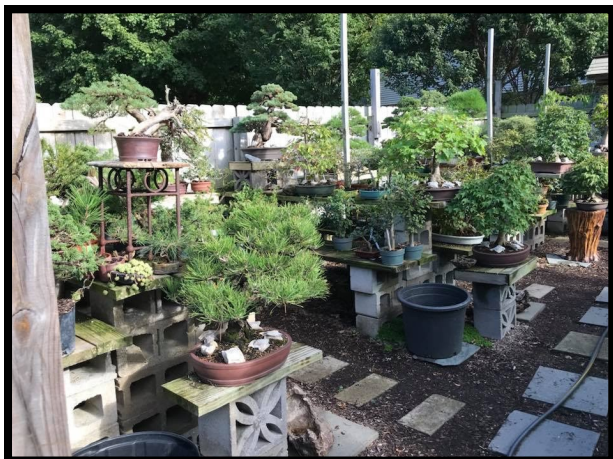
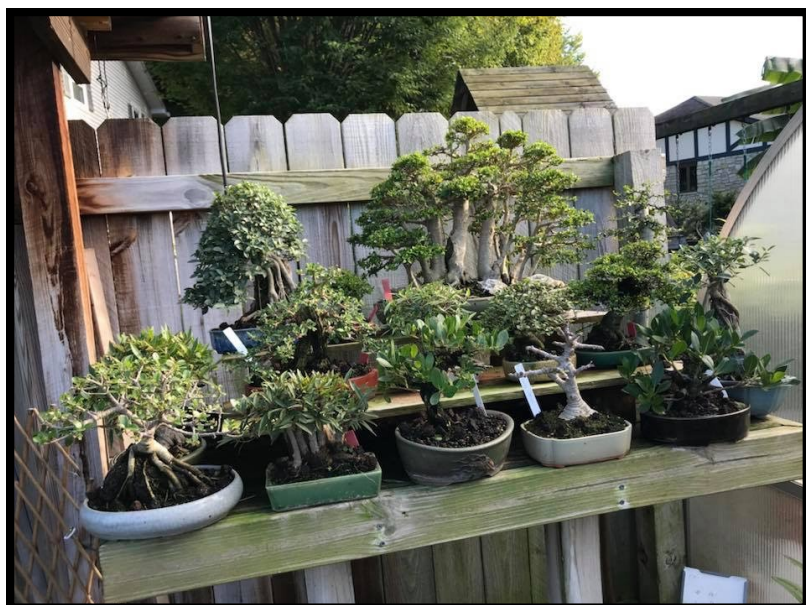
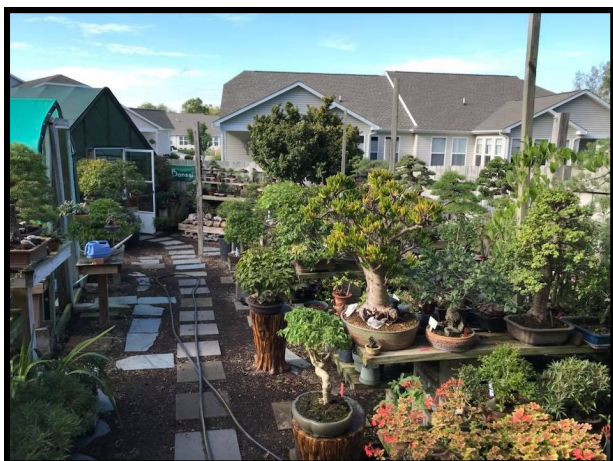
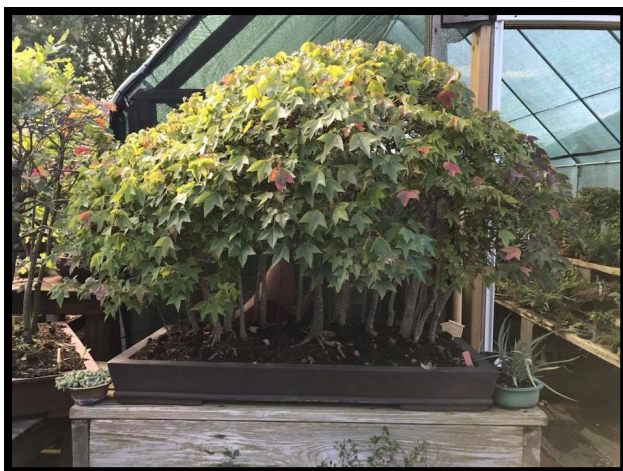
On top of all the learning, volunteering was fun! I got to know some club members better, got free entry into the State Fair and all that glorious fried food, and a discount on MABA registration. It's generally not a constant stream of activity, leaving plenty of time to chat and get to know people. Volunteering was a great, low-key way to learn more about bonsai shows while helping out the club. Next time there's a show that's asking for volunteers, make sure you sign up and don't let your worries about "not knowing enough" stop you, because you definitely do!





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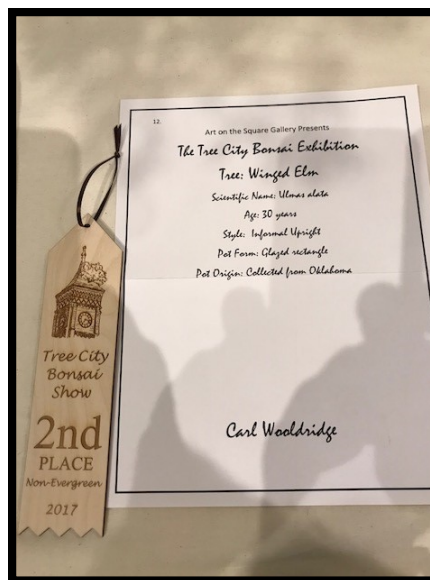
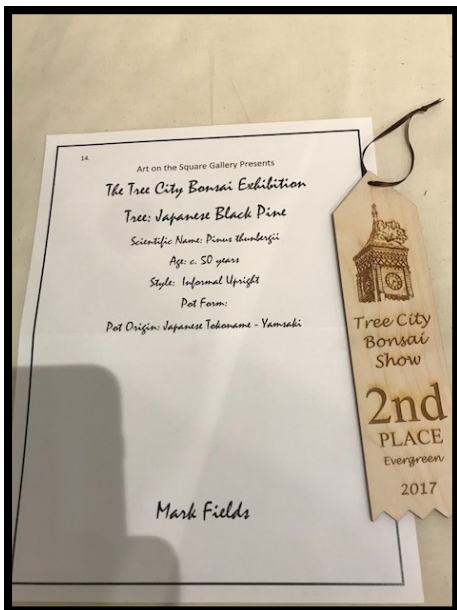
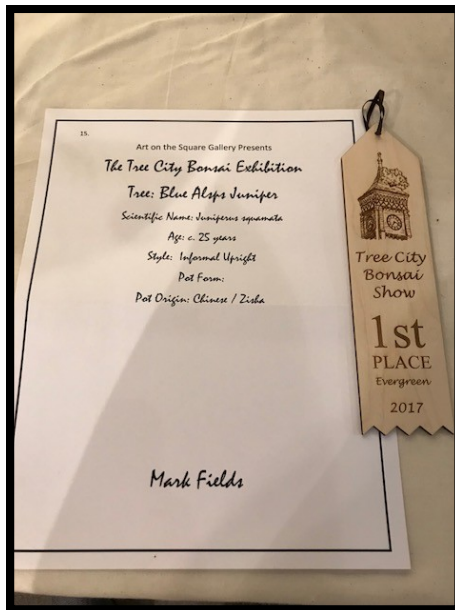
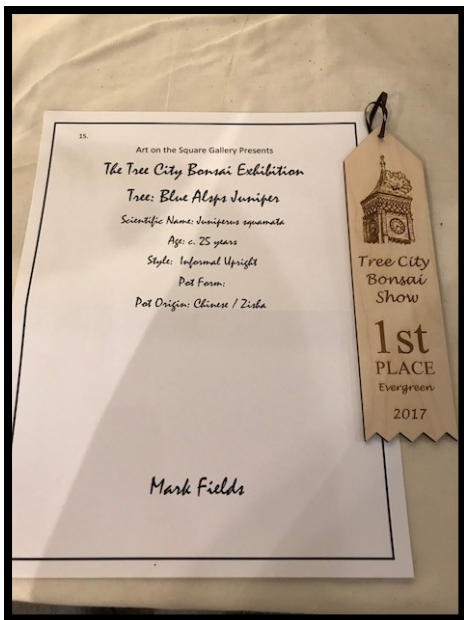




**If you don't follow Mark Fields/Bonsai by Fields on social media, you missed out on recent photos of his nursery. With his permission, we are including a sampling in this e-news. Enjoy.**

**The Editor**





# Members Exhibit Trees



## Recent IBC Members Participation

IBC members participated in 3 recent bonsai exhibitions which include the Chicago Botanic Garden in Chicago, Illinois, the Krohn Conservatory in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Art on the Square Gallery in Greensburg Indiana.

Chicago exhibitors were Mark Fields, Scott Yelich and Hank Martin. Marks bonsai earned 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Professional while Hank received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Open Class.

Paul Weishaar was the only IBC Member to enter the Cincinnati Show and received Best of Show and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tropical Awards.

Mark Fields, Carl Wooldridge and Hank Martin exhibited bonsai at Greensburg with Carl earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Non-Evergreen and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Evergreen, Hank receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Non-Evergreen and Mark being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Evergreen and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Evergreen. Mark also won the Peoples Choice Award.

Congratulations to all.









**Paul Weishaar's  
Trees in  
Cincinnati**



## **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

Paul Weishaar

### **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

For IBC monthly meetings see: [indybonsai.org](http://indybonsai.org)

#### **October 21, 2017**

IBC/Garfield Park Introduction to Bonsai class at the Garfield Park Conservatory 9am - 1pm.  
Class includes workshop with tree

#### **October 21-22, 2017**

Todd Schlafer Workshop at Bonsai by Fields. Trees available at Todd's website

#### **October 25-29, 2017**

Golden State Bonsai Federation 40<sup>th</sup> Convention. Riverside, CA

#### **November 5-6, 2017**

Mauro Stemberger Workshop at Bonsai by Fields. BYOT or trees available

#### **December 2-3, 2017**

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Exhibit at Kannapolis, NC

#### **April 19-22, 2018**

ABS/Bonsai Society of Greater St Louis Convention in Collinsville, IL.

#### **August 3-11, 2018**

Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN

#### **August 18-19, 2018**

Mid America Bonsai Society Show at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago, IL

#### **September 8-9, 2018**

6th U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. East Rochester,  
NY



# Indianapolis Bonsai Club

October 4th, 2017

## Meeting Minutes

Alyssa Batula

**Date & Time:** October 4th, 2017, 7pm

**Location:** Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

**Presiding:** Club President Carl Wooldridge

**Attendance:** 22

**Membership:** 84 paid memberships

**Checking/Savings Balance:**

**Checking:** \$2,603.05

**Savings:** \$12,592.40

The October meeting featured a tropical bonsai workshop led by Scott Yelich. The workshop included an overview of proper care of several species, especially indoors over the winter. Attendees were welcome to bring their own trees or purchase a tree to work on.

A few tips for caring for tropicals indoors over winter were: use a humidity tray to keep the air from getting too dry for the plants, choose an appropriate species (some are more forgiving of humidity and light conditions), and provide airflow (e.g. a fan) to help prevent bugs and mildew.

## Announcements

**Tree City Bonsai Show: 10/14-10/15**

<http://www.artonthesquaregallery.com>

### **Looking for more e-news articles**

The club is looking for more articles written by club members on any bonsai topic

Send a picture of yourself with your favorite tree and tell us why it's your favorite, why you became interested in bonsai, etc. (***Send materials to [r.hoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.hoy@sbcglobal.net)***)

We can help find and fix grammar/spelling issues, but we need club member content.

### **MABA Update**

The club raised (net) about \$9,900

Thanks again to everyone who attended and volunteered!

### **2018 Club Survey**

Expect a survey with questions on what you would like to see in the club for 2018

### **Bonsai 101 Workshop**

10/21 from 9-1

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	Maples	Doug Phillips: Trident Maples	Doug Phillips
4/5	Root over rock work-shop	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	Neil Dellinger
6/7	Soil and Pot colors; The World Bonsai convention	A report on his experiments on the effect of pot colors on soil temperature (Ron Fraley); A report on the World bonsai convention by Mark Fields	Ron Fraley Mark Fields
7/5	MABA site preview	On site preview of MABA Convention Preparations: Clarion Hotel & conference Center (Westside)	All
8/2	State Fair Judge Bonsai Styling Demo	Bonsai styling by Danny Coffey, State Fair Bonsai Judge	Danny Coffey
9/6	Members Only Auction	Annual Club Members Bonsai Auction	All
10/4	Tropical bonsai Styling Workshop	Tropical Bonsai styling workshop. BYOT or trees available to buy (modest fee)	Scott Yelich
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	

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## Club Officers+ 2017-2018

### **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.

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**[www.indybonsai.org](http://www.indybonsai.org)**