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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

From the President

t is the middle of November and we have had our first severe frost. I hope you protected your trees! For tropical and tender trees, protection means getting them out of the cold. My way of winterizing in the past was to put my trees under my wooden benches, mulch them, and staple on the 'plastic drop clothes'. Under some prodding from my wife, I switched from the old cedar benches (cedar can get dingy when it ages), and switched to metal benches. They look quite nice but metal does not take staples very well! The van is outside and trees are in the garage. I'm working on plan 'B'!

The November program went well. We had three demonstrations by members. Paul Weishaar carved a Bougainvillea while giving tips on how to care for these trees. He mentioned that it might 'bleed' red sap! I hope that he can re-present the tree next year to show how to apply Lime Sulfur for preservation of the wood. (Those sitting in the front row may want to wear nose clips). Mark Fields wired a small Juniper that he had grown from a seedling. He had made a drawing of the tree which enhanced the presentation. Scott Yelich styled a Ficus. He answered many questions on the tree. The tree is not up for auction! We also tried our second stab at video enhancement of the demos. Cameron Fackler did a great job but was hampered by the lack of enough cord to the camcorder. Cameron will have a longer cable in the future.

The Board of Directors of the club have been discussing the 2018 program schedule. The theme will be "Enhancing our skills". More information at the December dinner. The board also decided to **not** hire an outside judge for the 2018 State Fair exhibit. The cost has become very high and I am convinced that a panel of senior members would probably do a better job. It is my opinion that the critiques of the trees are the most beneficial part of the judging. Ribbons are great, but useful suggestions and corrections are far more helpful in the long run.

The end of the year dinner is on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 8 LUCKY BUFFET, at 5010 S. East Street. It is one block south of exit 2 of 465 S on the right. I plan to give a summary of the survey and a presentation of the 2018 program. See you there and have a good Thanksgiving.

Carl Wooldridge

ABStracts

A Forum for Members

ABStracts is published quarterly for the benefit of members. We are always in search of short news items, opinions, and photographs pertaining to bonsai in North America. In addition, we want to bring you up to date on up-coming shows, exhibitions, meetings, etc.

Club Profile Indianapolis Bonsai Club (IBC)

Community(ies) served?

The Indianapolis, Indiana metropolitan area which has a population of approximately 2,000,000.

Contact person, email and website?

Carl Wooldridge, IBC President: carlwool@hotmail.com. The club website is indybonsai.org

What are your membership numbers/meeting facilities? The Indianapolis Bonsai Club (IBC) was started in 1968 with 8 charter members and presently we have 105 members. At the last meeting attending were 50 members and 3 guests. As much as we would like to see continued growth it would create a conundrum in that we would have to find a larger place to meet. We have an excellent relationship with our present host, The City of Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation and the facilities are fantastic, a meeting room, a workroom where we can make a mess (and also clean up), a working greenhouse and an attached conservatory. The facilities are offered at no cost as long as we provide a negotiated number of volunteer hours and an annual bonsai exhibit.

What size area does your club cover?

Indiana has very active clubs in Ft Wayne and Elkhart and a study group in Evansville plus clubs bordering Indiana in Cincinnati OH and Louisville KY, and thus we draw primarily from a radius of 60 miles around Indianapolis. We do have members who regularly attend the meetings of these nearby groups.

Is your club growing, rather static, or losing membership/participation?

The membership has fluctuated between 55 and 125 over the past 10 years and there seems to be a direct correlation between the amount of exposure we have, i.e. Exhibits, Conventions, etc. As with most non-profit organizations we have a core group, which in our case consists of about 30 selfproclaimed bonsai addicts of all skill levels, whom provide continuity and stability.

What kind of things do you do to keep your members enthusiastic/involved?

Although we did not realize it at the time, one of our better decisions a number of years ago was to limit the club president term to 2 terms (4 years) which created a guaranteed change of leadership which in turn initiated new and exciting ideas. As is true in all bonsai organizations what we consider our hardest task is how to provide a well-rounded yearly program which addresses all ages and experience levels of our members. In October of each year, when the officers are setting up the next years' schedule of events, a clipboard with blank paper is passed around in the club meeting with a simple request "Please write down the programs and/or any activities you wish to see the IBC offer or participate in next year". Two suggestions which have been implemented are events 1 hour prior to our monthly meeting. From March thru August there is a Bonsai 101 class for beginners and every month (with the exception of the annual bonsai auction) experienced members are available to assist those who wish to bring in bonsai for advice, styling, repotting, etc. We have another program which has reaped great benefits to the club, a "Bonsai species of the month" 10 minute presentation each month. This does not, at first glance, appear unique except for the fact the presenter cannot be a "professional" or "experienced" member. This has



Figure 1: Above, workshop with Bjorn Bjorholm.

40 50th Anniversary American Bonsai Society



agle Creek Bonsai was opened for business in September, 2009. The goal was to provide quality bonsai, pre-bonsai, tools, pots and supplies to Central Indiana at affordable prices. Scott Yelich, owner of Eagle Creek Bonsai, has been working with bonsai for over 20 years. Eagle Creek bonsai also sells suiseki. The daizas for the suiseki listed on the website are hand made by Scott. Eagle Creek Bonsai holds monthly workshops from March through August on various tree species and bonsai styles. You can often find the Eagle Creek Bonsai booth at local farmers' markets, local and regional bonsai shows, and craft shows. You are welcome to visit the Eagle Creek Bonsai greenhouse and garden by appointment. To schedule your visit, please call 317-471-7696.









































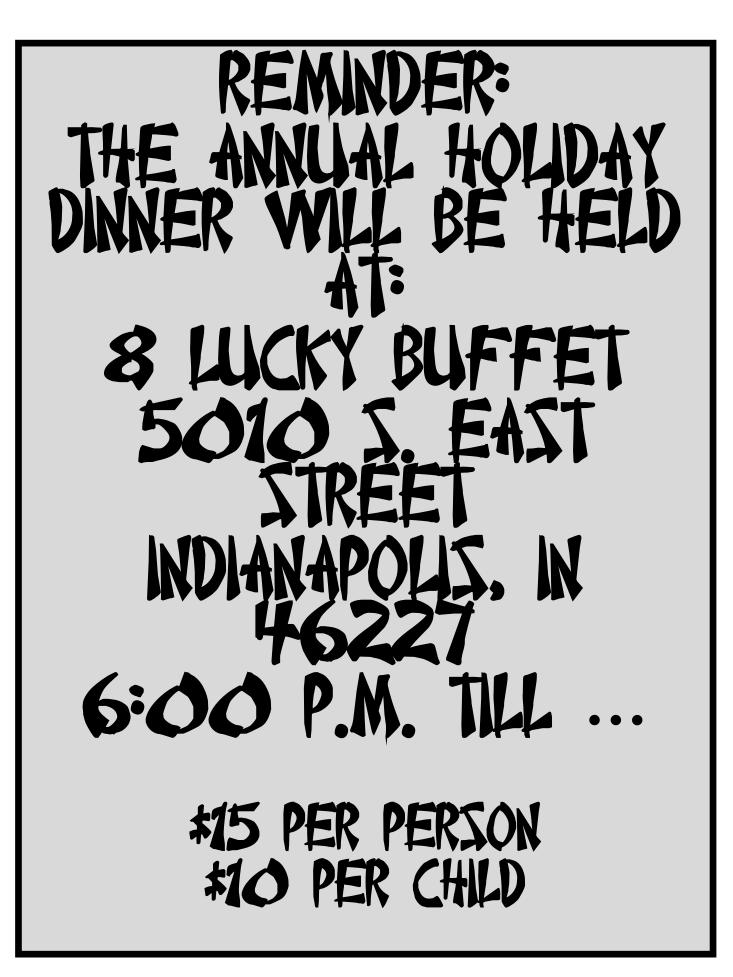












Upcoming Bonsai Events

For IBC monthly meetings, see: www.indybonsai.org

Dec 2, 2017

Fresno Bonsai Society 10th annual bonsai yard sale at the Clovis Botanical Gardens, Fresno, CA

December 2-3, 2017

Winter Silhouette Bonsai Exhibit at Kannapolis, NC

February 24-25, 2018

Bonsai-A-Thon XXII at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, CA

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

Date	Meeting	Detail	
2017	Торіс		
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	A report on his experiments on the effect of pot colors on soil temperature	Ron Fraley
	Pot col- ors; The World Bonsai conven- tion	(Ron Fraley); A report on the World bonsai convention by Mark Fields	Mark Fields
7/5	MABA site preview	On site preview of MABA Convention Preparations: Clarion Hotel & confer- ence 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 Auc- tion	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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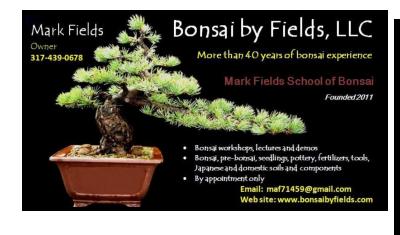
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Club Officers+ 2017-2018

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monthMembersTime:7:00 pmVolunteeClub Dues:Dues are \$25 per calendar
year. Cost includes (up to)
two members of the same
household.Historian
Librarian
MABA/IE
ABS

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Checkout the IBC website: www.indybonsai.org