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# Grafting & Air Layering



INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

## The Bonsai Creation

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# From the President

What has happened to Spring? There was frost in late April, now high 80's. Some plants will need early heat and sun protection.

The Kusamono workshop [on May 26th](#) was cancelled due to lack of numbers interested. Scheduling workshops on Memorial Day weekend proved to be a bad idea.

June program. Neil Dellinger will present understanding Shohin Bonsai. He has an extensive collection and has won awards for displays at MABA 2017 and Chicago. This is the time to prepare your trees that may be 'show worthy'. Neil has many tips and tools to help you. THIS IS A MUST SEE PROGRAM!.

The tree of the month is Japanese Maples.

The July program will be a workshop on Kusamono (accent plants). Marl Fields is working with Shannon Saylor to purchase quality plants for the program. I, and several other people will be bringing small bonsai pots for sale. If you have extra accent plant pots and want to sell or give them away, feel free to do so. It would greatly help the program if members would let Mark know what trees you are considering to show, so that he can select the correct plants for you. It would also help if members bring in their trees in July. It is always better to match the trees and plants visually. On second thought; bring the Bonsai tables too! The short program is on Kusamono.

**Carl Wooldridge**



# **Indianapolis Bonsai Club**

**May 2nd, 2018**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Alyssa Batula

**Date & Time:** May 2nd, 2018, 7pm

**Location:** Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

**Presiding:** Club President Carl Wooldridge

**Attendance:** 39

**Membership:** 56 paid - 93 total

**Checking/Savings Balance:**

**Checking:** \$1,585.31

**Savings:** \$\$12,593.66

The May meeting featured a grafting and air layering demonstration by Mark Fields, aided by close-up video by Cameron Fackler. For grafting, sekka hinoki cypress cuttings were grafted onto a hinoki cypress in order to eventually replace the existing foliage. It's important to make sure you use a sharp grafting knife, and graft the trees while they are actively growing. Air layering was done on a zelkova with a nice top that needed better roots. When air layering, make sure you remove all of the cambium in a circle wide enough to prevent it from re-connecting to the top of the tree.

## **Announcements**

### **Garfield Park Show**

June 2-3, not judged

Please spray trees for pests before bringing them!

### **50th Anniversary Celebration**

July 7th at Holiday park (lunch)

Will also have a bonsai show that day

### **State Fair Show**

August

Two shifts: first judged by club members, second exhibition only

We will need volunteers!

# 2018 All Michigan Bonsai Show

By Mark Fields



he All Michigan Bonsai Show took place on Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, 2018. Always Mother's Day Weekend. The show venue was the beautiful Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I drove up on Thursday before the show so I could set up my exhibit and booth early on Friday morning. The event runs like a well-oiled machine because they've been doing it at the same venue for many years. There are always lots of local club members who help the vendors unload and set up.

You never know what the weather will be like for Mother's Day Weekend in Michigan. This year during the time I was setting up, it was pouring down rain and cold, in the 40's. In past years I've experienced rain, snow, wind and beautiful, sunny days and weekends. I had checked the forecast earlier in the week and I knew of the chance for rain, but was unprepared for the cold. I went up there with only shorts and t-shirts. After checking into my hotel, I went to Sam's Club and bought a sweat-shirt. On Saturday morning it was 41 degrees. It poured all day on Friday but held off for the entire show.

This year the judge for the show was the one and only Bill Valavanis. He and his wife Diane drove from Rochester, New York with a vehicle full of trees to vend as well. He did a couple of demos and workshops as well as a walk through where he critiqued and discussed most of the trees in the exhibit. He is amazingly knowledgeable about all aspects of exhibiting bonsai. He discussed how to correct problems with the way the trees were presented and about seasonal companion plants that are appropriate for spring exhibitions. All of his comments were well received.

I exhibited 5 compositions and all were awarded Award of Excellence ribbons. Greg Madson exhibited a semi-cascade pigmy red barberry and received an Award of Excellence as well. The tree that won Best Professional was an awesome Sierra Juniper that was also exhibited in the Artisan's Cup, where it won best of show and a \$5,000 prize. It was also exhibited in the last US National show. The owner is not a professional but had already won best of show at last years All Michigan Bonsai Show in open class, so he had to enter it in professional class in order to win an award this year.

Saturday was a great day for sales. I saw many old friends and made some new ones. I was happy to have Greg Madson there with me this year. He is really good with the customers and they love talking with him. I have made many good friends in the GR area as well. Getting together with them is always a good time as well.

Sunday was a bit more calm. The show didn't open until 11AM. The main crowd were local people who most likely were going to the gardens after church. I did a workshop using gardenias. It was a full workshop since they are flowering trees and it was Mother's Day.

The show ended at 5PM on Sunday. Breaking down is always hectic. The club members usually help which makes the task go faster. With help I can usually be on the road in 45 minutes. This year I didn't get any help. It took me an hour and a half to load up. I didn't get home until 11:15PM.

All in all it was a great weekend and I can't wait until next years show.

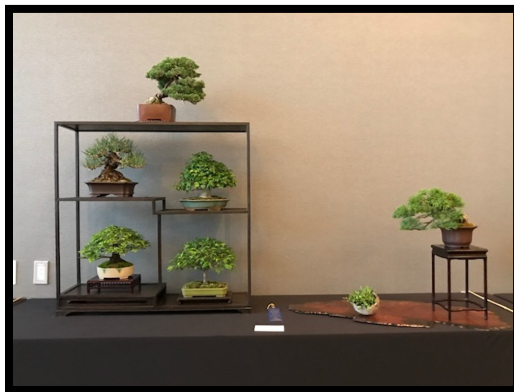




**My 5 point composition**



**Greg Madson's Pygmy Red Barberry**



**My 7 point composition**



**My Coral Jade**



**My Blue Alps Juniper**



**My Kokonoe Japanese**



**Bonsai by Fields Booth**

# **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

(For IBC Monthly Meetings/events+ visit [www.indybonsai.org](http://www.indybonsai.org))

- May 19, 2018** Penjing Workshop at Eagle Creek Bonsai, Indianapolis, IN
- May 19-20, 2018** Alabama Bonsai Society Exhibit, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL.
- May 25-27, 2018** Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous, Olive Branch, MS
- May 25-27, 2018** Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention, Florida Hotel, Orlando, FL
- May 26, 2018** Ft Wayne Bonsai Exhibit, Ft Wayne Botanical Gardens, Ft Wayne, IN
- June 2-3, 2018** IBC Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN
- June 9, 2018** Eagle Creek Bonsai Workshop at Peace Through Yoga, Franklin, IN
- June 16, 2018** Dwarf Jade Workshop at Eagle Creek Bonsai, Indianapolis, IN
- June 16 –17, 2018** Bonsai by Fields workshops with Tyler Sherrod. BYOT
- July 7, 2018** IBC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Holiday Park, Indianapolis, IN
- July 14, 2018** Bougainvillea Workshop at Eagle Creek Bonsai, Indianapolis, IN
- August 3-11, 2018** Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN
- August 17-19, 2018** Midwest Bonsai Society Bonsai Show at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
- August 25, 2018** Ficus Nerifolia Workshop at Eagle Creek Bonsai, Indianapolis, IN
- September 8, 2018** IBC Bonsai Sale at Penrod Art Fair, Newfields ( Indianapolis Museum of Art), Indianapolis, IN
- September 8-9, 2018** U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, East Rochester, NY
- September 14-16, 2018** Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous, Portland, OR
- September 15, 2018** Ft Wayne Bonsai Exhibit, Ft Wayne Botanical Gardens, Ft Wayne, IN
- September 17-19, 2018** Bonsai by Fields workshops with Mauro Stemberger. BYOT
- October 24-28, 2018** Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention, Sacramento, CA
- October 26 – 27, 2018** Bonsai by Fields workshop with Todd Schlafer. BYOT
- November 4, 2018** Bonsai Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale, Berne Davis Botanical Garden, Ft Myers, FL
- December 1-2, 2018** Winter Silhouette Bonsai Show, North Carolina Research Center, Kannapolis, NC

Date 2018	Short Program	Long Program	
1/3	Barberry Bonsai	Severe wiring of a Juniper	
2/7	Mugo Pine	Finding the bonsai in the tree	
3/7	Flowering Apricot Bonsai	Everything about bonsai pots	
4/4	Chinese Quince	Potting a Bonsai / Club Members exchange/selling of trees	
5/2	Crab Apple Bonsai	Shohin Bonsai	
6/6	Japanese Maple Bonsai	Kusamono	
7/11*	Juniper Bonsai	How to finish a bonsai display	
8/1	Tropical Bonsai	Presentation of show only State Fair trees	
9/4	Members Only Auction	Annual Club Members Bonsai Auction	
10/3	Evergreen Workshop		
11/2	Preparing for Winter	How to draw a bonsai	
12/5	Christmas GALA		

**For the most up to date calendar, visit our website:  
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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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