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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

# 50 Years of Bonsai in Indianapolis

## 1968 — 2018

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# From the President

The June weather has been 'toasty', but it is good to see the trees developing. 90 degree weather is hard on the trees especially the Northern trees like White Scot and Mugo pines. There need some shade protection and good hydration. I have found that placing all my trees on wet carpet and keeping them in in containers with Turface on the bottom has been invaluable; especially for the small bonsai. The only hazard is roots growing on the carpet. I check the underside of each pot bimonthly.

The June meeting went very well. Mark [as usual] did an excellent presentation on care for Japanese Maples. His topic was timely. You have to remove many outer leaves to maintain and develop inner growth. Neil's program on Shoo-ins was a 'twist'. He demonstrated on a Maple that already had air layering and grafting. There were seedlings planted in the same pot ready for grafting. He showed a picture of the original tree and outlined the good and bad features. One gets the impression that preparation is half the battle. Neil is a gifted teacher and ,unless you feel asleep, you could not miss several excellent developmental concepts. Thank You Mark and Neil.

Julys' program is the last in the series on developing bonsai skills. We will be doing a lecture and workshop on Accent plants, also called Kusamono. Mark and I have been gathering appropriate plants for the workshop, as well as bringing accent pots. If anyone wants to sell small pots, please do so. Please note that pots must be clean prior to planting.

Our club is made up of members with different expectations. Some want bonsai only as a hobby, while others wish to develop their skill and compete in shows. Both are welcome. We will have plants that are easy to take care of and will make beautiful home displays. We will also have plants that will meet the criteria of competition. Anyone who is willing to 'give it a try' will come out with a beautiful display.

These are some ideas you should consider prior to the workshop.

1. Have a sample of carpet to put your plant on.
2. If your accent plant is go to be with a specific tree, bring the tree in. I have made accent plants in the past, only to bring them home and they do not match up well with the tree.
3. Consider making several accent plants. The opportunity to do so may not be better that this workshop.

We will provide the soil for the plants. It is very different than Bonsai soil. We are working on plants, not trees. There is some cost for the plants. The one I will bring in are "Home Depot" plants, repotted. Marks plants have been grown specifically for Kusamono and will be more expensive. The price of the pots will be up to the individual sellers.

I am going to use the short program to give the basic instructions on how to make and care for accent plants. There is a link on Kusamono that should be in the newsletter. We will do an update on Junipers later. I have asked members of the board to be available to assist in composing the accent plants; best results are obtained with team work.

**Carl Wooldridge**

**This is a very good link for Kusamono**  
**<http://www.kusamonochoe.com/>**

**Indianapolis Bonsai Club**

**June 6th, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

Alyssa Batula

**Date & Time:** June 6th, 2018, 7pm

**Location:** Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

**Presiding:** Club President Carl Wooldridge

**Attendance:** 31

**Membership:** 67 paid members

**Checking/Savings Balance:**

**Checking:** \$1,324.00

**Savings:** \$12,593.66

The June meeting began with a short program on Japanese maple by Mark Fields. The program included a live demonstration of how to cut back spring growth, ensuring that enough light reaches the inner layers of the tree. This generally involves trimming new growth back to the first pair of leaves, and either cutting the leaves in half or removing one of the pair.

This was followed by a demonstration by Neil Dellinger on grafting and air layering, with a specific focus on using these methods to create shohin. One suggested tip was to use a plastic pot of bonsai soil, rather than sphagnum moss and foil, when air layering. The pot can be cut to fit around the branch, and then stapled back together to hold the soil.

**Announcements**

**Successful Garfield Park show**

317 visitors (a new high!)

29 trees displayed from 7 people

Let's get more of the club showing trees!

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at Holiday Park**

Catered BBQ lunch from 11-2 (\$20 adults, \$15 children)

Bonsai show from 10-4 Everyone should bring a tree! It doesn't need to be show quality, bring whatever you have. There will be many people to provide feedback and advice to help you improve your trees

**August Workshop on Accent Plants**

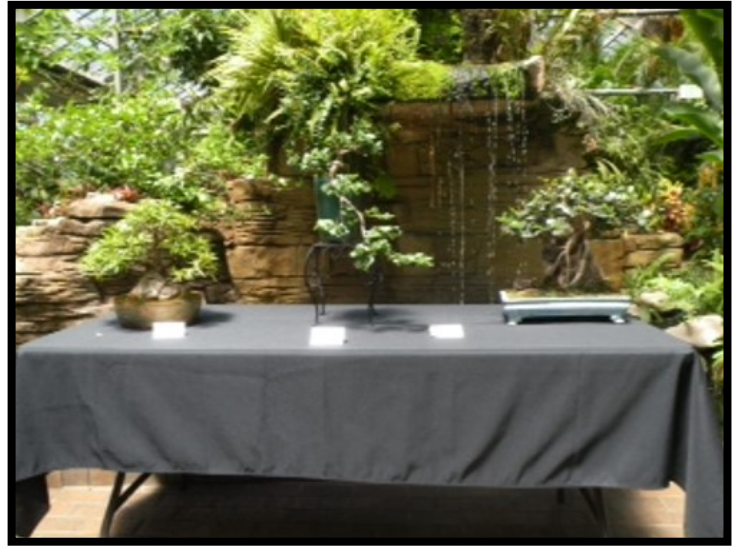
Bring a tree you would like to show and create an accent plant for it!

Plants will be available for purchase

Also bring any small pots or accent plants you would like to use or sell







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# The 50th Anniversary Gala

## It's a Big Deal!

I'm sure that by now, pretty much all of you are aware of our club's 50th anniversary party coming up on July 7. For some of you, this celebration may sound nice. For me, it is more than just nice --it is a big deal. Let me take a few moments to explain why:

Most of us enjoy celebrating milestones. For this reason alone, 50 years is a pretty significant number. It's not just because our club has been around for a long time. Rather, it's a time to look back and celebrate the club's many accomplishments. In the last 50 years, the Indianapolis Bonsai Club has aided in the cultivation of the art of bonsai not just in our local region, but throughout the US. Our club has been host to many fantastic artists. There are several very accomplished bonsai artists who are members of our club. We've hosted countless bonsai shows and several conventions. Indianapolis artists are regularly presenting trees at the major national bonsai exhibitions as well. Past IBC President Paul Weishaar was also the President of the Mid America Bonsai Alliance. Past IBC President Mark Fields was recently elected as the President of the American Bonsai Society. We have a lot to be proud of. Even with our club's accomplishments, I don't consider us a stuffy crowd. I've heard compliments from many new club members about how friendly and approachable our club members are when it comes to teaching bonsai. It is the joy of friendship and the willingness to teach that glues our club together.

This Gala celebration is more than a dinner and social gathering. It includes a bonsai show. I would encourage as many club members as possible to bring one or more trees to this show. It's not a competition. It's a celebration. Sure, some people have been doing bonsai longer than others. Some trees are more developed than others. You just have to remember that ALL trees are works in progress. Bring a tree to support your club. We'll start setting the show at 9am and the show opens to the public at 10am.

In closing, I really hope to see a good turnout for this event. The art of bonsai, and the Indianapolis Bonsai Club have significant meanings for all of us. For some, bonsai may be an escape from the stresses of life. For others, bonsai is a way of life. No matter how you look at it, the Indianapolis Bonsai Club has been a positive influence. The club has cultivated art, lots of little trees, and many friendships. Hopefully it has also challenged us to learn and improve our craft a little bit with each growing season. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming celebration.

*Scott Yelich*

Past President



# Celebrating 50 Years!

The Indianapolis Bonsai Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Saturday, July 7th at the Holliday Park Nature Center. The Park is located at 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis.

We will have a bonsai show in the nature center's auditorium from 10am-4pm, so please bring a tree to the show.

Stick around and enjoy the day with us! We'll have a club meet and mingle starting at 11am in the nature center's classroom, followed by a dinner at noon. This meal will be catered by Grilliant Foods. The meal will include 3 meats, 4 sides, drinks and cake. The cost of the meal is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. If possible, we ask that you pay for meals in advance, at the upcoming June club meeting. The meal will conclude at 2pm. You can enjoy Holiday Park's many amenities, and then return to the nature center at 4pm to pick up your bonsai tree at the show's conclusion.

We hope to see you there!



# Indianapolis Bonsai Club Celebrates 50 Years

**Paul Weishaar**

Officially, we reached **50** on January 25th, but for some unknown reason no one wanted a lunch in the park or to provide bonsai for an exhibit when the low temperature was 22 degrees. Therefore, on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate 50 years of Bonsai at the Holliday Park Nature Center. For those who are not familiar with the park on the Northside of Indianapolis, in addition to the Nature Center there are numerous trails along the river and through the woods and there is also an extensive playground. The park opens at 9am when we will begin the exhibit set-up, which opens at 10am. and runs until 4pm. Please feel free to bring a bonsai, this is an exhibit only, no judging. The lunch is being catered and serving begins at noon. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$15 for children. The exhibit and lunch is inside the Nature Center so bad weather is not an issue.

While I could get into a lengthy discussion relative to the IBC history, I will refrain as we have documented the 50 years in a hardbound book which will be available at the celebration at no cost to PAID MEMBERS. For those of you who are not active members.....the book is available with a current membership.

While we have searched past IBC membership Directories for member email and residential addresses, I am sure we have missed a few so if you happen to talk to someone who was a member in the past, let them know about the event.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Bonsai Events

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

**July 7, 2018 IBC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Holliday 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:  
[www.indybonsai.org](http://www.indybonsai.org)**

## **IBC Board of Directors 2017 & 2018**

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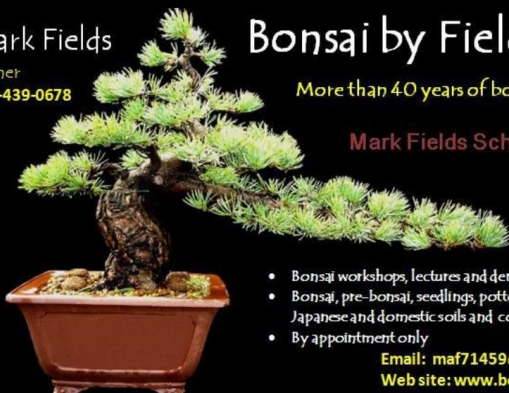
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## Club Officers+ 2017-2018

### **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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