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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

## On to another 50 YEARS!

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# BONSAI AT THE 2018 INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair will span 3 weeks this year and they have requested the Indianapolis Bonsai Club to again assist in the administration of the Bonsai Exhibit and Competition. The IBC has agreed and hopefully there will be participation by bonsai enthusiasts from throughout the state.

There is no question the bonsai have been the hit in the past fairs so for 2018 the Indiana State Fair has requested the bonsai be on display from the Friday the fair opens, Aug 3, through Friday, August 10. Obviously no one wants to exhibit their bonsai in an interior environment for 9 days so there will be two sessions as follows:

## **Session 1 Judged Bonsai**

## **Session 2 Exhibited Bonsai**

The schedule is:

Thursday Aug 2 through 5PM, deliver Bonsai to be set up and judged

Friday Aug 3 through Tuesday Aug 7 or Wednesday August 8, Judged Bonsai on display

Tuesday Aug 7 or Wednesday Aug 8 remove Judged Bonsai and set up Exhibit Bonsai.

. Exhibit Bonsai on display through Friday evening

Saturday Aug 10 remove all bonsai prior to 8am.

The event will be held in the Agricultural / Horticultural Building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. When the bonsai are delivered they will be registered, labels made and the bonsai can then be set up. There is no entry fee.

We have committed to having a minimum of one volunteer present when the fair is open to the public (8 am – 10pm). Obviously volunteers are needed. The building will be locked when closed and the Indiana State Fair will have someone present in the building all night for security.

Entry form is attached to this memo and we would like them submitted ASAP so we have an idea of how many bonsai will be entered.

Last year we had 3 bonsai vendors participate and all 3 have committed to 2018. The vendors can remain throughout the entire fair.

What is needed now is some idea of how many bonsai will be at the fair. Numbers are all that is needed now. We are also requesting volunteer names. A schedule will be prepared later. Please respond to Paul Weishaar at [pweishaar3@comcast.net](mailto:pweishaar3@comcast.net) or call 1 317 846 2640

## **Indianapolis Bonsai Club**

**July 11th, 2018**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Alyssa Batula

**Date & Time:** July 11th, 2018, 7pm

**Location:** Garfield Park (Shelter #4)

**Presiding:** Club President Carl Wooldridge

**Attendance:** 40+/-

**Membership:** 56 paid members

**Checking/Savings Balance 6-30-18:**

**Checking: \$756.20**

**Savings: \$12,594.29**

**\$13,350.49**

# 2018 Indiana State Fair Bonsai Entry Form

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want name on display card? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

## Session 1 Judged Bonsai (set up Thursday Aug 2 until 5 pm, display Aug 3 thru 7)

\_\_\_\_ Youth (under age 16)

\_\_\_\_ Novice (up to 5 years experience)

\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (6 to 10 years experience)

\_\_\_\_ Open (over 10 years experience)

\_\_\_\_ Evergreen

\_\_\_\_ Deciduous

\_\_\_\_ Tropical

\_\_\_\_ Indigenous

Bonsai Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bonsai Botanical Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Session 2 Exhibit Bonsai (set up Aug 7 or 8, display Aug 7 thru 11. Must be out by 8 am Sat Aug 11)

Bonsai Information:

Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

Botanical Name \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit **1 Entry Form for EACH Bonsai**

Send forms to: Paul Weishaar

9211 Central

Indianapolis, IN 46240

Email: [pweishaar3@comcast.net](mailto:pweishaar3@comcast.net)

Or bring forms to fair

# From the President

July was a busy month for the club 50th anniversary celebration and an outdoor meeting.

Participation in the 50th anniversary was great. Holiday Park proved to be an excellent choice for the gathering. [Thank you Scott]. We had 48 bonsai displays by 11 members. There were 187 visitors, but it was never overly crowded. The diversity of trees gave a fine representation of the club. The buffet lunches were tasty and members had time to 'catch up' with one another. The only 'downer' was that the event planner, Dan Cain, had a fall and could not attend. The feedback from Holiday Park's staff was good and there may be opportunities for future shows.

**CLUB MEETING:** The club meeting was on Wed. July 11, and held outside. Mark, Scott and I provided many Kusamono pots and ample plant material for the workshop. In the instructional portion of the meeting was the difference between Accent plants [also called Shitatusa] and Kusamono. Accent plants are used to enhance or complete the Bonsai composition. They should be plants that grow in the same environment as the tree and be in the same 'seasonal' development. The pots should be different i.e. glazed vs. unglazed, oval vs. square, etc. than the tree. The most important factor is that the Accent plant must complement the tree and not be the central attraction.

Kusamono is a separate plant; perhaps with a very small tree. They have been called "Nature in Miniature". These displays have showy pots with an occasional flower etc. The composition of material should be from the same environmental area and complimentary. The American Bonsai Society has a good pamphlet by Pauline Muth on the topic

**AUGUST MEETING.** The August meeting will focus on how to prepare a bonsai display. There are experienced members who have received several 'ribbons' at past shows. These trees will be displayed in a separate area. I have asked that these trees be presented at the meeting and give some history on their development. The meeting will also try to help members, that are showing trees, on last minute details before presentation. If you have ever been at the preparation day at a big convention, you will see bonsai participants doing last minute work like moss application and cleaning. The position of the accent plant, placing the tree on the stand, and other preparations bring out the best in the tree and owner. I will try to find moss for members are showing trees, but I can not predict the weather.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** It is not too early to be looking through your collection and deciding what you need or may want to auction off!

**Carl Wooldridge**



## **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

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

**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

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

**Carl Wooldridge – President**

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**Alyssa Batula – Secretary**

**Scott Yelich – Past President**



| Date<br>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)**

## **Gala Picnic Data**

- **40 attendees**
- **A GOOD time was had by ALL!**
- **Good food, good friends, good times**

# IBC Corporate Sponsors 2018



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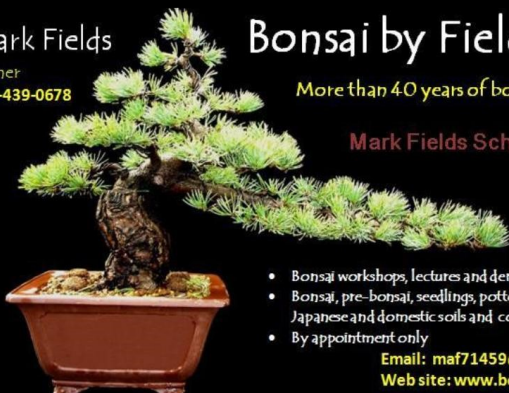
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## Club Officers+ 2017-2018

### **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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|---------------------|-----------------|
| President           | Carl Wooldridge |
| Vice President      | Dan Cain        |
| Secretary           | Alyssa Batula   |
| Treasurer           | Robert Hoy      |
| Past President      | Scott Yelich    |
| Membership          | Steven Dick     |
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| Historian           | Paul Weishaar   |
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| ABS                 | Mark Fields     |
| Garfield Curators   | Chuck Perry+    |
| Publications/Photos | Bob Hoy         |

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