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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation



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# From the President

**W**e are finally back in town. After 4 weeks of traveling, Judy and I agree, even though we had a great time, it is good to be back. Actually this is one of the few things we seem to agree on after 4 weeks of total togetherness. Whenever we take a trip of any length of time I am always a little nervous to take those first few steps to look at my bonsai as I have visions of multiple entries in the IBC annual dead tree contest. Once again the bonsai have survived, and, in fact, look great. Judy even hinted some of the bonsai seem to do better when I am away.....Hmmmmm.

I learned a long time ago that if you are away for any length of time you should have someone who has an understanding of bonsai watch and take care of your collection. Your next door neighbor or a relative will usually say they would be happy to care for your bonsai, but this is a recipe for disaster as very few know what needs how much water, sun, etc. More importantly most do not realize the time and effort you have spent to create your bonsai, let alone their value. This is where you can benefit from belonging to the Indianapolis Bonsai Club. Find a club member who lives near you and develop a relationship where you look after their bonsai while they are gone and they can reciprocate when you travel.

30 days have passed since the January IBC Newsletter was distributed and I would be willing to wager most of you have done nothing with your bonsai since reading that issue. Oops....let me back up.....I have just made a rash assumption some of you are actually reading the IBC Newsletter. For those few of you who are reading this, my point is, the past 30 days have passed rather quickly and the next 30 days will pass just as fast and possibly you may even see some bud swell on some of the deciduous trees in this time frame which will signal it is time to repot. By then it may be too late to order that specific pot you want or find the soil components you need. Now is the time to plan ahead. Be Prepared.

Speaking of soils, The February IBC meeting presentation is on Bonsai Soils. WAIT..STOP..I can read your mind! You are thinking "My bonsai are alive and seem to be doing OK. Why should I attend this meeting?" A number of years ago we had Warren Hill (Former Curator of the National Bonsai Collection) present a soils program and he speculated around 25% of the bonsai thrived due to their soil composition and the other 75% survived in spite of the soil they were planted in and yet 100% of the bonsai enthusiasts strongly believed and would defend to the end they had the perfect soil. Hopefully your bonsai are in the thriving 25% class but just to make sure I recommend you attend the February meeting. We have samples of over 50 soil ingredients to view and discuss as well as some enlightening experiments to help you choose the correct soil mixture for your bonsai environment.

*Paul Weishaar*

## Minutes: January 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice President, Scott Yelich. A short business meeting took place.

Secretary's\*\* Report: December Gala/No minutes

Treasurers Report: 12/31 Balances:

	<b>Checking: \$ 404.48</b>
	<b>Savings: \$ 10,295.36</b>

A brief review of the 2019 Calendar ensued.

The 2019 Brochure was made available to membership+. Following, all participated in a “Finding the Bonsai Within” discussion++ presented by Carl Wooldridge.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## Robert L. Hoy

## Treasurer





# February Bonsai Care

**(suggestions/considerations)**

## **Indoor**

**Watering: Maintain moisture.**

**Fertilizing: Do not fertilize.**

**Pruning: Maples may be pruned if w/out leaves.**

**Potting: Do not repot.**

**Wiring: Only wire conifers and evergreens.**

## **Outdoor**

**Location: Protect all trees from cold weather.**

**Watering: Keep soil moist and mist twice a week.**

**Fertilizing: Do not fertilize.**

**Pruning: Do not prune.**

**Potting: You may begin repotting.**

**Wiring: Ideal time to wire.**



## **Upcoming Bonsai Events**

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

February 23 – 24, 2019 ■ GSBF Bonsai – A-Thon XXIII, The Huntington Gardens, San Marino, CA

March 9, 2019 ■ Brussel's Bonsai Annual Spring Bonsai Sale, Olive Branch, MS

March 9 – 17, 2019 ■ Indiana Flower and Patio Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds

March 23, 2019 ■ IBC Bonsai 101 Class, Garfield Park Conservatory, Indianapolis, IN

April 11 – 14, 2019 ■ ABS 2019 National Convention, Houston Marriott, Houston, TX

April 20, 2019 IBC ■ Nursery Tour, Eagle Creek Nursery, Indianapolis, IN

May 24 – 26, 2019 ■ Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous, Olive Branch, MS

June 1 – 2, 2019 ■ Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN

June 21 – 23, 2019 ■ US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibit, Southeast Kannapolis, NC

August 2 – 10, 2019 ■ Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN

August 16 – 18, 2019 ■ Midwest Bonsai Society Bonsai Show at Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe, IL

September 7, 2019 ■ Penrod Arts Fair, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN

### **IBC Board of Directors**

#### **2019-2020 Officers**

**Paul Weishaar – President**

**Scott Yelich – Vice President**

**Bob Hoy – Treasurer**

**Alyssa Batula – Secretary**

**Carl Wooldridge - Past President**

**Brussels Bonsai Preview Sale  
Olive Branch, Mississippi  
Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Date	Program
<b>2019 Meetings</b>	
January 2	Finding the Bonsai
February 6	Soils Program
March 6	Repotting Demo/Bring Your Own Tree to Repot
April 3	Deciduous Workshop
May 1	Repot/Restyle Garfield Park Bonsai Collection
June 5	Members Sale / Fertilizing and Disease Prevention
July 3	Tropical Workshop
August 7	Bring Your Own Tree / Positive Bonsai Critique
September 4	Annual Members Only Auction
October 2	Evergreen Workshop
November 6	Bonsai Slab Construction Demo
December 4	Christmas GALA

March 9 -17	Indiana Flower and Patio Show Bonsai Sale
March 23	IBC Bonsai 101 Class
April 20	Nursery Tour: How to Choose a Potential Bonsai
June 1-2	Garfield Park Exhibit and Sale
June 22	IBC Pitch In Picnic
August 2-10	Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit and Sale
September 7	Penrod Arts Fair Bonsai Sale

We are (always) looking for articles and photos of your bonsai collection for the e-news. Please submit to [r.hoy@outlook.com](mailto:r.hoy@outlook.com) for 2019 publications!

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# **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.

## **Club Officers+ 2019-2020**

<b>President</b>	<b>Paul Weishaar</b>
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