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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

SPRING HAS SPRUNG- ...OR HAS IT?



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From the President

Officially spring is here, but some of my bonsai do not appear to realize it. Some are leafing out, while others are still asleep. On closer inspection, I have noticed the bonsai on the benches are ahead of those on the floor under the benches. Is there a problem here? Placing a couple of thermometers, both at bench level and at the floor, confirmed there is an environmental difference. Not only is there less light but the average temperature on a cloudy day at the floor is between 3 and 4 degrees cooler than bench top. When the sun is out the difference can be as high as 10 degrees. It turns out I have no problem, spring has just not yet arrived at floor level! (Unofficially, that is).

Officially when do the seasons – spring, summer, fall, and winter – start? Each season has both an astronomical start and a meteorological start. An astronomical start of a season is based on the position of the Earth in relation to the Sun. More specifically, the start of each season is marked by either a solstice (for winter and summer) or an equinox (for spring or autumn). A solstice is when the Sun reaches the most southerly or northerly point in the sky, while the equinox is when the Sun passes over the Earth's equator. Because of leap years and the variables in the earth's orbit around the sun, the lengths of each season can vary from 89 to 94 days. This year spring began on Wednesday, March 20 at 5:58 P.M. EDT

The meteorological start came about when scientists and meteorologists agreed it was too confusing with all the variables to keep accurate annual records. They decided to keep it simple, make each season begin on the first of a particular month: Spring begins on March 1, summer on June 1, autumn on September 1, and winter on December 1.

That's probably more than you wanted to know about when Spring started, but I now have to figure out how to explain this to my bonsai.

The IBC just completed a very successful 10 day run at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show. We sold over 50 bonsai and it is impossible to put a value on the exposure the IBC received. We have already signed up for next year.

The program this month will be a deciduous workshop. There will be a variety of both tree types and sizes available, along with pots, wire and soil. The costs will vary, but I promise you we are keeping them at a minimum. All you need to bring is yourself with your tools.

See you on Wednesday, April 3rd.



Indianapolis Bonsai Club

March 6th 2019

Meeting Minutes

Alyssa Batula

Date & Time: March 6th, 7pm

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Paul Weishaar

Attendance: 40

Membership: 90 members, 49 paid for 2019

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$296.89

Savings: \$10,295.36

At 6:30 the club showed a pre-meeting video tour of a bonsai nursery. Each month we will continue showing a different video before the meeting, and club members are welcome to come watch the video and/or bring in trees for pre-meeting advice on care and styling.

The March meeting was all about repotting. It started with a demonstration of repotting an elm. Ideally it would have been repotted earlier in the year, since it was already starting to leaf out, but hopefully it's recovering well. The repotting workshop began after the demonstration, where members could get assistance repotting their trees.

Announcements:

Flower and Patio Show

The club will have a table at the flower and patio show to sell trees and recruit new members

Bonsai 101 Class: March 23rd 10AM-12PM

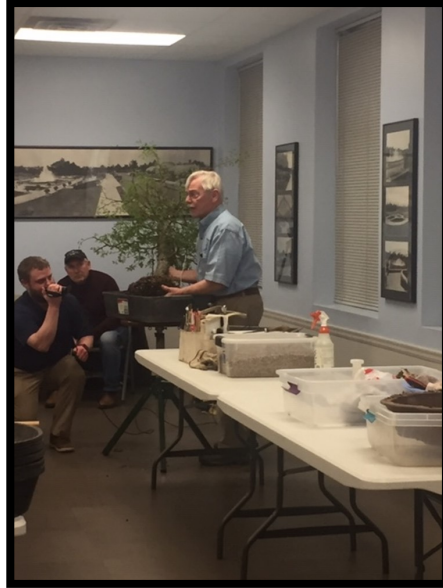
The class will be held at Garfield Park

Club Library has been updated

Sign out a book (the old-fashioned way) and bring it back at the next meeting



REPOTTING



**CARL WOOLDRIDGE
DEMO'S HOW TO
REPOT A LARGE ELM
(MARCH 6, 2019)**





THE INDIANA FLOWER AND PATIO SHOW 2019

Corporate Sponsors

Bonsai by Fields, Circle City Bonsai, & Eagle Creek Bonsai were vendors at The Indiana Flower and Patio Show. A % of sales were returned to the club. Information about membership and club events were shared

April Bonsai Care

(suggestions/considerations)

Indoor

Watering: Once a week by entirely submerging pot in water.

Fertilizing: Once every two weeks at 1/2 strength if leaves are growing.

Pruning: Light pruning of overgrown branches.

Potting: Repot with new soil.

Wiring: Ideal time to wire.

Outdoor

Location: Keep in a bright place, but avoid burning sunlight. Rotate bonsai every second day for even light.

Watering: Once a week only if trees start growing otherwise just keep soil moist.

Fertilizing: Do not fertilize.

Pruning: Prune if trees are not showing new growth.

Potting: Repot conifers.

Wiring: Wire conifers, evergreens, and deciduous.

Location: Keep trees cool but provide good light.

We are always looking for new content for our e-news! Send info/photos of your trees+ to r.hoy@outlook.com!

Bonsai Events

For IBC Monthly Meetings/events+ visit www.indybonsai.org

Local and National Bonsai events in 2019

January 6, 2019 Plant City Bonsai Open House, 1pm - 5pm, Clermont, GA
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 16 – 17, 2019 Atlanta Bonsai Society Spring Show, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA
March 23, 2019 IBC Bonsai 101 Class, Garfield Park Conservatory, Indianapolis, IN
March 30, 2019 Deciduous Workshop at Eagle Creek Bonsai, Indianapolis, IN
April 6 – 7, 2019 Phoenix Bonsai Society Annual Bonsai Show, Valley Garden Center, Phoenix, AR
April 11 – 14, 2019 ABS 2019 National Convention, Houston Marriott, Houston, TX
April 12 – 14, 2019 MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies Spring Festival, Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, PA
April 13 – 14, 2019 Northern Virginia Bonsai Society Spring Show, Merrifield Garden Center, Fairfax, VA
April 20, 2019 IBC Nursery Tour, Eagle Creek Nursery, Indianapolis, IN
April 27 – 28, 2019 Mid- Appalachian Bonsai Kai, Spring Show, Kingsport Civic Auditorium, Kingsport, TN
May 11 – 12, 2019 Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Bonsai Exhibit, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL
May 11 – 12, 2019 Michigan All-State Bonsai Show, Mijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI
May 18-19, 2019 Alabama Bonsai Society Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL
May 24 – 26, 2019 Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous, Olive Branch, MS
May 24 – 26, 2019 Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention, Florida Hotel, Orlando, FL
May 31 – June 2, 2019 Potomac Bonsai Association Convention, National Arboretum, Washington, DC
June 1 – 2, 2019 Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit, Indianapolis, IN
June 29 – 30, 2019 US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibit, Southeast Kannapolis, NC
August 2 – 10, 2019 Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
August 16 – 18, 2019 Midwest Bonsai Society Bonsai Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe, IL
September 7, 2019 Penrod Arts Fair, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
September 15, 2019 7th Annual The Art of Bonsai, Hidden Lakes Garden, Tipton, MI
For other Indiana Bonsai Organizations schedules visit their websites:

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Date	Program
2019 Meetings	
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 for 2019 publications!

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www.indybonsai.org**

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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

President	Paul Weishaar
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**Checkout the IBC website:
www.indybonsai.org**