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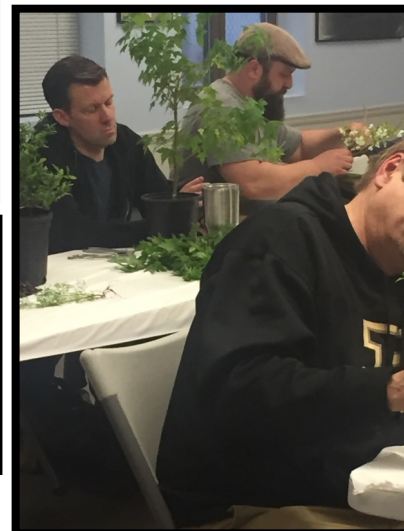


INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

DECIDUOUS WORKSHOP

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS ...



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From the President

The next meeting of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club will be Wednesday evening, May 1 at Garfield Park. As usual the formal meeting begins at 7pm but we have another video tour, this month featuring Bill Valavanis' International Bonsai Arboretum beginning a 6:30.

The program this month will be centered on the Garfield Park Bonsai Collection. Many years ago Bob Mogle, Bob Brown and Frank Hunt (these are the ones I remember) donated bonsai to start the Garfield collection. In walking through the greenhouse last fall it was obvious the collection was in need of attention so it was decided a good club project would be to give these trees a much needed repotting, restyling and whatever to get these bonsai back in shape. Some of them may even need a new pot after restyling. So bring your tools and the IBC will provide pots, mesh, soil and wire while you provide the knowledge and labor. If you have a personal bonsai that needs repotting we can probably work that in.

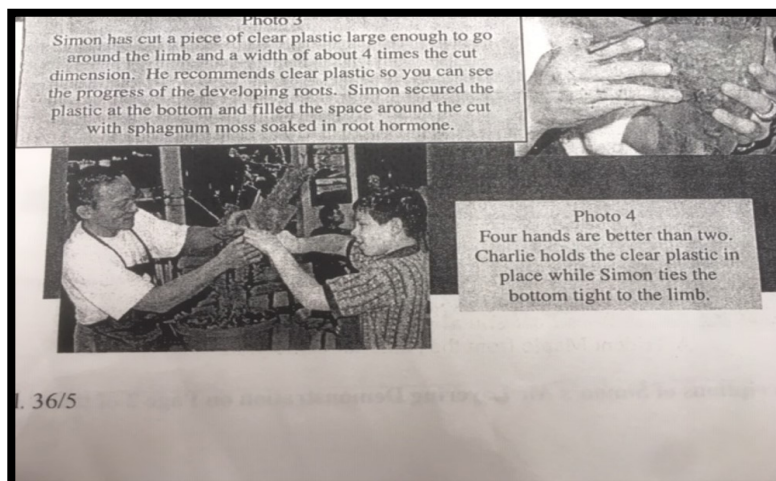
Membership dues are now **OVERDUE**. If you have not paid your dues and are reading this newsletter, please pay them. It is only \$25. What are the dues for? Items i.e. printing Membership Directories, IBC Calendar of events for handouts (2000 this year), workshop materials i.e. soil, wire, etc. and subsidizing workshop costs. As an example, to hold the tree costs for the April workshop to \$20 each, the IBC contributed approximately \$150.

The Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit is coming up soon, June 1-2, which means you better get your bonsai ready to exhibit. Eagle Creek Bonsai and Circle City Bonsai will have trees for sale and we can set up additional tables if any other IBC members wish to sell items.

The second week of May Scott Yelich and I are flying to Florida, renting a mini-van and visiting a number of bonsai nurseries to purchase pots and trees. If you have any special requests let Scott or I know.

Recently while searching for an article in past IBC Newsletters, I ran across some April 2003 photos of an Air Layering Demo with Simon Feng and his volunteer assistant young Charlie Elliott. After many years absence, Charlie rejoined the IBC last year. It is always interesting what I find in these old **newsletters**.

Paul Weishaar



Indianapolis Bonsai Club

April 3rd, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Alyssa Batula

Date & Time: April 3rd, 7pm

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Paul Weishaar

Attendance: 34

Membership: 98 members, 57 paid

Checking/Savings Balance:

Checking: \$390

Savings: \$10,296

Before the meeting (6:30pm) the club showed a video tour of Nature's Way Bonsai. The April meeting was a deciduous tree workshop.

Announcements

Eagle Creek Nursery Tour

Saturday April 20th at 10am

Come learn what to look for in a nursery tree

No need to register, more information on the website

Next Month: Restyling Garfield Park Trees

We will be re-potting and re-styling the Garfield Park trees at the May meeting

Bring your tools, the club will supply everything else

17-year cicada warning

The 17-year cicadas came 4 years early in some areas

If Indy's do too, they will show up in 2020 instead of 2024

Use grub killer now to reduce their numbers in the spring



ABS CONVENTION 2019

Bonsai on the Bayou

By Mark Fields

This year, the American Bonsai Society joined with the Houston Bonsai Society for our annual convention. It was held at the Houston Marriott Westchase, April 12 through 14. For the Houston Bonsai Society, this wasn't their first big convention. HBS President Pete Parker and I performed the ribbon cutting ceremony. Pete presented me with a genuine Texas cowboy hat during that ceremony. They were more than prepared and took the lead from the start. They did an absolutely outstanding job!

The headliners for this convention were Ryan Neil, Boon Manakitivipart and Enrique Castano. Many other local members and vendors also conducted workshops and seminars. Ryan, Boon and Enrique styed trees on stage during a demo on Friday evening. The vendor area had 16 vendors with trees, pots, soil, tools, etc. The exhibition had more than 80 entries including trees, kusamono and suiseki.

Being the president of the American Bonsai Society, it was expected that I attend, so I flew to this event. The ABS did not pay for my airfare, registration, hotel or meals. Fellow Indianapolis Bonsai Club member, David Higgins told me that he was going to attend the convention and offered to take some trees there for me. I entered 2 shohin compositions and 2 suiseki. I was surprised at the banquet on Saturday evening, by being awarded "Best Shohin Display" along with a \$150 check. I awarded the John Naka Award for the best native tree trained by the owner of that tree, to Dawn Koetting, from the New Orleans Bonsai Society. I also awarded the ABS Award of Merit to Scott Borboza, from the Houston Bonsai Society. Both trees were bald cypress and were really well done.

The ABS board members who were responsible for designing and providing the award certificates failed to design and print those awards, so I had to ask the HBS to design and supply those certificates. They were more than happy to do that even though they were extremely busy performing their duties. They were like a well-oiled machine! I can only hope that future conventions will go even close to that level of perfection.

All in all, the convention was above my expectations. It was, perhaps, the best ABS convention that I have ever attended. Our next convention will be held October 8 through 11, 2020, at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC. It will be a truly amazing event sponsored by BCI, ABS, with the support of the US National Arboretum, the National Bonsai Foundation and the Potomac Bonsai Association. I urge you all to consider attending and participating. Ill be there as ABS president, vending, exhibiting and teaching. Stay tuned for more information.

ABS 2019

HOUSTON, TEXAS



May 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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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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www.indybonsai.org**