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The Bonsai Creation

IBC

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



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From the President

We are going to have a meeting, well, sort of. Carl keeps telling me if we do not have a some kind of get together soon members will forget about bonsai. I find that impossible but then I have had a few say I am way to obsessed with bonsai, so we are having a quasi meeting. Our schedule calls for a Tropical workshop and we missed the IBC Members sale in June so we are combining the two with certain limitations. There will be no Business discussion prior to the main event. Don't worry about our financial status as last time I checked the Cruise Lines have not resumed operations so our treasurer has not been able to book his "around the world trip" and the IBC funds are safe.

Garfield Park Staff has strongly urged we meet somewhere besides the conservatory, like outside, so they have reserved the covered picnic pavillion for us (for the next 3 months, just in case). We have used this pavillion before and it has 7 – 8ft picnic tables plus space to maintain the recommended 6ft spacing. The pavillion is located in the Northwest corner of the park. We are requesting all present to wear a mask.

The members sale will be from 7 to 7:30pm with the workshop beginning afterward. Any IBC member may bring any bonsai related item(s) to sell and each seller will handle their own transaction. The IBC takes no cut of the sales.

We have 24 fantastic trees for the workshop and for the miniscule expenditure of \$50 you may choose one tree, one pot and soil, wire and drainage mesh. Scott Yelich and I usually go to Florida each year to find workshop material but this year I decided not to go due to the pandemic so Scott went alone and came back with better material than we have had before. We may send Scott alone in the future. I mention this now as Scott has a conflict and will not be at the workshop and someone has already asked "is the material that bad?". We have 4 species available and 3 of them have trunk diameters in excess of 1 ¼". I kid you not! These are Dwarf Jade, Ficus and Nea buxifolia. The 4th selection are Rain Trees with a height of 18"-24" and already look good enough to exhibit.

As many of us are concerned about socializing and maintaining adequate spacing we are offering the option to purchase a tree, pot, soil, etc. and taking it home to work on.

I hope to see you but will not shake your hand and I will definitely understand if you stand aside and choose a tree and leave.

Paul Weishaar





**Trees are \$50
per tree, and
include a 10"
pot, soil,
screen and
wire!**

2020 Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events

***Cancelled due to COVID-19**

(Please Check w/event organizers for latest updates)

February 15-16 Knoxville Bonsai Society Annual Show. Knoxville Botanical Garden/Arboretum. Knoxville, TN.

March 7 Brussels Spring Sale. Brussels Bonsai Nursery. Olive Branch, MS.

***March 14-22** Indiana Flower and Patio Show IBC Bonsai Sale. Indiana State Fairgrounds. Indianapolis, IN.

March 13-15 Atlanta Bonsai Society Spring Show. Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Atlanta, GA.

***March 28** IBC Bonsai Class 101. Garfield Park Conservatory. Indianapolis, IN.

***April 17-19** Mid Atlantic Spring Festival. Holiday Inn I-81 Exit 80. Granville, PA.

May 1-3 Potomac Bonsai Association Festival. U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, DC.

May 9 WORLD BONSAI DAY

May 9 Nature's Way Nursery's 47th Anniversary Festival. Nature's Way Nursery. Harrisburg, PA.

***May 9-10** Michigan All State Show. Meijer Gardens. Grand Rapids, MI.

May 9-10 Mid-Appalachian Bonsai Kai Annual Show. Kingsport Civic Auditorium. Kingsport, TN.

May 14-17 Bonsai Vision 2020, Drury Plaza Hotel. San Antonio, TX

***May 22-24** Brussel's Rendezvous. Brussel's Nursery. Olive Branch, MS.

May 22-24 47th Annual Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention. Florida Hotel and Convention Center. 1500 Sand Lake Road. Orlando, FL

June 6 Wellfield Botanic Gardens Bonsai Show. Wellfield Botanic Gardens. Elkhart, IN.

June 6-7 Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit. Garfield Park Conservatory. Indianapolis, IN.

***June 6-7** Satsuki Workshops. Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Ann Arbor, MI.

June 13-14 25th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo. North Carolina Arboretum. Ashville, NC.

***June 25-28** MABA Bonsai Convention. Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore. 8900 N. Kildeer Court. Milwaukee, WI

June 27-28 Cleveland Bonsai Club Summer Show. Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. Cleveland, OH

July 11-12 Triangle Bonsai Society Annual Show. Duke Gardens. Durham, NC.

July 18-19 Nashville Annual Bonsai Show. Cheekwood Gardens Nashville, TN.

August 7-16 Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit. Agriculture/Horticulture Building. Indianapolis, IN

August 8-10 Four Seasons 50th Annual Bonsai Show. Bordines Nursery. Rochester Hills, MI

August 14-16 Chicago Bonsai Show. Chicago Botanical Gardens. Glencoe, IL.

August 29-30 Ann Arbor Bonsai Society Show. Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Ann Arbor, MI

September 12 Penrod Arts Fair Bonsai Sale. Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art) Indianapolis, IN

September 12-13 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit. East Rochester, NY.

September 12-13 Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati Fall Annual Show. Krohn Conservatory. Cincinnati, OH.

September 12-13 NVBS Fall Show. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Vienna, VA.

September 20 Hidden Lake Gardens Art of Bonsai Exhibit. Hidden Lake Gardens, MI.

***October 8-11** ABS – BCI – NBF – PBA Convention 2020. U.S. National Arboretum. Washington, DC.

Tropical Bonsai Workshop

After several months of canceled meetings due to the current COVID-19 situation, it will be great to get back to our regularly scheduled meetings, even though they will be in a picnic shelter the next few months rather than in the Garfield Park Conservatory Conference Room. The fresh air is good for us!

This month, our attention will be turning towards the tropical bonsai. Generally, this is about the best time of the year to work on this kind of material. I also particularly enjoy working with tropical trees because we can safely perform multiple tasks at once. For most tropical bonsai, we can prune, root prune, trim, wire and re-pot our trees all at the same time. For many of the trees that remain outdoors all year, there is a stricter limit of what we can do during a season. Many tropical trees can handle a lot of work at once during their active growing season.

The upcoming tropical bonsai workshop is sure to be a lot of fun. We have some great material available. During my last trip to Florida, I was able to find some nice *Nia Buxifolia*, Green Island *Ficus* and Dwarf African Jade. As an added bonus, I managed to find some Thornless Brazilian Rain Trees. I guess that means we should be able to leave the bandage box at home! No matter what species of tree you choose for this workshop, you're sure to go home with a great new bonsai.

The workshop trees are in 10 inch bulb pots, and we'll be potting them into 10 inch ceramic bonsai containers. This is a members only workshop and the cost will be \$50 per workshop. The workshop also includes the tree, the pot, wire and drain mesh. You're going to get a lot of tree for the money. If you aren't already a member and you'd like to participate, you can purchase an annual membership that night for the low price of \$25 per year.

It's been a rough spring and I know that people are really looking forward to getting together. I am expecting great attendance for the July meeting. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Scott Yelick

Vice President.

An additional sampling of trees available for the workshop follows...



Green Island Ficus



Nia Buxifolia



African Jade



**Brazilian Rain Tree
(Thornless Variety)**

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

Date & Time: April & May, June Meetings canceled due to the Corona Virus

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory

Presiding: Club President Paul Weishaar

Checking/Savings Balance: June 25, 2020

Checking: \$474.85

Savings: \$7,201.46

Total: \$7,676.31

Dues for the 2020 year are now being accepted, and a new directory and brochure are available.
Contact Steve Dick

****No meetings in April, May, June due to the Corona virus**

The July 1 Meeting is on! After several months of meetings canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are finally able to meet again. The meeting will be at the usual 7pm start time, but we'll be meeting at the picnic shelters several blocks past the Conservatory. Go past the Conservatory and continue along Conservatory Drive. The Shelters will be on your left side. If you get to Pleasant Run Parkway, you've gone too far. We will have a members only buy, sell & swap meet followed by a tropical bonsai workshop. So, bring your extra trees, tools and pots to the next meeting. You can sell them....or you can buy more stuff! Maybe you can even do a little of both!

The tropical workshop will feature some great trees at a great price. The cost of this members only workshop is only \$50, and the trees you'll be getting are HUGE! Don't pass up this great value. We have Green Island Ficus, Nia Buxifolia, Brazilian Rain Tree and Dwarf African Jade trees available for this workshop. If you aren't already a member, you can join that night and participate. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Social distancing w/be required of all present. Thank you.

Date 2020 Meetings	Program
January	No Meeting
February 5	Grafting Demo
March 4	Suiseki Presentation
April 1	How to Display Your Bonsai
May 6	Meeting Cancelled
June 3	Meeting Cancelled
July 1	Tropical Workshop
August 5	Bring Your Own Tree Bonsai Critique
September 2	Annual Members Only Auction
October 7	Evergreen Workshop
November 4	Pinch Pot Workshop
December 2	Christmas GALA

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For the most up to date calendar, visit our website:
www.indybonsai.org

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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