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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

**Happy
New
Year
2021
(Goodbye 2020!)**

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From the President

"May you live in interesting times." While there's a debate on whether or not that quote is actually a Chinese curse, there's no debate that 2020 was an interesting year. Because of the COVID-19 virus, many businesses, schools and churches were forced to close their doors or reduce their occupancy as a means of slowing the spread of the virus. In some ways, the pandemic both helped and hurt the bonsai hobby.

The hurt was obvious in many ways. We were unable to meet for several months as a club. Bonsai shows and conventions were cancelled. Other events that the club participated in were cancelled, like the Home & Garden show, the Indiana State Fair, and the Penrod Art Fair. We even had to cancel our January 2021 meeting due to the pandemic.

Oddly enough, I think that the bonsai hobby actually flourished during this last year. The virus left many of us bored and stuck at home. Although the pandemic hurt (and continues to hurt) restaurants and boutiques, businesses like hardware stores and garden stores did surprisingly well. Many bored people wanted to learn new stuff or do new things at home. I made a lot more home-made soup. I repainted my daughter's room and put down new tile in the kitchen. Lots of people decided to garden this year. Also, lots of people decided to learn bonsai. If you didn't notice, there were many new faces at the club meetings this year, even though we weren't able to promote our club in the ways we had in the past. As a business, my workshops were full and there were lots of people buying trees in my garden this season. I did extremely well this year despite not being able to participate in any of the usual public events. I hope that this new-found interest in bonsai continues long after this pandemic is gone.

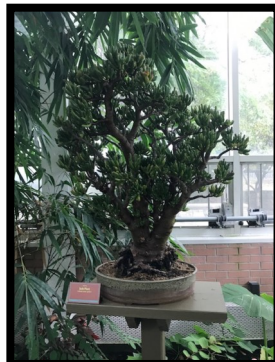
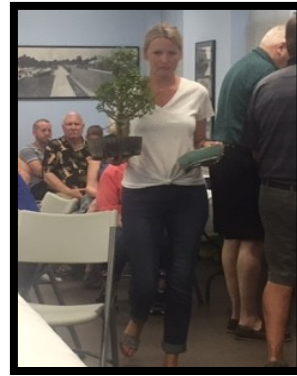
It's hard to know what to expect for the upcoming growing season. I hope that we are able to manage the pandemic better this year, with several new vaccines and a greater understanding of the virus. It's hard to say if we will be able to meet at our usual Garfield Park Conservatory location for every meeting this year. Keep an eye on the IBC website and FaceBook page, and we'll do our best to keep you up to date with the latest information.

We are in the process of finalizing the 2021 calendar, but I think you are really going to like what we are planning this year. We are going to be learning about things like forest style bonsai and flowering bonsai. We are planning several hands on workshops this year, including Bald Cypress, Root-over-rock, tropical and evergreen workshops. We also will be having some reports on some environmental issues which can effect your bonsai collection, like cicadas, summer temperatures and humidity.

We may be living in interesting times, but we intend to make the best of it in 2021. I believe that we've got programs lined up that will interest both new and seasoned bonsai artists. I'm also hoping that we are going to be able to participate in more public events this year, as well. I believe that the show at the Indianapolis Zoo will be bigger, and I'm hoping that we'll be back to events like the Indiana State Fair and the Penrod Art Fair. I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Scott Yelich

President



**A YEAR (NOT SOON) TO
BE FORGOTTEN!!!**

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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.

**Check our website monthly for
meeting status/location (until the
Covid issue has been resolved)**

Club Officers+ 2019-2020

President	Scott Yelich
Vice President	Alyssa Batula
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Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Paul Weishaar
Membership	Steven Dick
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