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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

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**Happy
Valentine's
Day
2021**

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From the President

Earlier today I received the news that The 2021 Indiana Garden and Patio Show has been cancelled. I am still waiting to hear from Garfield Park about whether or not we can have our monthly meeting there, or if we will have to find an alternate location for our next meeting. Dealing with the Corona virus has left many of us with the question, "Where do we go from here?" Although we need to be ready to improvise, I think that we're heading to good places.

As many of you know, this is my second go around as club president. The last time I did this, we were living in more predictable times and I had big plans to host a Midwestern convention. Although we are living in different times, the club's goal is still the same. When our club was created roughly 53 years ago, there were several purposes which were listed in the clubs bylaws. One of the main goals was to create interest and inspire participation by both beginner and advanced growers of bonsai. Another goal was to advance the public's appreciation for bonsai through club participation in public exhibitions and shows. Those ideas are going to be my main focus this coming year.

With the Corona virus looming over pretty much everything in our lives right now, the idea of doing something like a convention is crazy. Many larger public events are getting cancelled. Still, many people are looking for a new hobby or escape during these crazy times. We had many new faces during last year's club meetings. I expect that trend will continue in 2021. I don't know if our meetings will be mainly inside or outside this year. I don't know if they will be at the Zoo at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Still, we'll do our best to find a place every month.

I think that we will excel in 2021, when it comes to creating inspiration and participation. We have some great artists who are members of our club and we have a lot of enthusiastic new participants. We don't have to travel far to have access to great teachers and great material. We have a lot of hands-on workshops planned for this year. Club members will have the opportunity to get their hands on some really great material. I am really looking forward to our Bald Cypress Workshop that we will be having in May. We are also going to have root-over-rock, tropical and ever-green workshops in the coming months. As usual, we will have top notch material available for these workshops. Although the Garden & Patio Show isn't going to be happening this year, we are still going to have other opportunities to show our trees. Garfield Park is interested in having a bonsai show in June again. I'm thinking that the Indiana State Fair will be back and we'll once again have our show there. The show at the Indianapolis Zoo was very successful during the Fall of 2020. The Zoo wants us back this Fall, and they want even more trees.

Despite all the crazy things going on around the world right now, bonsai is still alive and well in Indianapolis. We may still have to deal with some challenges, but I'm expecting a lot of positive activity. The meetings, workshops and shows will go on. I think that we'll make this a great year.

Scott Yelich

President

From the Vice President

Hi everyone, hopefully you're all having a decent start to 2021 (as much as anyone can, anyway). 2020 was many things, but in particular it was isolating. As a club, we're always trying to find ways to engage our members and keep everyone involved, but that seems especially important this year. It's hard to get to know everyone even when we do have monthly meetings, and lately it's been even harder.

So for 2021, we're going to use the newsletter as an easy way for club members to share what they're doing with their trees. It's called the club spotlight, and it's a single page of pictures and/or text on whatever bonsai topic you'd like. Share your tree collection, show us your winter setup, talk about your favorite tree, share some tips, show off your stands and accents, or anything else you can think of. We'd love to see everyone fill a page with pictures and some information on whatever is interesting to them. When you're done, send your page to Bob Hoy (r.hoy @ sbcglobal.net) to be added to the newsletter.

When we say everyone, we really mean it! Our club is full of people of all experience levels, and we want to hear from everyone. Sometimes the best person to teach a beginner is another beginner who just learned something recently, so it's fresher in their mind. Or just take a few pictures of your trees. We'd love to see them, and it's really easy to fill a page with some big pictures and a few captions.

I've put together an article on my favorite tree to get us started, and I'm looking forward to hearing from more people throughout the year!

Alyssa Batula, Vice President

Reminder:
The February 3rd
IBC Meeting will be
held at the
Indianapolis Zoo!

Club Spotlight: American Larch Progress Pictures

Alyssa Batula

If I had to pick a favorite tree, it would probably be my larch. I could say it's because of the beautiful fall color or enjoying the new needles in the spring. But really, it's because in spite of all I've done to it, it's still a pretty nice looking tree. I picked the tree at the club's 2016 larch workshop because of its cool trunk and goofy Dr. Seuss vibe.



In 2017 it got a new pot, (too much) wiring and pruning, and made it to the state fair.



2018 had one more styling, and then I left it alone until I repotted it in 2020. My plans for 2021 are to give it another styling in February and hope we can have a local show or two this year.

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2021 Meeting Calendar

January 6:	Cancelled
February 3:	Shohin Bonsai, Care & Display (meeting at the Indianapolis Zoo)
March 3:	Building a Bonsai Forest (meeting at the Indianapolis Zoo)
April: 7:	● Flowering & Fruiting Bonsai ● Cicada Season 2021
May 5:	Bald Cypress Workshop
June 2:	Root Over Rock
July 7:	Tropical Bonsai
August 4:	Bonsai Display
September 1:	Annual Members Only Auction
October 6:	Evergreen Bonsai
November 3:	Building a Bonsai Slab
December 1:	Annual GALA

(For the latest calendar/meeting topic, visit our website: www.indybonsai.org)

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Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

Where: Garfield Park Conservatory*

Indianapolis, Indiana

When: First Wednesday of each Month*

(Meeting Location/Time w/be scheduled according to any-all Covid Virus Restrictions or mandates)

Time: 7:00 pm* (Check our website for possible changes)

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(February & March are at the Indianapolis Zoo)

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2021-2022

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