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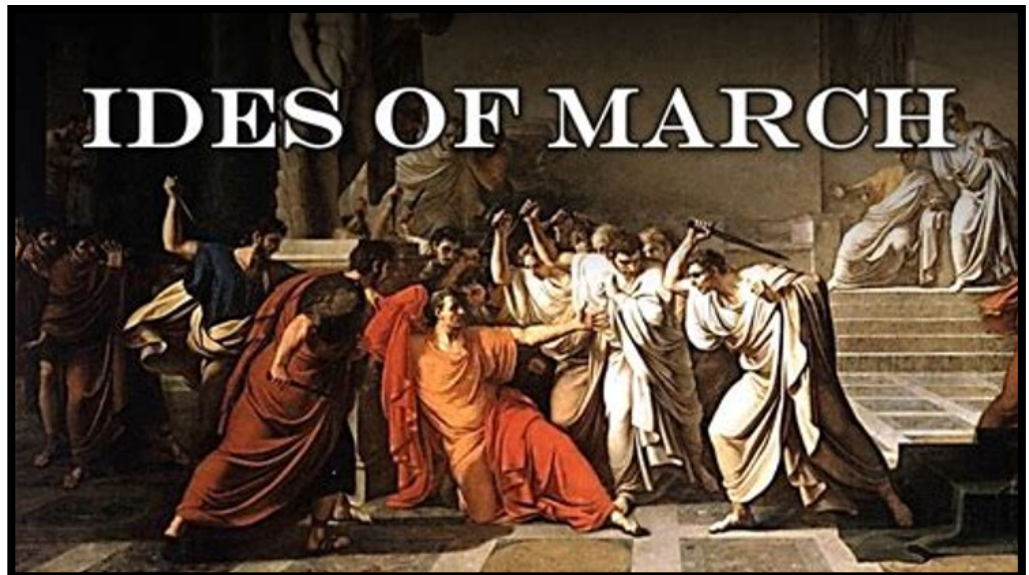


INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

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From the President

It's cold outside! I just finished shoveling snow for about the fifth time in the last 24 hours. We've been lucky so far this year. December and January were really rather mild. Then, Mother Nature decided to pack all of winter into one week of February. I'm tired of the white stuff and I am ready for spring. I know that I'm not alone. There's lots of us itching to re-pot our trees and we're looking forward to seeing those new buds. March can't get here soon enough!

Lucky for us, March is just around the corner & we are only a couple of weeks away from the IBC's March meeting. First of all, I want to remind everyone that our meeting will be at the Indianapolis Zoo and not at Garfield Park. Once again, I wish to publicly thank the Indianapolis Zoo for allowing us to meet at the Hix Institute while we are coping with the current COVID-19 restrictions. This month, our program will focus on a pretty popular style of bonsai. We're going to learn how to create a bonsai forest.

Many of you know that one of the most well known bonsai in America is the bonsai called "Goshen." This bonsai was created by John Naka, who many consider the father of American Bonsai. Goshen is a forest of juniper trees, and it's currently part of the collection of bonsai trees at the US Arboretum in Washington, DC. Many types of trees can be used to create a forest style bonsai, including Maples, Ficus, and Elms. Forest bonsai are often displayed in shallow landscape pots or even on slabs. If my plans come together over the next year, I'm hoping we can all make slabs in the fall, and then we can use those slabs to create a forest planting of maples next spring during a club workshop. Bonsai forests are beautiful, but making them takes a little more effort than just slapping a handful of seedlings into a pile of dirt.

First of all, you need to have a pot ready and properly wired so all the little trees don't fall out. You also have to make the forest look natural. This takes forethought. There needs to be balance and the illusion of depth. We do this by mixing both larger and smaller trees together. Also, you have to remember that you are making a forest and not an orchard! What do I mean by that? In a forest, trees aren't all equally spaced apart. You need to vary the spacing between the trees to give it a natural feel. Believe it or not, there is actually a bit of a system involved in properly creating a bonsai forest. Bonsai artist, Mark Fields, will be conducting a demonstration for the March meeting on how to create a bonsai forest. Mark will show us how we use balance and spacing to create an image of a forest. I look forward to seeing Mark's program and I look forward to seeing all of you at the

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Scott Yelich, President

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Shohin Bonsai



The February IBC Meeting featured a presentation on Shohin Bonsai by bonsai artist Mark Fields of Bonsai by Fields. Pictures of many of the bonsai displayed and presented are featured on pages 4, 5, 6.









SHOHIN
Bonsai





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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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