

May 2021



INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC



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Scott Yelich, President

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Scott Yelich

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From the President

The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer! The excitement of spring is in the air and we have a lot of things going on. My deciduous trees have been budding for the last few weeks and I've been repotting many of my deciduous and evergreen trees. Despite all the excitement revolving around spring, please be cautious and pay attention to the weather forecasts. As many of you know, weather in Indiana can turn on a dime. Last year, we had a frost even after Mother's Day. I've had several people ask me if it's okay to move their tropical bonsai outdoors. The short answer is no. We've had some very warm days but the nights have still been cold. Generally speaking, I like to keep my tropical trees indoors or in my greenhouse until the overnight lows are consistently staying above 50F. Seeing that I am writing this article in mid April, I won't be moving my tropical trees outside until about three more weeks from now.

Although I am cautious about the weather, I am still excited about the things coming up in our near future. In about a week from now, Paul Weishaar and I will be flying down to Florida. We're renting a van, filling it with trees, and heading back north as quickly as we can. This trip is not a vacation-- it's a mission. Our mission is to load a van with workshop trees and get back as fast as you can. Why do we have to make the trip such a fast turn-around? Once all the trees are loaded onto the van, we can't water them until they are safely unloaded in Indiana. Normally, we have trees stacked on top of trees. We are basically traveling with a bonsai pyramid. It's kind of a pain, but that's what we do to get quality material for club workshops.

As I stated earlier, we have a lot of things going on in the near future. First, I want to remind you that we will be back at Garfield Park in May. Thanks again to the Indianapolis Zoo for allowing us to meet at the Hix Institute during the Covid-19 restrictions. From May through September, we will be meeting outdoors at Garfield Park, in one of their lighted picnic shelters. They have the space reserved for us during our normal club meeting times. The fresh air will be nice, and we conducting workshops during the next three meetings. In May, we'll have a workshop on Bald Cypress. In June we will have a root over rock bonsai workshop. In July, we'll be having a tropical bonsai workshop.

We also have a couple of bonsai events in our area in the near future. The Ft. Wayne Bonsai club will be hosting their spring show on Saturday, May 22nd. at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in downtown Ft. Wayne. I am a member of the Ft. Wayne club, along with several other members of the IBC. We would love to see some other IBC members at the event. This is a one day show. I invite you to take a short trip up to Ft. Wayne to check out the bonsai show and the botanical conservatory. Not long after that, our club will be hosting our spring bonsai show at the Garfield Park Conservatory on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. We hope you have made it out to our show. I'd also like to invite you to bring out some of your trees for the show. We usually like to have at least 30-50 trees out our show and it helps a lot if we can get a hefty amount of club participation. Please consider getting a tree or two ready for the show. If you have questions about showing a tree, please ask.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Garfield Park for our upcoming Bald Cypress workshop on May 5th. We won't be re-potting these trees this season. This will be a pruning and wiring workshop. Please bring your tools if you have them. We will also have tools you can borrow. We will have bald cypress trees available for purchase. The club will provide the training wire.

Scott Yelich
President

April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Location – Hix Institute, Indianapolis Zoo

Time – Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Scott

Attendance - 24

Treasurer - \$7202.94 in savings. \$997.84 in checking. Total of \$8095.12

Membership – 69 members. 38 of which have paid dues for current year.

President – Bald Cypress workshop in May. Price for trees to be determined. Paul has a sign-up sheet in case you are wanting something out of the ordinary.

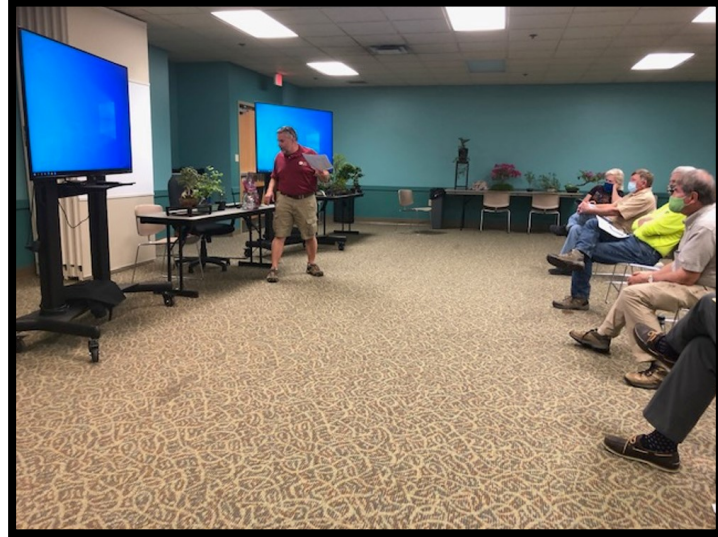
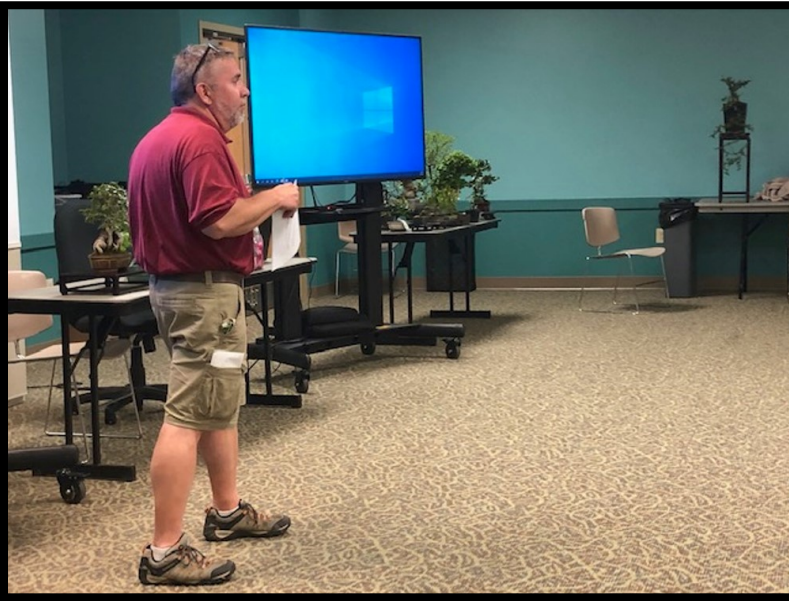
Next month, May, we will be meeting at Garfield Park in one of the picnic shelters and we should be meeting there through September.

We will be at the Zoo for a show from September through late November. Zoo needs more trees so if you have any or know someone from out of town who could drop them off for a couple of months that would be appreciated. There may be opportunities for demos and workshops.

Attack of the Cicadas – Ron Fraley gave a talk on the coming swarm of Cicadas. Brood X will be with us this summer. Ron provided a lot of detail about the life cycle of the cicada as well as which trees it prefers to eat. (Fact sheet will be attached).

Flowering and Fruiting Bonsai – Scott Yelich presented on flowering and fruiting bonsai trees which can add color to your collection. It was noted that while the tree can be reduced in size, the flowers and fruit can not be so certain plants are not good choices. Pots should compliment the colors of the fruit and flowers but not match them. Deadheading is not a good option for fruiting trees

Robert Scarborough, Secretary.



During the April 7 meeting, IBC President Scott Yelich gave a presentation on flowering bonsai, and IBC Member Ron Fraley discussed the 2021 Cicada “arrival” to Indianapolis.

Date	Program
2021 Meetings	
January 6	Cancelled
February 3	Shohin Bonsai Care and display (Meeting at the Hix Institute, Indianapolis Zoo)
March 3	Building a Bonsai Forest , Mark Fields (Meeting at the Hix Institute, Indianapolis Zoo)
April 7	Flowering and Fruiting Bonsai/ A Short Presentation ofn the Upcoming Cicada Season 2021: Ron Fraley
May 5	Members Only Bald Cypress Workshop
June 2	Members Only Root Over Rock Workshop
July 7	Members Only Tropical Workshop
August 4	Bonsai display—Getting Your Tree Ready for the Indian State Fair Bonsai Exhibit
September 1	Annual Members Only Auction
October 6	Members Only Evergreen Workshop
November 3	Building a Bonsai Slab
December 1	Annual GALA

Club Officers

2021-2022

President	Scott Yelich
Vice-President	Alyssa Batula
Secretary	Neil Scarborough
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Paul Weishaar
Newsletter +	Robert Hoy
Webmaster	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Membership	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
Librarian	Paul Weishaar

June 5-6 Garfield Park Exhibit and Sale
August 6-14 Indiana State Fair Exhibit
September 11 Penrod Arts Fair Sale

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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Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
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Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA//BCI	Paul Weishaar
Garfield Curators	Chip Taylor Jacy Macchia
ABS	Mark Fields
Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy
Videographer	Cameron Fackler

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