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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

# IBC



**Root over Rock**

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# From the President

It's a rainy Monday! What a perfect time to write a monthly article. After a long winter of being cooped up in the greenhouse, I was finally able to take my tropical trees out of the greenhouse. It's nice to move everything outside, but this is also the time of the year that things get really busy. For my personal collection, it's a time for weeding, potting and pruning. My trees are ready for a spring cleaning. Late spring and early summer is often when our trees seem to be growing the fastest. For many of my tropical trees, this is the time that I remove all those old leaves that elongated over the winter. This is also when I cut back my tropical trees pretty hard. I need to do this to most of my trees, but not all of them. Some are going to have to wait a couple weeks.

Why wait, you ask? The Indianapolis Bonsai Club will have our annual spring bonsai show the first weekend of June at the Garfield Park Conservatory. We weren't able to have this show last year because of the Covid-19 restrictions. I'm happy to say that we're on for this season! I won't remove the leaves and cut back some of my tropical trees, because I will wait until after they've been shown the first weekend of June. I'll clean the pots and weed my show trees. I will also try to add some moss and fresh soil to the surface. We normally need 30+ trees for this show, so I am hoping that everyone can contribute a couple of trees for the weekend show. Our June meeting will once again be at the Corporate Pavilion at Garfield Park. The meeting is on Wednesday, June 2nd and the show takes place the weekend of June 5th and 6th. I'm sure that we will talk more about this show at the upcoming meeting.

The upcoming meeting will feature a union of two of my favorite things..... no, not peanut butter and chocolate.... trees and rocks! We are going to start root over rock bonsai. Mark Fields will be providing some very nice Burtt Davyii Ficus trees for this project. We will have rocks available for use as well. However, you can bring your own rock for this project if you like. An interesting rock about the size of a softball would be perfect. We'll be stretching the tree's roots around a rock, then we will secure the roots to the rock so they can grow. Then, we'll bury the rock in soil. This process often takes a few years. As the tree grows, the roots will thicken and clasp the rock. Eventually, you'll be able to expose the rock in a more shallow bonsai container. These ficus trees are natural rock climbers, so these should turn out great. The cost of the workshop will be \$30. You must be a current club member to participate in this workshop. That's a pretty good deal, since this particular species of ficus is fairly difficult to find. I am considering leading a rock hunt sometime on the weekend of May 29th and 30th, if anyone is interested in going out to look for a rock for this project. If I lead a hunt, I'll be doing it along the White River. I know a great spot near the bridge that crosses the river in Broad Ripple.

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting. I'll likely send an email update later if the rock hunt is going to be a go.

*Scott Yelich*

**President**





**Bald Cypress Workshop**

## **May 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Location – Garfield Park, Corporate Pavilion – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Scott Yelich

Attendance - 25 +/-

Treasurer - Checking: \$2,174.74 / Savings: \$4,702.94 Total: \$6,877.68

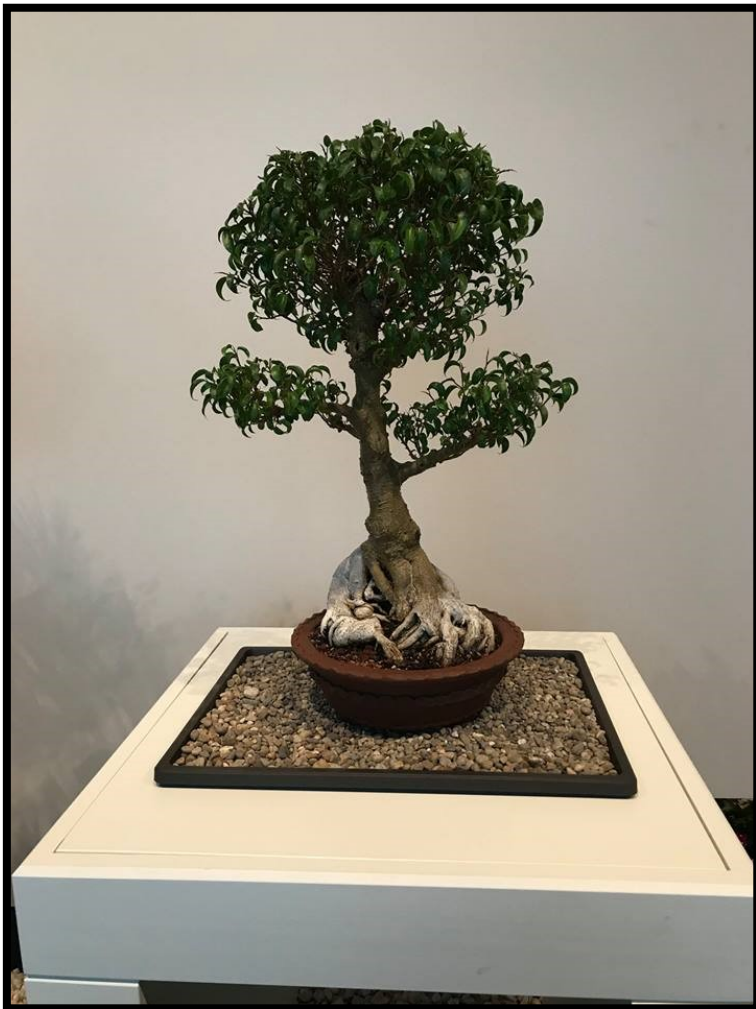
***Cost of the tropical plants purchased for the June workshop are included in these balances. Trees for the workshop will be on sale to current members of the club for \$30.00 each.***

Membership – 42 members\* are paid members for the 2021 Calendar year.

President – **We will be at the Indianapolis Zoo for a show from September through late November.** The 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.



# Root over Rock







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## **Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events\***

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Brussels Spring Sale. Brussels Bonsai Nursery, Olive Branch, MS.</b>
<b>May 8-9</b>	<b>Michigan All-State Show. Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI.</b>
<b>May 15-16 Madison, WI</b>	<b>Badger Bonsai Society, Olbrich Botanical Gardens,</b>
<b>May 28-30</b>	<b>Florida Bonsai Societies Convention. Orlando, FL.</b>
<b>July 17-18 Nashville, TN.</b>	<b>Nashville Bonsai Show. Cheekwood Gardens, Nash-</b>
<b>July 31-Aug 1</b>	<b>Wellfield Botanic Gardens Show, Elkhart, IN</b>
<b>August TBA</b>	<b>Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit. Ag/Hort Bldg, Indianapolis, IN.</b>
<b>Aug 20-22</b>	<b>Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, IL</b>
<b>Aug 28-29</b>	<b>Knoxville Annual Show, Knoxville Botanical Gardens, Knoxville, TN</b>
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Penrod Arts Fair. Newfields (IMA), Indianapolis, IN.</b>
<b>Sept 11-12</b>	<b>U.S. National Bonsai Exhibit. East Rochester, NY.</b>
<b>Dec 4-5 Kannapolis, NC</b>	<b>Winter Show, North Carolina Research Center, Kannap-</b>

**\*Updated May 1, 2021**

**Reminder: We'd like to showcase members trees! Send us photos and a brief commentary on your tree. Send to [r.hoy@outlook.com](mailto:r.hoy@outlook.com)**

Date	Program
<b>2021 Meetings</b>	
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 & Buy (Burt Dayvii Ficus available for members only - \$30 each), Buy, Sell and Swap meet - members only). Garfield Park Corporate Pavilion.
July 7	Members Only Tropical Workshop
August 4	Bonsai display—Getting Your Tree Ready for the Indiana 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

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

**June 5 - 6: Garfield Park Exhibit & Sale**  
**Dates TBA: Indiana State Fair Exhibit**  
**September 11: Penrod Arts Fair Sale**

**For the most up to date calendar, visit our website:**  
**[www.indybonsai.org](http://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.

## **Club Officers+ 2021-2022**

President	Scott Yelich
Vice President	Alyssa Batula
Secretary	Neil Scarborough
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Paul Weishaar
Membership	Steven Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
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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**Circle City Bonsai (Bob Hoy)**

**Eagle Creek Bonsai (Scott Yelich)**

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