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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

Jaboticaba Premna Texas Ebony

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July Workshop

Tropicals

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From the President

Summer finally feels like it is really here. It's hot outside. The days are long. The humidity is high. My trees are growing like weeds. For me, this is the busiest time of the year! Before I get too far into my monthly president's message, I want to thank all of those who displayed trees and volunteered some of their time during the Garfield Park Bonsai Show. IBC members had a total of 31 trees on display. The display was beautiful and well attended. It was a great time and it's nice now that things are starting to feel like they are getting back to normal.

While we are on the subject of bonsai shows, I may as well also talk about the Indiana State Fair. This year, the state fair is starting a little earlier than usual. Originally, the fair was scheduled to start to Friday, August 6th. The State Fair Board then decided to add a week to this year's fair, and moved the start date back to July 30th. This posed a bit of a problem for us, since our monthly program scheduled for August 4th was going to be "Getting Your Tree Ready for the Indiana State Fair." Seeing that the fair will now begin before our August meeting, there isn't much reason for the topic anymore! The topic for the July meeting will now be on wiring conifers. The presentation will be done by bonsai artist and past IBC president, Mark Fields. While I am on the topic of the Indiana State Fair, I also wanted to let you know that we will soon be posting the entry forms on the IBC website. We can also print out some copies and have some available at the upcoming meeting. This is a judged event, but the competition for ribbons is divided both on the participants level of experience and category of tree that they are showing. Levels of experience are divided among youth, beginner, intermediate and open class. The tree categories are: tropical, evergreen, deciduous and indigenous to Indiana. Any resident of the state of Indiana can participate in the Indiana State Fair. I am hoping that we get a good turnout of trees from all over the state, not just central Indiana.

Finally, I get to talk a little about tropical bonsai. Although I have all sorts of bonsai, the tropical trees are my favorite. Partly, because my first bonsai teacher, Mike Devore, specialized in tropical trees, but also because they fit well into my lifestyle. When I started bonsai, I didn't own a house. I didn't have a yard. I had a window and a balcony. I didn't have a good place to put an "outside tree" in the winter. It was much easier for me to have a tree outside on a deck or balcony. Then, I could move them inside to one of my windows when it got cold outside. Where trees like pines, maples and junipers all have to get cold and go dormant, the tropical trees don't really like going below 50F. They are perfectly happy at room temperature. They grow faster and you can enjoy watering them and looking at them even during the winter. Generally speaking, you can also do more with them in any given season verses many of the "outdoor trees." You can prune many of them more aggressively than other types of trees. For our July meeting, I will do a short presentation on preparing your trees for the Indiana State Fair, then our long presentation will be a tropical bonsai workshop. We have some great looking Jaboticaba, Premna, and Texas Ebonies for the workshop. We will be both potting and pruning these trees. The cost of the workshop will be \$60, which includes a tree, the pot, soil, wire and drain mesh. You must be a member to participate in this workshop. Non members are allowed to join that day so they can participate in the workshop. I will post pictures of some of the trees available on the website. Honestly, these completed trees will look good enough that beginner level participants could show them at the State Fair. Heck, we may even see some of the Bald Cypress trees from the May workshop at the State Fair. After all, Bald Cypress is a tree indigenous to Indiana, so it would qualify in that show category. As always, I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.

Scott Yelich

President



**A sampling of the trees
for the July Tropical
Workshop**



Root Over Rock

June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Location – Corporate Pavilion, Garfield Park, Indianapolis

Time – Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Scott

Attendance - 30 +/-

Treasurer - \$4,702.94 in savings. \$2,015.79 in checking. Total of \$6,718.73

Membership – 76 members, 54 of which have paid dues for current year.

President – Bonsai Show this weekend (5th & 6th) at Garfield Park Conservatory. Please bring trees to show. Next meeting will feature a workshop on tropical trees. Cost will be \$60. Trees are in the range of 20" tall. There will also be a short program to prepare for the state fair. The show at the fair will be judged but there are different levels of expertise so all are encouraged to participate To-night we will have a workshop on root over rock.

Vice-President – Take pictures and send them in please.

Robert Scarborough, Secretary

Bonsai Show July 31 and August 1, 2021

Celebrate the Japanese art of bonsai (tree in a pot or 'tray planting'). Explore a gallery of different bonsai styles, trained tree miniature versions of the natural form. Learn from internationally-recognized bonsai artists [Mark Fields](#), [Pauline Muth](#), and [Bill Valavanis](#). Enjoy perusing bonsai displays and vendors, live demonstrations, and bonsai critiques by the experts. Shop for bonsai-related wares at vendor tables. [Register](#) for and experience a *Beginning Bonsai 101 Workshop* taught by [Pauline Muth](#) or [challenge](#) your bonsai skills in [Bill Valavanis' Seven Maple Forest Style Workshop](#) and come away with your very own bonsai!

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Saturday, July 31, 2021

- 7-9 a.m. Exhibitors load-in their trees/displays, vendor set up
- 9-10 a.m. Judging – Bill Valavanis, Pauline Muth, Mark Fields
- 10:00 a.m. Wellfield opens! Bonsai Show opens in our Event Garden, tree exhibit & vendors open
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Demonstration – Mark Fields (bonsai entered in auction)
- **10 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Beginning Bonsai 101 Workshop with Pauline Muth**
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Critique Session of Exhibitors (Bill Valavanis, Artist)
- 1-3 p.m. Demonstration – Bill Valavanis (bonsai entered in auction)
- 2-3 p.m. Critique Session of Exhibitors (Mark Fields, Artist)
- 3-4 p.m. Critique Session of Exhibitors (Pauline Muth, Artist)
- 4:00 p.m. Show closes, feel free to enjoy a walk in the Gardens – we're open until 6 p.m.!

Sunday, August 1, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Wellfield opens! Bonsai Show opens in our Event Garden, tree exhibit & vendors open
- 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Demonstration – Bill Valavanis Forest Style Bonsai (bonsai entered in auction)
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Critique Session of Exhibitors / Awards (Pauline Muth, Artist)
- **1 p.m. – 3 p.m. *Experienced Bonsai Workshop: Seven Maple Forest Style with Bill Valavanis**
- 1-3 p.m. Demonstration – Pauline Muth (items entered in auction)
- 3-4 p.m. Critique Session of Exhibitors (Bill Valavanis / Pauline Muth, Artists)
- 4:00 p.m. Show closes, feel free to enjoy a walk in the Gardens – we're open until 6 p.m.!
- 4-6 p.m. Vendor and exhibitor take down

Exhibitors and Vendors:

Lakeside Bonsai (Matt Gothberg)
The Flower Market (Kurt Smith)
International Bonsai (Bill Valavanis)
Bonsai by Fields (Mark Fields)
B C Bonsai (Wheaten III.)

Pauline Muth
OkaBonsai Nursery
Linda Ippel (potter)
Byron Myrick (potter)
Ken's Bonsai World (Ken Huth)

Frank Mihalic
Yume.en Bonsai
Carl Wooldridge

Meet our featured artists, workshop instructors and judges:



Pauline Muth has been studying, learning, and practicing bonsai for over 40 years and has traveled across the country and internationally teaching bonsai. She began her journey in bonsai studying botany in college and now maintains a collection of hardy and non-hardy trees set in a large garden space. Pauline has extensive experience across several bonsai organizations, serving in numerous leadership capacities, conference facilitation, and associated activities....[Click here for instructor bios](#)



William Valavanis is a professional bonsai artist, educator and scholar, and has been studying bonsai for nearly 60 years. Two horticultural degrees, a 30 year study with Yuji Yoshimura, and bonsai apprenticeship in Omiya Bonsai Village have provided him with the solid background to continue learning and sharing his bonsai knowledge, skill and creative beauty around the world. He has been publishing *International BONSAI* magazine, the first and only professional bonsai magazine in the United States for 42 years.



Mark Fields began his lifelong passion for the art of bonsai in 1968 at the age of 9, and has learned from more than 60 bonsai artists from all over the globe. He is a past 2 term president of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club and is currently the president of the American Bonsai Society.

Help make this truly your show. Register to exhibit one or more of your trees in the exhibit !

· [Exhibitor Registration](#) – *I am a bonsai artist and would like to display my bonsai for guests to enjoy*

Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events*

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

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

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 & 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

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
MABA / BCI	Paul Weishaar
ABS	Mark Fields
Garfield Park Curators	Chip Taylor Jacy Macia

Indiana State Fair Exhibit:
July 30 - August 8
September 11: Penrod Arts Fair Sale
For the most up to date calendar, visit
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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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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