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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

It's State Fair Time!

July 30– thru August 8

The Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays

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From the President

It's almost State Fair Time! As I'm writing this monthly president's message, we are two weeks out from setting up the Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show. Setup for the show will take place on July 29th. The Show runs from Friday, July 30th through Sunday, August 8th. We will be picking up our trees before noon on Monday, August 9th. This year, the fair will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. This show is open to all residents of Indiana, but the Indianapolis Bonsai Club hosts the show. By that, I mean that IBC members take care of watering the trees and manning the booth while the bonsai are on display. We'll need help for setup and for manning the booth. Furthermore, I'm hoping that we have many people participating by bringing trees for display. This could be your chance to go home with a state fair ribbon!

As I stated at the last meeting: Have fun! Don't be intimidated! Don't be afraid to show your trees. All trees are a work in progress and trees are judged in several different classes. The novice bonsai artist isn't competing against the seasoned veteran. Displaying your tree at a show is a good thing. It will help you improve as a bonsai artist. If you are new to this...don't worry...we're here to help.

First of all, you really just need to focus on the basics. Get the weeds out of the pot. Clean your pot. Dress up your surface soil. Clean out dead leaves. Trim it up. After that, you can think about things like stands and accents. If you don't have a suitable stand, you can always improvise with a bamboo placemat. Find a suitable accent stone or plant. You can surf the internet for pictures of bonsai shows to get ideas. You can also contact one of the local bonsai vendors. They may be able to help with accessories or give you pointers on your display. You can also come on the setup day and get some help from one of the veteran club members. We'll be tweaking the display and moving trees around throughout the morning and early afternoon. Although I like to see trees come in from all over the state, it is still my hope that we have plenty of participation from our own club members. Maybe someone from Evansville can complain about Indianapolis being too far away to participate, but most IBC club members don't have that excuse. The fairgrounds shouldn't be too out of the way for most of us.

Originally, the topic for the August meeting was, 'Preparing your Tree for the Indiana State Fair.' The State Fair Board then decided to back the fair's start date up a week. This happened months after our schedule was published, so we needed to make some changes. Therefore, I will not be at the August meeting. I'll be working the bonsai show at the State Fair. August meeting will be run by our capable Vice President, Alyssa Batula. The August meeting will focus on conifer bonsai. Former IBC President (and current ABS President), Mark Fields, will be conduct a program on wiring conifers, followed by a conifer wiring workshop. I'm sure that it will be an excellent presentation. I'm hoping that we have excellent attendance for the August meeting. I'm also hoping that you can find some time during the first week of August to see bonsai show at the Indianapolis State Fair. You can enjoy the bonsai show, then go out and get yourself an elephant ear.

Scott Yelich

President

2021 Indiana State Fair Bonsai Entry Form

Exhibitor Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do you want name on display card? ____yes ____no

Session 1 Judged Bonsai (set up July 29 until 3 pm, display July 30 thru August 5)

____ Youth

____ Novice

____ Intermediate

____ Open

____ Evergreen

____ Deciduous

____ Tropical

____ Indigenous

Bonsai Information

Common Name _____

Botanical Name _____

Comments _____

Session 2 Exhibit Bonsai (set up Aug 5, display Aug 5 thru 8 must be out by noon Mon, Aug 9)

____ Youth

____ Novice

____ Intermediate

____ Open

____ Tropical

____ Indigenous

____ Deciduous

____ Evergreen

Bonsai Information

Common Name _____

Botanical Name _____

Enter your favorite tree(s)!
It's a great experience!

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Location – Corporate Pavilion, Garfield Park, Indianapolis

Time – 7:05PM

Attendance - 22

Treasurer – Checking \$1314.79, Savings \$4702.54, Total \$6017.33

Membership – 76 Members, 54 of which have paid for current year. Signup sheet for State Fair.

President – **Meeting on August 4th will be held in the GP Conservatory Room.** There will be a show at the Wellfield Botanic Gardens on Saturday July 31st starting at 10AM and ending Sunday August 1st at 4PM. The Wellfield Botanic Gardens are located at 1011 North Main Street in Elkhart. Flyer was sent out by Robert.

Short program by Scott on prepping trees for show followed by workshop on tropical trees.

Robert Scarborough

Secretary

Reminder: The next meeting of the club will be held in the Garfield Park Conservatory Room on August 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Come See us at the State Fair

Spotlight : Fort Wayne Shohin Workshop

For this month's spotlight, Pat Guido shared some pictures from Mark Field's shohin workshop in Fort Wayne.



From the Vice President

I hope you're all getting ready for the state fair show! It's really fun to see so many trees from so many people of all experience levels together in one place. It's also a great way to learn. Showing a tree and getting some feedback is really helpful if you're not quite sure where to go with a particular tree. Even if you can't bring a tree (although you should!), volunteering at the show is also a great experience. Answering (mostly simple) questions can really make you realize how much you already know. And if you don't know the answer, there's always been someone else around who does. During slow times, you can take a closer look at all the trees on display, and maybe even ask your own questions of your fellow club members. I learned a lot in my first few years in the hobby just by spending time with more experienced club members and asking them about their trees.

For anyone motivated by ribbons, there are a lot of categories, so lots of chances to win! I'll share my secret: sometimes the native tree category doesn't have many entries, especially for beginners. So bring out those new bald cypress! (Just make sure you slip-pot them if you need to put them in a bonsai pot, don't mess with those roots in the summer.) And don't forget to grab a delicious state fair snack on your way home.

Alyssa Batula



Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events*

July 17-18	Nashville Bonsai Show. Cheekwood Gardens, Nashville, TN.
July 31-Aug 1	Wellfield Botanic Gardens Show, Elkhart, IN
August TBA	Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit—sale. 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, Kannap-
olis, NC	

***Updated July 16, 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

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	Robert 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

Indiana State Fair Exhibit: July 30 - August 8
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.

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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Bonsai by Fields (Mark Fields)

Circle City Bonsai (Bob Hoy)

Eagle Creek Bonsai (Scott Yelich)

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