

September 2021



INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

State Fair 2021

**Two years in the waiting,
an exhibit well worth the
wait ...**

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From the President



we are nearing the end of Summer. The kids are back in School. The August air is hot and dry. We recently wrapped up another Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show. Before I move on to what's coming up in September, I want to revisit the recent bonsai show at the Indiana State Fair-- both the positives and the negatives.

First, I will start with the positive stuff: As usual, the show was well received. I frequently heard comments like, "This is my favorite thing to see at the Fair!" and "These things are amazing!" We had crowds of people at the show. We had old members rejoin our club and new members sign up for the first time. We had a total of 28 displays consisting of 26 bonsai trees, one suiseki display and one Lego bonsai display. As a whole, the display looked very nice and fair visitors were impressed by what they saw. I'm also pleased to say that we sold a lot of trees, tools pots and supplies as well. Those sales are very beneficial to the club. As a non-profit club, those sales translate into the club subsidizing workshop material, visiting artists, and other club supplies. Whether you realize it or not, the club has to spend money on things like brochures, websites and a storage room for supplies. A big thanks goes out to those who participated in making this a great show.

Here's the negative take-away from the State Fair Show: Of the 27 displays at the fair, they came from only 6 IBC members and none from any of the other clubs from around the state. Of those 26 bonsai on display, only 12 were judged. The others were for exhibit only. Out of the almost 100 members that we have, only 6 people volunteered to work the fair. We can do better, folks. When the Indiana State Fair asked us to show bonsai at the fair many years ago, the idea was that it was open to all bonsai artists throughout the State of Indiana. Although the event is hosted by the Indianapolis Bonsai Club, the event isn't supposed to be exclusive to our club. As a host club, it is our job to care for the trees at the show and staff the information table at the center. We shouldn't have to rely on a very select few people to supply the trees and cover the information table. I am disappointed by the lack of participation by both our own club and by the clubs throughout the State of Indiana. I do understand that there was a conflicting bonsai show during the first weekend of the fair. That being said, the Elkhart Show was a one weekend show. The Indiana State Fair Bonsai Show lasted eight days and we can switch out trees half way through. For Indiana Bonsai Clubs, the State Fair Show is extremely important, and here's why:

There is NO other show in the state that gets anywhere close to the attendance as the Indiana State Fair Show. We hand out by far more flyers and business cards at the fair than we do at any of our other events. There is always a spike in membership immediately following the fair. There are participants from every county involved in the state fair, therefore there are people from all over the state who are viewing our bonsai display. People from all around the state often ask us about other bonsai clubs or organizations throughout the state, especially if they don't live within an hour or two of Indianapolis. Those of us working the information booth are happy to let folks know about the other clubs scattered throughout Indiana, so the show benefits far more than just the Indianapolis club. I'd be fine if other Indiana clubs left brochures at our information table that we could hand out. Still, we need better participation from both our own club and other clubs throughout the state. This event drives membership for all of us. I hope that next year I can count on better effort.

I will now step off of my soapbox and talk about the exciting things we have coming up in September. Our September meeting is usually one of our best attended meetings of the year. Why, you ask? It's the annual club auction and people love a chance at coming home with new stuff for a reasonable amount. You must be a current club member to participate in the auction. If you want to want to sell stuff, you are free to bring any trees, pots, tools or bonsai related items to go up on the auction block. The live auctions are no reserve auctions and the club keeps 20% of the sale. If you wish to set a reserve on items, you can do so during a silent auction, which goes on throughout the live auction. The silent auction normally closes about 15 minutes before the end of the live auction. If you want to buy, the club gladly accepts cash, check or credit cards. If you have a lot of small items, we recommend selling your items together in lots. For example, if you have 12 small pots, you should group them into 3 lots with 4 pots each to save time. Auctions forms will be attached to both this newsletter and on the website. Please have your forms filled out at ready to go before coming to the meeting.

As a reminder to some and a warning to others: There is no business meeting before the auction. We start fast. We recommend you arrive early so you can be prepared. You will need to go to the membership desk first to get a number if you wish to buy or sell at the auction. If you are selling, print your auction forms at home and have them ready! I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. I'll be getting out of the way fast so the auctioneers can do their thing.

Scott Yelich

President

Indiana State Fair 2021

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's exhibit. The display included 26 Bonsai, 1 collected viewing stone display, and 1 LEGO bonsai tree. We had 12 judged Bonsai from 6 IBC members. Congratulations to the ribbon winners!

Intermediate Tropical:

1st Place Ficus Microcarpa - Gregg and Trang Gordon

2nd Place Narrow Leaf Ficus - Alyssa Batula

3rd Place Bougainvilleae - Greg and Trang Gordon

Intermediate Indigenous:

1st Place American Larch - Alyssa Batula

2nd Place Silver Maple - Gregg and Trang Gordon

Intermediate Evergreen:

1st Place Boxwood and Best of Show - Gregg and Trang Gordon

Open Tropical:

1st Place Tiger Bark Ficus - Steve Dick

2nd Place Fukien Tea - Steve Dick

3rd Place Brazilian Rain Tree - Steve Dick

Indianapolis Bonsai Club

August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Location – Garfield Park Conservatory

Time – 7:05PM

Attendance - 30

Treasurer – Checking \$3,580.10, Savings \$4,703.20, Total \$8,283.30

Carl Woodridge – Discussed show in Chicago on the 22nd of August.

Mark did a presentation on wiring conifers and then an impromptu workshop.

Robert Scarborough, Secretary



IBC Meeting, August 4, 2021
Conifers: A presentation/demo/workshop by
Mark Fields of Bonsai by Fields

Photographs courtesy of Greg Madson



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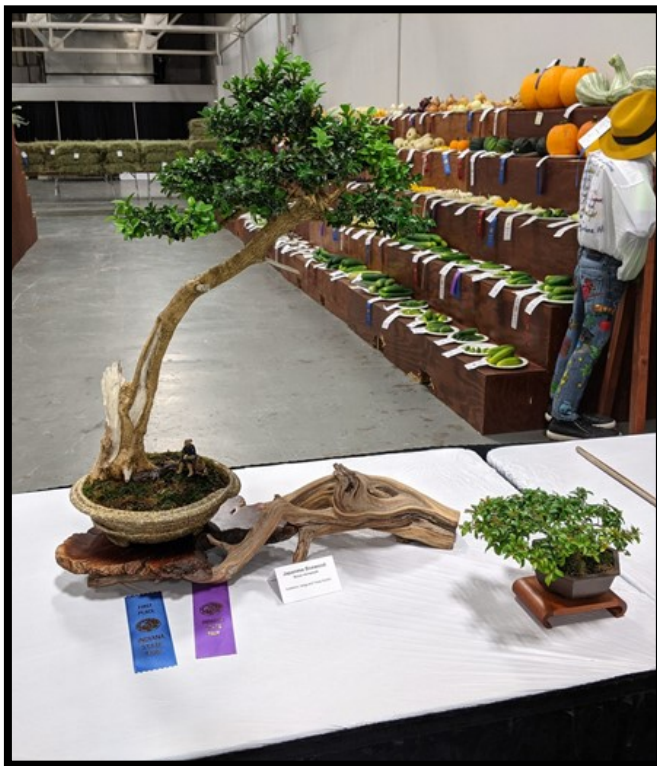


**Photos by Scott
Yelich, Alyssa
Batula**



**A BIG IBC THANK YOU TO
THOSE MEMBERS WHO VOL-
UNTEERED AND HELPED
"STAFF" OUR EXHIBIT**





IBC Live Auction, 2021

*There is no reserve or minimum bid for live auction items!

Seller: _____

Auction Item: _____ Item # _____

Value: _____

Item Description:

Sale price: _____ Winning Bidder # _____

*Areas highlighted in gray are to be completed by the club.

**Please turn in form to Robert Hoy or
Paul Weishaar by 7p.m. on September
1, 2021**

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**MEMBERS
ONLY
AUCTION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**





Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events*

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, Kan napolis, 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

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

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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

Support our Corporate Sponsors

Bonsai by Fields (Mark Fields)

Circle City Bonsai (Bob Hoy)

Eagle Creek Bonsai (Scott Yelich)

Checkout the IBC website:

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