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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

**2022 is just
around the
corner... It's going
to be a GREAT
Bonsai Year!**

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From the President



November tends to be a time when the trees are slowing down and we're packing up for the winter time, there seems to be much going on and many things I need to cover in this month's President's message.

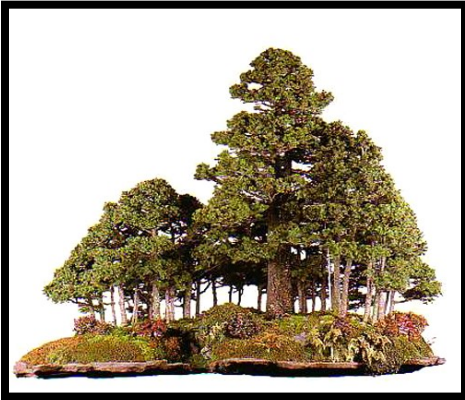
First off, I want to talk about the Holiday Dinner. Our December meeting will not be at Garfield Park. Instead, we will have our annual Holiday Gala, which will include a dinner, raffle, and the best dead tree contest. So, as you're getting your trees moved for the winter, don't chuck your dead trees into the garbage can! Your best looking dead tree may win you an award. Hang onto your best dead tree and bring it to the December Holiday Gala. You may bring home the Best Dead Tree Trophy! The Dinner will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, December 1st at the Formosa Seafood Buffet in Castleton. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. This \$20 will cover the dinner, non-alcoholic drinks and you'll also get a couple of tickets for the raffle. It would be much appreciated if you could pay for the meal at the November meeting. Bob and Steve are usually very busy selling additional raffle tickets during the Holiday Gala, so it's much easier to pay for the meal with cash, check or charge at the November meeting, since the entire party ends up on one big tab which gets paid by the club. We will also gladly accept 2022 dues during the November meeting. We will not be collecting 2022 dues during the annual Holiday Gala. The annual cost for dues is \$25, which covers two people in a household.

Early to mid November is also the time when we get our outdoor trees protected for the winter. Normally, I put my outdoor trees (like pines, junipers, maples and crabapples) on the ground along my fence or by the side of my house. That way, the trees have a wind break to protect them. I then bury them up to the lowest branch in mulch. Other people either move their trees into cold frames or even into unheated garages or out-buildings. I will discuss this topic more during a short program near the beginning of the November meeting.

The main topic of the November bonsai club meeting is going to be on slabs. Most of you know that the word "bonsai" means "tree in a pot" or "tree in a tray." Sometimes, we can use a slab as the container rather than a traditional pot. Slabs can be made several different ways and I've seen many different styles. Sometimes the slab is a actual piece of stone. Other times, the slabs are made of clay or cement. First, we will be doing a couple of slab building demonstrations. We will make a slab using cement and we'll make another from clay. Then the real fun begins! We will be doing a slab building workshop. For the workshop, we will be constructing small clay slabs, roughly 14 x 10 inches in size. When the slabs dry enough, they will be kiln fired so they can be used for bonsai. We'll be hanging onto the slabs after the meeting so we can fire them. You will get your slabs back in the spring. The cost of the slab workshop is \$5. You must be a member to participate. If you aren't already a member, then you can just pay for your 2022 membership and you're all set. The slab fun doesn't stop there! We have more to this grand plan: In the spring, we will be making bonsai forests. The idea is that you use the slab made during the November workshop. After the spring workshop, you'll have your very own bonsai forest on a slab. I expect it to be a very popular project.

The IBC Board of Directors recently had a planning meeting for the 2022 season. I think we have a lot of fun things planned and I'm really excited. I am going to leave you with that teaser. Stay tuned for our December newsletter where we will include more information about the Holiday Gala and the upcoming activities and events for 2022. I look forward to seeing all of you at our November program.

Scott Yelich, President



Indianapolis Bonsai Club

Location – Garfield Park Business Pavilion

Time – 7:03 p.m.

Attendance - 27

Treasurer – Checking \$4,098.15, Savings \$4,703.46, Total \$8,801.61

Membership – 100 members. 80 paid.

Vice President – Please send in photos and ideas for the newsletter.

President – Winterizing your tropical trees. Tropicals should be moved inside when the outside temperature gets below 50 degrees. The trees will be getting less sunlight and will require less water. However, they do need a higher humidity level and airflow to remain healthy. Suggested using humidity trays with gravel or you can mist. There is a video on YouTube on the subject. Grow lights can also be used if there is not enough sunlight. Scott uses fluorescent lights with daylight spectrum bulbs for 14-16 hours a day. Moving the trees inside may cause them to drop some leaves. If this happens, do not panic and relocate them again. Trees that are in a window should be periodically rotated to keep growth uniform.

The Executive board will be meeting 10/16 to discuss next years (2022) schedule. We will also discuss Facebook posts.

Next meeting (November 3) we will be having a discussion and possible workshop on Bonsai slabs. The details are still being worked out.

Mark Fields conducted a workshop on wiring and shaping conifers.

Robert Scarborough, Secretary

2022

Jan. ● Bonsai Tools, Use & Care presented by Rob Pugh

Feb. ● Scrolls presented by Alyssa Batula

March ● Propagation techniques

(Also, Jacy Macchia will be doing short programs during Jan, Feb & March on Insecticides, Fungicides and Fertilizer)

April ● Members only swap meet, Bonsai Tree Critique

May ● Members only bonsai forest slab workshop

June ● Members only Tropical Bonsai workshop

July ● How to display your tree

August ● Deadwood—Jin and Shari Techniques

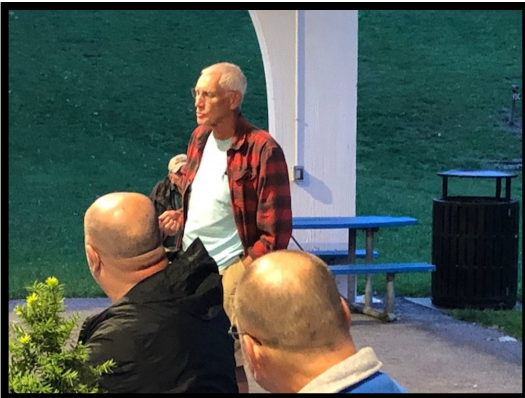
September ● Members Only Auction

Oct. ● Members only Conifer workshop

Nov. ● Bonsai pot presentation

Dec. ● Annual Holiday Party

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Midwest and Eastern USA Bonsai Events*

Dec 4-5

**Winter Show, North Carolina Research Center,
Kannapolis, NC**

Reminder:

**We'd like to showcase
members trees! Send us
photos and a brief com-
mentary on your tree.**

Send to

r.hoy@outlook.com

Thank you!!!

Date 2021 Meetings	Program
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

**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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