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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

# IBC

# 2022

It's going to be a great year!



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# From the President

**F**irst of all, I'd like to wish everyone a happy new year. The last couple of years have been rather odd. Let's hope things will be closer back to normal this year. Last month, I spent a little time reflecting on our past season. This month, I'm looking forward to the upcoming season.

About this time of the year, people are often thinking about new year's resolutions. I know that we can't do a lot with our trees during January, but it is a good time to make plans and set goals. January is kind of our "off season" in terms of bonsai. The outside trees are dormant and the tropical trees have slowed down. Maybe we are watering our tropical trees every couple of days, but that's about it. I was reflecting on our bonsai "off season" and it made me think of a story of what Peyton Manning did on his off seasons. Despite the fact that he's now a Hall of Fame quarterback, he still had parts of his game that he wanted to improve on back when he was an active NFL quarterback. During his off season, he would try to pick some aspect of the game that he thought he needed to improve on, like throwing accuracy or footwork. Then he'd focus on improving that area of his game, so that he would come to the new season as an improved player. We all have things that we can improve on. I've been doing bonsai for almost 30 years now. I'd like to think that I'm pretty decent at this point. That being said, I know there are still things to improve on.

My wiring used to be sloppy and I didn't really like to wire that much. I made myself wire more and I got better at it. Now, I actually enjoy wiring. I'm not perfect, but I'm much better! So sure, we can always do the typical stuff that's suggested during the "off season," like scrubbing pots and such, but I'd also suggest to pick out something this year that you want to get better at, as it relates to bonsai. If you are a tropical person, maybe spend some time reading up and learning how to take care of a certain type of pine tree. If you prefer outdoor trees, maybe pick up a tropical tree to play with. Maybe you can pick up knowledge on other arts associated with bonsai, like suiseki, kusamono, or scrolls. Maybe wintertime would be a good time to learn some woodworking and build your own bonsai stand. My point is this: no matter how long you've been doing bonsai, there is always an opportunity to learn something new.

One very important "off season" task is getting your tools cleaned up and ready for the upcoming season. Rob Pugh, who is the IBC's version of "Tim the Tool Man" will be presenting a program on bonsai tools, which will include how to clean and sharpen bonsai tools. I admit, this is one thing I need to be better about! I am probably better at teaching a 'What NOT to do to your tools' class. Anyway, I'm confident that Rob will do a great job kicking off our new year, and I look forward to seeing his presentation.

We will also have a couple of other short programs this season. IBC member Jacy Maccia will be doing short programs on Insecticides, Fungicides and Fertilizer during the months of January, February and March. The IBC Board also decided to bring back the Tree of the Month short program. I will be doing a short program on Dwarf African Jade this month. I look forward to seeing you at our January 5th meeting.

*Scott Yelick*, President

# Indianapolis Bonsai Club

**Event-Date** – December 1, 2021 Annual Gala  
Formosa Seafood Buffet

**Time** – 6:00 p.m...

**Attendance** - 35 (+/-)

Food, fun, raffles and friends.

**It was a great evening!**

## 2022 Bonsai Events

**March 12 – 20, 2022. IBC / Indiana Flower & Patio Show Bonsai Sale  
Indianapolis, IN**

**March 19 – 20, 2022. Atlanta Bonsai Society Bonsai Exhibit, Atlanta, GA**

**May 26 – 29, 2022. American Bonsai Society Convention, Olive Branch, MS**

**May 27 – 29, 2022. Bonsai Societies of Florida Convention, Orlando, FL**

**June 4 – 5, 2022. IBC / Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit / Sale. Indianapolis, IN**

**June 23 – 26, 2022. Mid-America Bonsai Alliance Convention, Milwaukee, WI**

**July 16 – 17, 2022. Elkhart Bonsai Show, Elkhart, IN**

**July 29 – August 7, 2022. IBC / Indiana State Fair Exhibit/Sale, Indianapolis, IN**

**September 10, 2022. IBC / Penrod Arts Fair Bonsai Sale, Indianapolis, IN**

**October 13 – 16, 2022. World Bonsai Convention, Perth, Australia**

**(For the most current and accurate calendar, visit [www.indybonsai.org](http://www.indybonsai.org))**

## **Reminder:**

**We'd like to showcase members trees! Send us photos and  
a brief commentary on your tree(s).**

**Send to [r.hoy@outlook.com](mailto:r.hoy@outlook.com)**

**Thank you!!!**

# 2022

January ● Bonsai Tools, Use & Care, presented by Rob Pugh

February ● 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

October ● Members only Conifer workshop

Nov. ● Bonsai pot presentation

Dec. ● Annual Holiday Party

**May you and  
yours have an  
AMAZING 2022!**

<b>Date</b> <b>2022 Meetings</b>	<b>Program</b>
January 5	Bonsai Tool Program (Rob Pugh)
February 2	Scrolls—Alyssa Batula
March 2	Bonsai Preparation Techniques/Presentations by Jacy Machia on Fertilizers, Pesticides, & Fungicides (January, February, March)
April 6	Members Only Swap Meet/Bonsai Tree Critique
May 4	Members Only Bonsai Forest Slab Workshop
June 2	Members Only Tropical Bonsai Workshop
July 6	How to Display Your Tree
August 3	Deadwood : Jin and Shari Techniques
September 7	Annual Members Only Auction (Club receives 20%)
October 5	Members Only Conifer Workshop
November 2	Bonsai Pots Program
December 7	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>Robert 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>

**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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