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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

# The Bonsai Creation

# IBC

# Happy 2023

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**It's going to be a GREAT year!**

# From the President

First of all, I'd like to thank Scott for all his work as club president for the past two years. Thanks for making being vice-president so easy, and I hope "retirement" from the presidency treats you well.

It looks like I got my presidency off to a promising start by winning the 2022 Dead Tree Award. I guess things can only go up from here? But in all seriousness, I'm looking forward to see what 2023 brings for the club. We're planning for 7 hands on workshops. I'm also hoping we can tie some of the meetings together, so we can build on previous months and grow everyone's experience together. After all, a bonsai is never finished so we're always working on hands-on/workshop meetings, which are always fun and a great way to get some more experience and improving trees we've styled before.

We'll be kicking off the new year with a pinch-pot pottery workshop. These pots are great for accent plants, or even small bonsai trees. I always love the workshops where we break out the clay, it's fun to be able to make your own shape/style of pot. And they have such a lovely, organic look to them when they're done. As a bonus: you can't kill pots, so there's no such thing as already having too many.

If you get a chance, take a look at your trees and see if there's a certain type of small pot that would complete a display. Do you have an unusual shohin that would look great with a unique pot shape? Or maybe you haven't been able to find the perfect accent plant for one of your bonsai? This is a great way to get just the right (small) size pot you need.

Remember how I said I'm hoping that we can have meetings start to build on each other? These pots would be the perfect place to plant your new kusamono accent plants in the February workshop (but don't worry: we'll have small pots available to purchase if you missed the January meeting). And accent plants are a great way to complement your favorite tree, which maybe will want it's own new pot in our May repotting workshop. Or if your accent plant calls for a whole new tree, we have you covered with the tropical, deciduous, and phoenix graft workshops. Once you have your accent plant and freshly repotted/restyled tree, you're most of the way to having a display ready for the State Fair in August.

I hope you're all as excited as I am to see what 2023 brings.

*Alyssa Batula, President*

**Remember: We are interested in showing members trees. Send us a photo & description of your trees/collection to:**

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

**Thank you!**

# 2023 IBC Meeting Calendar

<b>January 4</b>	■	<b>Preview of Year Events/Suiseki</b>
<b>February 1</b>	■	<b>Pottery Workshop</b>
<b>March 1</b>	■	<b>Kusamono/Accent Plants</b>
<b>April 5</b>	■	<b>Deciduous Workshop</b>
<b>May 3</b>	■	<b>Repot Your Tree/Repot Garfield Park Trees/Members Swap Meet</b>
<b>June 7</b>	■	<b>Demo (Tree to be raffled off @ July 5 mtg.)</b>
<b>July 5</b>	■	<b>Tropical Workshop</b>
<b>August 2</b>	■	<b>Winter Tree Care Preparation</b>
<b>September 6</b>	■	<b>Members Only Auction</b>
<b>October 4</b>	■	<b>Conifer Workshop</b>
<b>November 1</b>	■	<b>Winter Tree Care/Show and Tell</b>
<b>December 6</b>	■	<b>Annual GALA</b>

(meeting topics/presenters subject to change)

## Club Officers

2023-2024

<b>President</b>	<b>Alyssa Batula</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Neil Scarborough</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Randy Suhre</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Robert Hoy</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Scott Yelich</b>
<b>Newsletter/Publications</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</b>	<b>Mark Fields</b>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Mark Fields</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.

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Membership	Steven Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
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Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
ABS	Mark Fields
Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy
Videographer	Cameron Fackler

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