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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

IBC

Deciduous Bonsai

April 5, 2023



A deciduous Bonsai tree is one that sheds its leaves in the Fall (Autumn) months to go into its dormant period over Winter. Popular types of deciduous Bonsai include **Maple, Elm, American Beech, Hophornbeam, Chinese Elm & and Wisteria** varieties. The best soil mix for deciduous Bonsai trees will contain more clay based substrate (such as Akadama) to aid in water retention.

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From the President

By the time this newsletter comes out, the flower & patio show will be over, and we'll have had our bonsai 101 workshop as well. I have a special fondness for our 101 class: it was the first thing I did after joining the club and it was a nice way to learn some basics. Hopefully we'll have found new members, and we can welcome them at our next meeting.

Whether you're a new or old member, if you're itching to work on a new tree, make sure you check out our April deciduous workshop. There will be a variety of tree species to choose from, and as usual there will be more experienced members available to help you re-pot and style the trees.

Fun deciduous tree fact: according to the U.S. Forest Service, the most brilliant fall colors happen when there are many warm fall days and cold (but not freezing) nights. Warm sunny days are good for sugar production and cold nights keep the sugars in the leaves, and all that sugar makes for more pigments. Maybe we can artificially create these conditions for our trees if the weather doesn't cooperate?

While you're waiting for the workshop, don't forget to work on your other trees, too. We have our first local show coming up the first weekend in June at Garfield Park, and later the state fair show.

Looking forward to seeing you, and happy styling!

Alyssa Batula, President



Photos by Pat Guido

PHOENIX GRAFT



A sampling of the Phoenix Graft Workshop endeavors.

Remember: We are interested in showing members trees/collections. Send a photo & a description of your tree(s)/collection to: r.hoy@outlook.com. Thank you!



Photos by Scott Yelich

2023 Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show March 11-19, 2023

The Club had a Sales Booth & informed attendees about the club and bonsai.



April Deciduous Workshop

I thought I'd (once again) give all of you a little reminder about the April deciduous workshop. Springtime is the right time for repotting our deciduous trees, so having a workshop in early April is a god time.. The best time for potting many of these trees is when the buds are just starting to swell. This workshop will include a tree growing in a one or two gallon pot,, an eight inch ceramic pot, soil, wire and drain mesh. We will have a nice variety of trees available which will likely include species like, ginkgo, trident maple, Japanese maple, amur maple, Chinese elm, American beech and American hornbeam. The board is still in the process of determining the cost of this workshop, but I can assure you that it will be very affordable.

Scott Yelich, Past President

American Beech



Hophornbeam



Chinese Elm



**A sampling
of the
trees avail-
able for
purchase
for the
April decid-
uous work-
shop**

March 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Location – Garfield Park

Time – 7:00 pm

Attendance: -27

Treasurer

Checking \$1084.16,

Savings \$5704.02

Total \$6788.18

Membership –

50 2023 dues current members

Mark Fields conducted a workshop on Phoenix graphs, it was enjoyed by all members. Next month we will be having a workshop on deciduous trees by Scott Yelich
Thank You.

Randy Suhre, Secretary

2023 IBC Meeting Calendar

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

(meeting topics/presenters subject to change)

March 11-19	Indiana Flower & Patio Show
March 25	Bonsai 101
June 3-4	Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit/Sale
July 28-August 6	Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit/Sale
September 9	Penrod Arts Bonsai 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+ 2023-2024

President	Alyssa Batula
Vice President	Neil Scarborough
Secretary	Randy Suhre
Treasurer	Robert Hoy
Past President	Scott Yelich
Membership	Steven Dick
Web Master	Scott Yelich
Volunteers	Steven Dick
Historian	Paul Weishaar
Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
ABS	Mark Fields
Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy

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If you are interested/willing to write an article or articles for the e-news, please let us know. We will ensure grammar, etc. is correct, to the best of our ability. I Quit teaching English a LONG time ago!!! THANK YOU!

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