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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB

The Bonsai Creation

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TORTED BRANCHES, AND MINIMAL
FOLIAGE MASS.**

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From the President

As I write this, the first phase of the State Fair bonsai show is underway! We had a really nice turnout, with some new faces showing off their trees. We had to reduce the number of entry categories to accommodate the reduced display area, but we did a great job filling up the area with great-looking trees. And some lovely ribbons in the spirit of the fair. I hope you are all able to find some time to come and check out the displays.

Just in case we didn't cram enough excitement into the week, we're only a few days away from our August meeting on literati bonsai. Literati is a style that typically features slender trees, unusual twists/contortions in the trunk and branches, and sparse foliage. They're a stark contrast to the stereotypical fat trunks we usually are looking for. To me, the style tends to express either a fun whimsy or a serene solitude.

Mark Fields will be demonstrating how to style a tree as a literati bonsai. Personally, I'm especially excited for this meeting. I love literati trees, but don't have a good sense for how to pick one out or style one myself. Here's hoping I can add a few to my collection once I know what I'm looking for.

Alyssa

Not to get too far ahead of ourselves, but our upcoming September meeting will be our annual club auction. If you're new, this can be a great way to get some affordable material to work with, or maybe a new pot/stand to make your show display even better next year. Or if you have some extra trees or supplies, now is a good time to start going through them and decide what you'd like to have auctioned off.



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**Mark Fields of
Bonsai by
Fields demon-
strates how a
“literati” is cre-
ated during the
August IBC
Meeting.**



Minutes July 2, 2023

Location - Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Time— 7:00 p.m.

Checking- \$719.69

Saving- \$4215.09

Total- \$4,934.69

Time: 19:000 Hrs

President - Alyssa Batula

VP- Robert Scarborough

Secretary - Randy Suhre

Treasurer—Robert Hoy

Membership - 99

Paid members - 60

Randy Suhre, Secretary

Remember: We are interested in showing members trees/collections. Send a photo(s) & a description(s) of your tree(s)/collection to: indybonsaiclub@gmail.com

IBC Checking: 7-3-2023 \$869.3 Petty Cash \$200.00

IBC Savings: \$5,204.15 Total \$7,708.81

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	■	Tree Critique (Friendly)
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
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Librarian	Paul Weishaar
MABA/BCI	Paul Weishaar
ABS	Mark Fields
Publications/Photos	Robert Hoy

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If you are interested in/willing to write an article, share photos or announcements for the e-news, please do! Send to r.hoy@outlook.com. THANK YOU!

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www.indybonsai.org**