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### IBC

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THE MODERN LITERATI STYLE IS KNOWN TO ENCOMPASS TREES WITH A SLENDER TRUNK, CONTORTED 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.













Mark Fields of Bonsai by Fields demonstrates how a "literati" is created 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

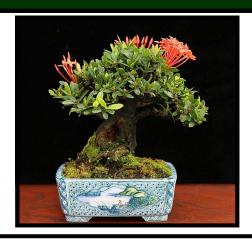
IBC Savings: \$5,204.15 Total \$7,708.81

#### **2023 IBC Meeting Calendar**

Preview of Year Events/Suiseki **January 4 February 1 Pottery Workshop** March 1 **Phoenix Graft Workshop w/Mark Fields** April 5 **Deciduous Workshop Repot Your Tree/Repot Garfield Park Trees/Members** May 3 **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
March 25
June 3-4
July 28-August 6
September 9

Indiana Flower & Patio Show
Bonsai 101
Garfield Park Bonsai Exhibit/Sale
Indiana State Fair Bonsai Exhibit/Sale
Penrod Arts Bonsai Sale



For the most up to date calendar, visit our website: www.indybonsai.org

#### **Club Information**

Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

<u>Where:</u> 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

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Secretary Randy Suhre

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