



THE BONSAI CREATION

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TIPS, TRICKS, AND TOOLS OF BONSAI

The Indianapolis Bonsai Club enjoyed an entertaining and informative demonstration on bonsai tools and bonsai wire techniques. Thanks to Rob Pugh and Mark Fields for sharing your knowledge with us.

As the year draws to a close, we're excited to celebrate the end of 2024 with the annual IBC Gala on December 4th. Find more information inside and RSVP if you haven't already!

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The holiday season is getting started, and that means the IBC Holiday Gala is coming up! I hope you all can make it, the gala is a fun time with food and raffles and discussions of all things bonsai. And, of course, the dead tree award. I am proud to say I have no trees to enter this year. But if you lost a tree this year, bring it to the gala and see if you have this year's nicest dead tree.

We're putting the finishing touches on next year's schedule, but I think you'll enjoy it. The goal was to have learning opportunities for all skill levels, and I hope you'll all find something to look forward to next year. In addition to a new schedule, we'll also be starting the year with a brand new set of elected officers. Congratulations to our officers, and thank you for volunteering your time to the club.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and I'll see you at the gala!

CLUB OFFICERS+ 2024

PRESIDENT: ALYSSA BATULA

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SCARBOROUGH

SECRETARY: RANDY SUHRE

TREASURER: ROBERT HOY

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NOVEMBER 6, 2024 CLUB MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: GARFIELD PARK,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

TIME: 7:00 PM

PRESIDENT: ALYSSA BATULA

VP: ROBERT SCARBOROUGH

SECRETARY: RANDY SUHRE

TREASURER: ROBERT HOY

CHECKING: \$2328.18

SAVINGS: \$5545.95

ACCOUNT TOTAL: \$7874.13

PAID MEMBERS: 87

ATTENDANCE: 31

2025 officers were elected. Randy Suhre was elected president; Hailey Rhodes for vice president; Wayne Madsen for secretary; and Steve Dick for treasurer.

Demonstration on how to maintain and care for your tools was done by Rob Pugh. Rob covered cleaning and sharpening your tools. He also covered that in starting out in Bonsai you do not have to have expensive tools. He also covered as you get more experience in Bonsai you can improve your tools. After that a demonstration was done by Mark Fields on proper wiring of trees and how to go about cleaning the tree before beginning to wire. Members enjoy the demonstrations and questions were asked and covered by both demonstrators.

Secretary

Randy Suhre

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INTRODUCING NEW OFFICERS

The Indianapolis Bonsai Club elected new officers this month, and we'd like to take the opportunity to introduce some of them in their own words.

President Randy Suhre

Hello, my name is Randy Suhre. I grew up in Minot North Dakota. My dad was in the Air Force. We moved around a lot. I was introduced to Bonsai when I was back in high school, taking a vocational class on horticulture. I have both outdoor and indoor Bonsai. My past role in the club, I have been secretary for the last two years.

Vice President Hailey Rhodes

Hi, I'm Hailey Rhodes, your publications editor, Garfield Park Coordinator, and now your vice president. I'm a lifelong Hoosier who loved looking at the Bonsai Club's booth at the state fair every year. I finally gathered up the courage to join the club after killing a few pre-bonsai during the pandemic, and it has been such a great learning experience for me. I primarily grow tropical bonsai and especially love my parrots beak trees.

Secretary Wayne Madsen

Wayne Madsen was a Professor of Art for 15 years. He has been doing bonsai for the past three years and mostly has a wealth of knowledge and many bonsai in early development. He lives in Noblesville.

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INTRODUCING NEW OFFICERS, CONTINUED

Treasurer Steve Dick

Hi, I am Steven Dick, the newly elected Treasurer for IBC. I started in Bonsai in the mid 1980's but after killing several trees, I gave up. Then in 2010, I saw the Club's display at the State Fair and decided to give it another try. This time I actually tried to learn about the different types of trees so I could grow trees suited for where I was actually going to grow them. I built a small 5' x 12' hot house onto my condo to winter my trees. I started with a \$200 Fukien Tea I bought down in GA; but that winter an ice storm pulled the translucent roof off my greenhouse and froze my prized tree. I corrected my structural issue and started again, albeit with somewhat less expensive trees. I have chosen to grow primarily tropicals, succulents, and a couple deciduous. I am one of those fools who love trees with needles. Now in my 15th year I have 10-12 show trees and about 35-40 others in varying stages of development. I have tried to be active in the club - helping with our shows, being the volunteer coordinator (a tough job twisting arms to get you involved), and the membership coordinator. I have found that short of apprenticing with an experienced bonsai master; being involved, talking with guests coming to our shows, and displaying trees, even small trees, is the fastest way to learn. Accordingly, while I serve you as the Club Treasurer, I strongly encourage you to be involved. This is your club; and we grow and succeed based upon your involvement!

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IBC HOLIDAY DINNER AND RAFFLE

This year's IBC Holiday Dinner and Raffle will be Wednesday, December 4th at 6 pm. We will be eating at The Journey at 7155 E 96th St, Indianapolis, IN 46250. We would like to get a head count for reservations at our November meeting. The evening includes dinner, raffle prizes, and the annual Dead Tree Award. We look forward to seeing you all there!



DINNER PRICES

Price includes food, drink (soda or tea), tip, and tax.

Adults: \$30

Children 3-6: \$15

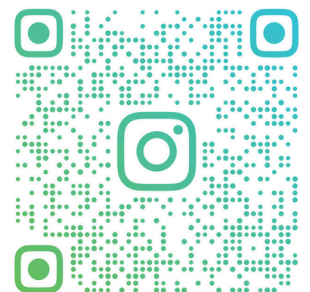
Children 7-11: \$20

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets at \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20.

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The Indianapolis Bonsai Club is now on Instagram. You can follow our account at @indianapolisbonsaiclub. We want to include club members' photos on Instagram and in newsletters. If you would like to submit a photo for Instagram or the newsletter, email a photo with your name to indybonsaiclub@gmail.com.



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INDY BONSAI CLUB 2024 CALENDAR

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January 3rd	Workshop: Pinch Pots
February 7th	Workshop: Kusamono Slab
March 6th	Demonstration: Air Layer from Larger Tree
April 3rd	Workshop: Native Indiana Trees
May 1st	Demonstration: Styling Conifers with Mark Fields
June 5th	Workshop: Friendly Critique & Garfield Park Trees
July 3rd	Workshop: Tropical Trees
August 7th	Demo: Bonsai Watering Principles w/ Mark Blakely
September 4th	Members Only Auction
October 2nd	Workshop: Bring Your Tree Critique/Advice
November 6th	Demonstration: Bonsai Tools and Wiring
December 4th	Annual Club Holiday Dinner and Raffle

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 8th-9th	Garfield Park Exhibit and Sale
August 2nd-11th	Indiana State Fair Exhibit and Sale
September 7th	Penrod Arts Fair Bonsai Sale

CLUB INFORMATION

WHERE:

GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY
2450 SHELBY ST,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

WHEN:

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

TIME: 7:00 PM

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