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INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB



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Indianapolis Bonsai Club Well Represented at U. S. Nationals

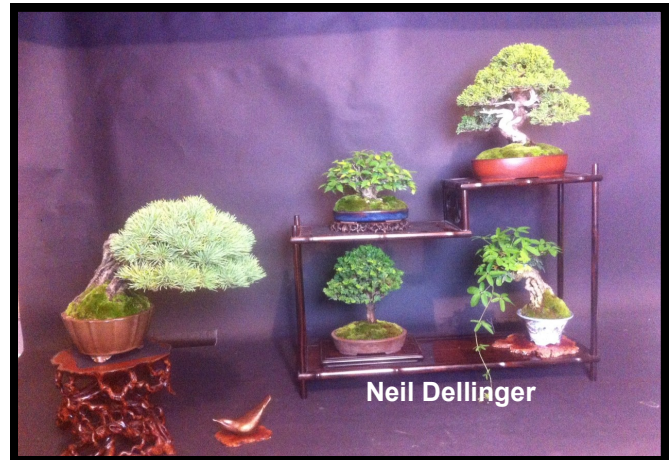
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Members of the Indianapolis Bonsai Club made their way to Rochester, New York recently to attend/exhibit at the 2014 U. S. Nationals.

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Carl Wooldridge



Neil Dellinger



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Paul Weishaar

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Pictures are available on the photos page.

From the President

First of all, I want to remind everyone that the IBC's nominating committee is accepting nominations for the upcoming election of officers, which will take place during the November meeting. These positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Terms of office are for two years. If you'd like to nominate someone (or yourself) for a position on the executive board, please contact Paul Weishaar, Steve Knapp, or Mark Fields. These three past presidents are our nominating committee. Please submit your nominations to the committee by October 10, so we can list the candidates in the November newsletter. The other positions on the board, such as "Past President," "Assistant Vice President," "MABA Delegate" and "ABS-BCI Delegate" are appointed by the board or assigned by their status in the bonsai community. For example, Mark *is* the past president. Paul is the current president of the MABA association, therefore he *is* the club's MABA delegate. Positions like "Assistant Vice President" and "Volunteer Coordinator" are selected by the President and confirmed by the other board members. I just wanted to get this stuff out of the way, because at the end of the day, we are getting together to have fun and make little trees. I would rather do that than get bogged down with the boring business stuff.

The U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition was the weekend of September 13 & 14. This event takes place in Rochester, NY every other year. We're a little late getting the newsletter out this month because several of us just got back from the Exhibition. I am proud to say that 8 members of the Indianapolis Club had trees on display at the show. I believe we had 11 club members or spouses of members in attendance at the Exhibition. We were packed elbow to elbow at our table for the banquet. The show was beautiful. The space where the show was held was awesome. There were also a ton of vendors. In all, the show and the vendor area covered two indoor soccer fields! Our MABA headliner, Suthin Sukosolvisit, won the top prize at the exhibition. I think that everyone had a great time. It was nice seeing such a fantastic display and meeting many of the top bonsai artists from around the country. It was great to see many familiar faces. It was also nice to meet some of my bonsai Facebook buddies in person for the first time.

We had a great time looking at trees and visiting with friends, but we were also able to get a little business done there, too. Many of the vendors and artists that will be coming to our upcoming MABA convention in July, were also at the exhibition in Rochester. Since we had the chance to meet and talk with them face to face, we are getting a good grasp on what vendors and artists will be joining us for the upcoming MABA convention. Not only do we have some of our own great ideas, but we got some great contributions from our prospective vendors and artists. I think that we will be able to put on a great convention and more details will be soon to follow.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our October meeting.

Scott Yelich

**Indianapolis Bonsai Club
September 3rd, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Amanda Cox**

Date & Time: September 3rd, 2014 from 7:00-9:00
Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room
Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich
Attendance: 45 **Visitors:**
Membership: 46 Paid Members
Checking/Savings Balance: \$3760.82

ANNUAL AUCTION

15 sellers
48 items
38 registered bidders
\$2619 in sales

Thank You to those who attended and helped raise money for the club.



What to do

Mark Fields
Bonsai by Fields

This time of year is perfect for working on pines. I have been busy thinning out my Japanese black and red pines and removing old needles from my Japanese black and ponderosa pines. When I thin out my red and black pines I remove all of the needles on the lower parts of the branches and cut back the new growth since emerging from after candle pruning back in June. When I say cut back I should clarify because I'm not really cutting back the new candles I choose to leave, I am removing candles where there are more than 2. I leave the 2 most lateral oriented candles. After this is complete they can be styled. Repotting won't take place until March.

I just fertilized with fertilizer containing nitrogen last week. This is most likely the last time I am worried about feeding with nitrogen for the year. Many people use a high phosphorous and potassium fertilizer like 0 – 10 – 10 in the fall months. Phosphorous is great for flower production and potassium is good for roots. I don't usually change the fertilizer I use because a plant isn't going to suddenly start growing just because you give it a fertilizer containing nitrogen. However, I do try to use a fertilizer with a higher middle and last number.

Cut back on watering as deciduous trees begin to get ready for winter. When their leaves begin to change colors they no longer need as much water

Watch the weather reports and plan ahead for when a frost is eminent. When night time temperatures dip into the upper 30's I move my more tender tropical's such as buttonwoods, Fukien teas, and black olives, into my greenhouse.

This week I plan to spray all of my trees using Bayer 3 in 1 in order to eliminate any pests and diseases before winter arrives.

Mark Fields



Bjorn Bjorholm Workshop

IBC LOGO ITEMS

Scribbles Embroidery of Arkansas has the Indianapolis Bonsai Club logo on file and they can produce dress shirts, polos, t-shirts, caps, bags, sweatshirts, fleece pullovers, etc in a wide selection of colors, both product and logo. This allows IBC members to purchase any item any time they wish. You can visit their website at www.scribblesemb.com to see their selection and place your order.

Date 2014	Meeting Topic	Detail	Presenter - Coordinator	Tree of the Month
1/15	My Trip to Japan	A presentation on Mark and Neil's recent trips to Japan	Mark Fields Neil Dellinger	Green Island Ficus (Amanda Cox)
2/5	Suiseki: Viewing Stones and daizes	A presentation on the use of stones in bonsai	Scott Yelich	Brazilian Raintree (Paul Weishaar)
3/5	Tree of the Year Presentations	2014 Tree of the Year Introduction; Kingsville Boxwood	All	Ponderosa Pine (Carl Wooldridge)
4/2	Styling of collected trees	A presentation by members of their 2013 tree of the year; Styling of trees collected on IBC club trips	All	Larch (Carl Wooldridge)
5/7	State Fair Exhibit Tree Evaluation	An initial evaluation of trees planned to be exhibited by members at the State Fair	All	Crabapple (Paul Weishaar, Mark Fields)
6/4	Choosing Pots	How to select the right pot for your tree	Paul Weishaar	Jaboticaba (Scott Yelich)
7/2	Exhibiting tree tips	Putting it all together for the State Fair	All	American Beech (Roger Chestnut)
8/6	Tropical's	Ed Trout Revisit the tree of the year progress	All	Bald Cypress (Paul Weishaar)
9/3	Annual "Members Only" Auction	Members bring in "anything bonsai" to auction. The club receives 20% of sale.	Paul Weishaar, Mark Fields, Scott Yelich	none
10/1	Pines	A presentation of Pines as bonsai	Mark Fields, Paul Weishaar, Carl Wooldridge	Zelkova (Mark Fields)
11/5	More Pines & Tropicals— Winterizing Trees	Pines & Tropicals+ and Winterizing Trees	Mark Fields, Paul Weishaar	Shefflera (Bob Hoy)
12/3	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All	none
Events				
April 26,27	Perennial Premier	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at the IMA	All	
May 2, 3, 4	Orchard in Bloom	Bonsai Sale/Information booth at Holliday Park	All	
June 7, 8	Garfield Park Exhibit and Sale	Annual exhibit and sale	All	
June 22	Bonsai Workshop	Guest Artist: Adam Lavigne	All	
July 12	Club Picnic	Hosted by Scott Yelich	All	
August 1-9	State Fair	Annual exhibit and sale	All	
September 6	Penrod Art s Fair	Bonsai Sale	All	
September 17	Bjorn Bjorholm	Workshop at Bonsai by Fields	All	



There are several wonderful styles of the Zelkova that make great bonsai. For example, the Elm Zelkova (*Zelkova carpinifolia*) and Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) are two top choices. These plants originate from western Asia where they prefer cooler climates.

The leaves of the Zelkova look similar to the American or English Elm but much smaller. Although not everyone agrees, many bonsai enthusiasts believe the Zelkova is by far the best deciduous tree for bonsai. The Zelkova is related to the Elm but with a major advantage – they do not experience the same problem with disease.

During the colder winter months, you would notice the Zelkova has small, green leaves with a slight, sweet fragrance. However, in the fall, the leaves change color to a bronze or golden yellow color and the fragrance seems to disappear. The trunk of the Zelkova is straight with smooth bark. One of the distinguishing characteristics

of the Zelkova is the color of the trunk, which ranges from green to gray when at a mature age.

The Zelkova prefers deep soil that is fertile and well drained. The key to growing this tree as a bonsai is to repot in early spring with the younger Zelkova being repotted annually and older trees every two to three years or when the roots are matted or the container too small. If you plan to wire the Zelkova, you need to take great care since the branches are fragile and thin. When you do wire, do this in the summertime.

For pruning, shoots should be cut back, leaving just one to two leaves. This particular type of bonsai tree can be styled anyway you like with the exception of literati. However, we recommend you consider the broom style, which works beautifully with the thick branches. The Zelkova is an overall hardy tree but you want to make sure it has protection from frost if grown outdoors. Then in the summer, the Zelkova needs a lot of water and sun. Finally, make sure you do not over water the Zelkova in the winter nor allow it to dry out completely.

Tree of the Month: Zelkova

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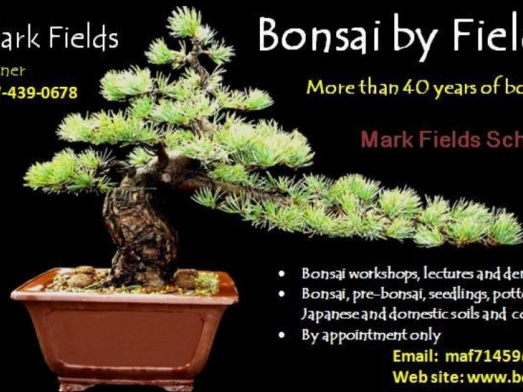
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Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

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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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