

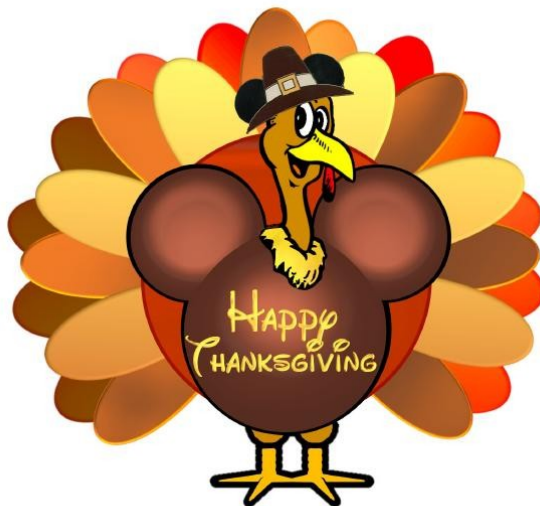
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



The Bonsai Creation

INDIANAPOLIS BONSAI CLUB



May you and yours enjoy a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2015!

The IBC Board



What to do...

Mark Fields
Bonsai by Fields

Is It Winter Already?

I got up this morning and checked the thermometer. It was 25 degrees! It's only mid-November!

In the past, I put my trees away for the winter the weekend before Thanksgiving. I did that for 40 years. Last year I went to Japan the middle of November and wasn't going to return until the week of Thanksgiving so I decided to put them away the first weekend in November. When I returned from Japan I found the temperatures much like they are this year.

This year I tried to line up help to help me put my trees away sometime in early November. Because of the number of trees I have and the fact that some of them weigh well over 100 pounds, I must have help getting them off my benches and on the floor of my huts. I hate to admit it but I'm getting old. I have had 2 spinal fusions and both shoulders rebuilt and cannot do the lifting and bending over like I could when I was young. Thank goodness I have plenty of friends who like to help me.

The only weekend I could get everyone together to help was on November 1. Temperatures started out around freezing and were in the low 40's by the time everyone arrived. We worked for a solid 4 hours to get all of the benches in the huts out, the trees placed on the floor and mulched in. I made sure that we left paths where I could get to the trees to water and work on them during the winter months. I spent the next week getting the white poly installed. Last weekend I thoroughly watered all of the trees as the weather forecast was predicting daytime highs in the 30's with nighttime lows reaching the teens. I also treat all of the trees for insect and fungus with a dilute mixture of lime sulfur, daconil and malathion.

From now on, my trees are going into winter storage the first week in November.

Now for some advice. Every year I receive numerous phone calls and texts from friends and customers asking how and when they should start protecting their trees from the winter cold. My advice varies depending on what they have available to use. Some can only bury the pots in the soil up close to their house. Others have an unheated barn or garage available to them. Some tell me they always put their trees away the weekend before Thanksgiving.

One thing I do is that I watch the weather forecast daily and make plans according to that. Granted, being retired now, I have a little more time than most, but I really like the collection of trees I have amassed and want them to survive. I'm sure that you feel the same about your trees.

Some simple things to remember are that you want them to stay evenly cold when they are dormant. This can be done by insulating your trees roots using mulch, shredded leaves or soil. This helps the root mass from freezing and thawing. This can cause irreparable damage to the roots. Using this method, they freeze and stay frozen. I checked my huts this morning. They are now frozen for the most part. They should be completely frozen by the weekend.

My shohin size trees are stored in large plastic concrete mixing tubs filled with Turface. Their pots are buried to the top in the Turface. This insulates them the same as the mulch does around the larger trees.

All of the trees are all stored in the same huts covered with white poly in order to keep the temperature inside from heating up too much. I also leave the 50% shade cloth on the huts under the poly which helps them stay cool as well. The temperature usually stays 10 to 15 degrees warmer than the outside air.

When the temperatures are above freezing I open the doors on the huts to equalize the temperatures and humidity. The soil in the pots will look dry when they are frozen solid as the ice crystal give that appearance. When the days are warmer and the surface begins to thaw they will look wet. If I see that they need water during the winter months I water as needed. If snow is present outdoors I'll throw some of the light fluffy snow in the hut around the trees. As it melts, the trees are watered.

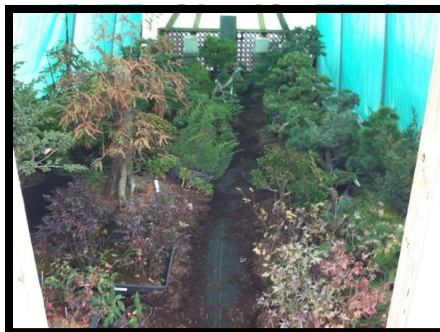
It is important to remember that the wind is your biggest enemy during the winter. When you store the trees outdoors, it is imperative that they are protected from bitter cold wind chills. This can be done by storing them on the south or east side of your house.

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You can also provide shelter by installing temporary posts and burlap.

As many of you know, I have many trees planted in raised beds filled with compost soil out in the open. I really don't provide any protection from the wind for them. Even with the extremely cold winter we had last year I didn't lose a single tree. As luck would have it, we had about a foot of snow on the ground when the temperature dropped to minus 16 degrees. When spring arrived I was amazed to find that I had only lost some of the tip growth on my trident maples and only the needles on the Japanese black and red pines that were above the snow were desiccated and brown. The buds on the end of the pines that were brown were fine.

Hopefully you have your trees tucked in for the winter. If you don't, you need to get them in as soon as possible. Good luck!



Checkout the updated IBC websites:
www.indybonsai.org / www.maba2015.com

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.

**Indianapolis Bonsai Club
November 5th, 2014
Meeting Minutes
Amanda Cox**

Date & Time: November 5th, 2014 from 7:00-9:00

Location: Garfield Park Conservatory Meeting Room

Presiding: Club President Scott Yelich

Attendance: 36 **Visitors:** 2

Membership: 46 Paid Members

Checking/Savings Balance: \$4009.61

Club Elections

No new volunteers ran for the 4 elected positions therefore it was voted that all current offices be held by the same volunteers for the next two years. 2015-2017

President: Scott Yelich

Vice President: Carl Wooldridge

Secretary: Amanda Cox

Treasurer: Bob Hoy

IBC Newsletter

Beginning December 2014 the IBC Newsletter will be accessible online only, will not be emailed. An email will be sent with a link to the club website where you can read the newsletter and download a copy.

MABA

Mark Your Calendar for MABA July 10th-12th 2015

Mid America Bonsai Alliance Convention

Volunteers needed.

Stayed Tuned: More information to come.

Tree of the Month: Schefflera

Presented By: Bob Hoy

Presentation: Pines

Carl Wooldridge, Paul Weishaar, Neil Dellinger



From the President

Wow! That was fast. It seems like 2014 blew by in a hurry. It was just summer, and now I'm packing my trees up and bracing for January-like cold temperatures. Although I'm sad to be packing up the trees for the winter, I happen to really enjoy the Holidays. Thanksgiving is only a couple of weeks away, and then we have our annual IBC Holiday dinner and celebration. It's nice to visit with friends and not have to worry about conducting a meeting or cleaning up and getting out on time.

First of all, I just want to say thanks to all of you. Our club wouldn't be so successful without our outstanding members. It's fun teaching, learning, and sharing our hobby (or addiction) with other like-minded individuals. One way of saying thanks to our members is the volunteer raffle. If you haven't been remembering, you can submit a ticket into the raffle for every time you've done something to assist the club. This includes cleaning up after meetings, doing demos, bringing snacks or showing trees at one of our events. Get those raffle tickets in because we'll once again be giving away a couple of nice bonsai trees.

As usual, we'll also have our annual holiday raffle. There will be prizes galore, and seldom does anyone leave empty-handed. We'll also have our annual dead tree contest. After last year's harsh winter, I'd expect a few more entries for this year's event. Although I didn't lose any trees in the cold, I *did* manage to send a really nice sequoia beyond death's door. Don't be shy. It happens to everyone once in a while.

I am really looking ahead to 2015. I think that we managed to come up with a great schedule of events for the upcoming season. I think that many of us learn more by a hands-on approach, and that's going to be a big part of our upcoming season. Obviously, we also have the big MABA convention happening in July. This event is going to be great, but we are also going to need a lot of help. If you haven't been to a bonsai convention before....well, you're in for a real treat. We'll have lots of vendors, great artists and many interesting programs, demonstrations, and workshops. I'm sure July will be here before we know it.

In closing, I just want to say thanks again for making 2014 a successful year for the IBC. I look forward to seeing you at our dinner on December 3rd.

Scott Yelich

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MABA 2015
JULY 10, 11, 12
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**



PINES: PART 2 NOVEMBER 5, 2014



**LOOKING AHEAD:
LACE ROCK WORKSHOP:
APRIL 1, 2015
NO (APRIL) FOOLIN' !**

Date 2015	Meeting Topic	Detail	Presenter - Coordinator	2015
1/7	Pinch Pot: Make Your Own Accent Plant	Members will be able to make their own accent pot from clay for a small fee. TBD	TBD	
2/4	How to choose quality pre-bonsai stock	A presentation of how and where to buy quality pre-bonsai stock	TBD	
3/4	Wiring Demo–BYOt and wire	How to wire a tree	Mark Fields	
4/1	Lace Rock Planting	Creating a bonsai on lace rock; trees and rock available for purchase	Scott Yelich	
5/6	Grafting and air layering	Members bring trees that need grafting/air layering and work on trees during the meeting.	Mark Fields	
6/3	Candle pruning - tree display	Mark Fields will discuss candle pruning techniques/Members will get in groups and design a tree display	Mark Fields	
7/1	MABA	Finalizing details/tasks/volunteer assignments for MABA 2015 in Indianapolis	All	
8/5	State Fair Judge - Demo	TBD	All	
9/2	Annual “Members Only” Auction	Members bring in “anything bonsai” to auction. The club receives 20% of sale.	All	
10/7	BYOT Workshop	Members bring in trees they want help/advice with...	All	
11/4	Benches, winter Prep, 2016 Ideas	Presentation on bonsai displays, winter prep, spring tasks	All	
12/2	Annual Dinner	The Annual Gala Celebration	All	
Events				
April 18, 19	Perennial Premier	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at the IMA	All	
June 6,7	Garfield Park Exhibit/Sale	Bonsai Sale and Exhibit at Garfield park conservatory	All	
July 10, 11, 12	MABA 2015	Major Bonsai convention hosted by the IBC	All	
August 7-15	State Fair	Exhibit and Sale	All	
September 12	Penrod Art Fair	Bonsai Sale on the grounds of the IMA	All	
September (TBD)	Bjorn Bjorholm	At Bonsai By Fields: contact Mark Fields for details	All	

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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 2015-2017

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