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From the Editor



What a great October. If you don't think about those three night-mare days in the middle of the month when the weather suddenly decided to go on to late December! That was scary, but boy did the fall color come on. In this issue, we have a rundown on the Reiman Garden Show (THANK YOU, Ron Heinen and all who assisted him) and the IBA Annual Board Meeting. Complete minutes

from that meeting will be available from the Secretary once they've been approved by the Board. This is goodbye until February, though I hope to see folks at the IBA November Meeting, Auction and Lunch! Blessings to all of you throughout the upcoming holiday season and into the New Year! Bonsai Away!

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Fuji Cherry, with accent plants, in fall color

Please consider writing an article for the Newsletter. Remember that this is your club!

If you have ideas, thoughts or comments, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

From the IBA President

Dear IBA members and friends,

I hope you're all enjoying the fall weather as I am. Not a lot to report this month, so I'll make this short and sweet.

The next IBA meeting will be Saturday November 19th from 9-1 at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. Bring a tree/trees to work on or just come to observe and ask questions, that's why we're here. The meeting locations this month will be in the Kemin Lab. We'll be having our yearly auction so if you have something you want to donate to the club bring it along and we'll add it to the Auction. We currently have several accent pots (a few of them were made by our old friend Gary Wood) and a nice pot from Vicki Chamberlain. All monies raised will be used to continue growing the art of bonsai in Iowa. We'll likely end this meeting early and go have some lunch somewhere. All are welcome.



Susan Daufeldt is organizing a new IBA sanctioned meeting for the Eastern Iowa Members of the IBA to be held the 4th Saturday of most months from 10-2. All IBA members are welcome to attend. Watch for more on this in early 2023.

I'm happy to report our pallet of Akadama has finally arrived and we now have both small and medium Double Red Line Akadama. The last pallet went fast so let me or Tim know if you need any. It's sure to go fast. Cost is \$50 for IBA Club Members and \$55 for nonmembers.

Hope to see you all on November 19th!

Scott Allen
IBA President

EIBA Vice President's Report

At the EIBA October meeting we had a group discussion on "Overwintering" led by Dennis Molumby. We had a good turnout of newer members. One new member joined the club. Members described a variety of both inside and outside overwintering techniques that have worked for them and some that didn't. Members were provided with a brochure on "Winter Care" by Dave Lowman. A lively discussion followed. We then held our election of officers for 2023 with the following results:

President - John Clemens, Vice President - Bill Englert, Secretary - Buck Stark, Treasurer - Jim Rajtora

This was the last formal meeting for the year. Members were asked to submit ideas for topics to cover next year. Considerable interest was expressed in favor of workshops and club workdays. The Executive Board will be working on next year's calendar over the next several months. The next meeting will be in February, on a Saturday to be determined, to collect dues and distribute soil. EIBA will also be presenting a class on "Bonsai Basics" or similar title at the Winter Gardening Fair at the Kirkwood Training Center in Cedar Rapids. John Clemens will be leading the class. EIBA will also have several display tables at the Fair.

The club will have our annual holiday dinner party at Leonardo's Restaurant in Cedar Rapids on Thursday, November 17th, at 6:00 pm. A follow-up notice will be sent out to remind members of the dinner. Members not receiving monthly newsletter are asked to notify Bill Englert or Jim Rajtora.

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Calendar of Events

Note: IBA Activities are also on the IBA website. Click on the “Calendar” Link.

November 12, 2022 (Saturday)

Jennifer Price Work-study group at Susan Daufeldt’s home in Conroy, Iowa. This is a privately sponsored activity.

November 17, 2022, 6 pm (Thursday)

EIBA Holiday Party at Leonardo’s in Cedar Rapids.

November 19, 2022, 9 am to 1pm (Saturday)

IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: Wintering (Roundtable Discussion); **Auction followed by Lunch at Trellis** (Members responsible for their own lunch).

BREAK UNTIL 2023

NOTE: OFFICERS AND SENIOR CLUB MEMBERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO HELP IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE ART AND NEED ADVICE. DON’T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH!

February 7, 2023, 6 pm (Tuesday)

IBA Board Meeting for the purpose of preparing the programs for 2023. Scott Allen’s Home.

February TBD, 2023, (Saturday)

EIBA Club Meeting: Dues Collection & Soil Distribution Event. Pierson’s Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.

February 18, 2023, 9 am to 1pm (Saturday)

IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: TBD

February 25, 2023, 10 am to 2 pm (Saturday)

IBA Satellite Meeting & Open Study Group. Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, Hills, IA (Address for navigation purposes: Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, 5276 Oakcrest Hill Road Southeast, Riverside, IA 52327)

March 16, 2023, 7pm (Thursday)

EIBA Club Meeting: Program TBD. Pierson’s Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.

March 18, 2023, 9 am to 1pm (Saturday)

IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: TBD

March 25, 2023 (Saturday)

IBA Satellite LOCATION WINTER SILHOUETTE & FLOWERING TREE SHOW.

Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, Hills, IA (Address for navigation purposes: Monarch Nursery & Garden Center, 5276 Oakcrest Hill Road Southeast, Riverside, IA 52327)

April 15, 2023, 9 am to 1pm (Saturday)

IBA Meeting and Open Study Group & Program at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden). Program: TBD

April 20, 2023 (Thursday)

EIBA Club Meeting: Program TBD. Pierson's Flower Shop & Greenhouse, 1800 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.

April 22, 2023, 10am-2pm (Saturday)

IBA SPRING SHOW AND SALE (NO IBA Satellite Meeting) at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, (Check with the front desk for location within the Garden).

Club Events & Members Activities

Reiman Gardens Exhibition Weekend & IBA Board Meeting

On October 1-2, 2022, the IBA held its annual exhibition at Reiman Gardens. As usual, the club had a sales table and Dave Lowman was there to vend. It was a wonderful show and a great weekend. A HUGE thank you to Ron Heinen, who did a great job organizing the show, and to all who assisted him! These things don't happen without a lot of work behind the scenes.

Scott Allen, Tim Peterson and Ron Heinen made the trip to Chicago in August for the MABA meeting (more on that later!) and, while there, saw that the Midwest Club had a number of tables that were raised and dressed with longer table skirts. This brought trees up to a much better level for viewing and added substantially to the quality of the show. Accordingly, they made sure that we had the ability to raise some of the tables at the Reiman show and the IBA purchased appropriate skirts. The results were excellent and the Board determined to purchase more skirting and PVC pipe, as necessary, to provide for more such display options at future shows.

As usual, the annual meeting of the Board was held on Sunday afternoon. Some highlights not previously mentioned: The Board made a formal decision to have Regular Board Meetings four times a year, including the Annual Meeting at the Reiman Gardens fall Exhibition. See the Calendar of Events for dates and times. At the first meeting of the year, to be held in February, the Board will prepare the programs for the upcoming year. The second meeting of the year will be in early April for the purpose of preparing for the Spring Show. The third meeting will be in early August for the purpose of preparing for the State Fair Show.

As mentioned above, the shows don't happen on their own! If you are able to assist in the work necessary to make any of the shows happen, PLEASE let one of the officers know. In the coming year IBA Secretary Sara Niemand will be organizing the Spring Show in April. Dave Richmond will head up the State Fair Show again. Ron Heinen and Jared Wall will be organizing the Reiman Garden show.

Tim Peterson, Treasurer, reported that the IBA has approximately 60 members and, after deposits from the weekend sales, will have approximately \$7,500.00 in the bank.

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Send me a picture or two - even if you have already contributed.

Or just a few lines about what's going on with your trees!

Reiman Gardens Exhibition Weekend Photographs











Timely Tips

What to do in November

Cat Nelson

Chemical fertilization should be discontinued by November (organic fertilization should have been stopped last month). The difference is that chemical fertilizer is the actual nutrients that are used by trees are therefore absorbed as soon as it's applied. Organic fertilizer feeds microbes and bacteria in the soil which then produce the nutrients that are accessible to tree roots. This process takes two to three weeks to happen and also slows down drastically as the weather cools. If you use rape seed cakes or bags they should be removed from the soil surface (if roots haven't grown up into them).

Trees are loosing, or have lost, their leaves and are upping their "antifreeze" - the sugars, carbohydrates, etc. that help protect plant tissues from freezing temperatures. Old needles on pines, if they haven't been removed, will start yellowing and dropping off. Gentle pressure to remove these is fine - don't pull any off forcibly. Watering is going to start getting touchy as fall progresses. The fewer the leaves, the less water that a tree needs. This is also going to be true for young stock that isn't in bonsai soil yet. It's very easy to over water, so test if you are uncertain.

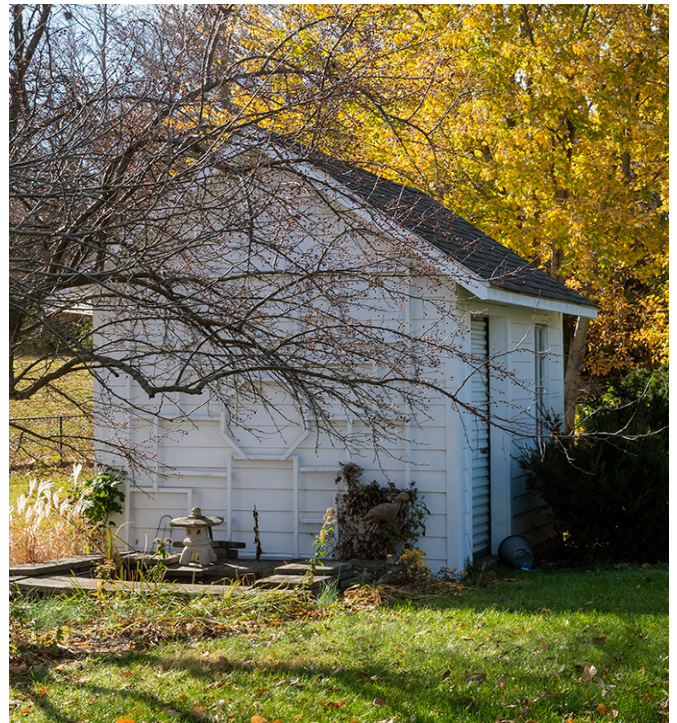
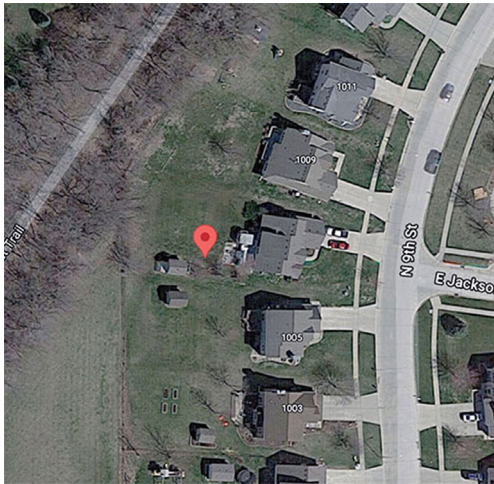
There is not much to do in Nov. other than prep winter storage and remove foliage as it turns and becomes loose. Most species drop their leaves early, letting that happen naturally is best rather than forcing the leaves off. The leaf dropping is the sign that all the chlorophyll that the tree wants to save from that leaf has exited and the leaf scar has completely sealed itself.

It's still too early to do any dormant styling or trimming as many trees are still outdoors until the later part of the month. Dormant work should be done when trees are in protected conditions afterwards.

Don't do any heavy work on tropicals at the start of winter, it triggers growth that will have longer internodes and heavier leaves than spring/summer growth. A good practice is to slow down watering and severely reduce food for the first couple months indoors - this mimics dry-season dormancy conditions and are a natural part of the yearly cycle in many tropical locations. Supplemental lights are going to help your tropicals get through the winter - remember that they grow naturally near the equator, which gets 12 hours of sunlight a day all year round. Our short northern days don't produce enough light which will trigger major leaf drop in many species.

Thanksgiving is typically when the last of my trees will go into winter storage, depending on what the weather holds. Trees need to have a few frosts and nights into the 30's to trigger fall processes, I start to worry when temps are going to go down into or below the 20's regularly. Deciduous trees can start to be packed away as they loose their leave, once the leaves are gone they're not photosynthesizing anymore. Conifers and others that keep foliage year-round are only going to photosynthesize when temps are above 45F.

This photographic image was captured on October 31, 2022, at 3:30 PM., Halloween afternoon.
Imagine this scene as a Penjing Landscape.



You can find this imaginary landscape here,
 $41^{\circ}22'11.3''\text{N}$ - $93^{\circ}32'53.0''\text{W}$
(See location indicated on the satellite photograph).

“Halloween” is a contraction of All Hallows’ Eve, a holiday observed on October 31. That is the evening before All Saints’ (or All Hallows’) Day. In the fifth century, Christian reformers introduced All Saints Day to replace the traditional Irish Celtic celebration of Samhain. Samhain is a time when the deceased are remembered and honored, the autumn harvest is reaped, and the preparation for winter begins. This Celtic celebration begins the dark half of the year when the barrier between the physical world and the spirit world is thought to be at its thinnest, allowing spirits to interact with the living. Samhain is halfway between the fall equinox and winter solstice and is also the modern Irish word for the month of November.

You can learn more about the fall equinox at this URL (See URL Below)

<https://www.worldhistory.org/Samhain/>

Our modern Halloween traditions come from a combination of All Hallows’ Eve, Guy Fox Day, and other influences from the United States and Canada. During the 19th century, the famine caused the relocation of many Irish to North America and they brought with them beliefs and traditions associated with modern Halloween such as the carving of jack-o’-lanterns (Though the Irish would have historically used turnips, not pumpkins).

My Samhain traditions revolve around my care of Bonsai trees. Earlier in October, I brought my tropical trees inside as the dark part of the year approached and temperatures were about to drop below freezing. I also begin the process of preparing my conifer and deciduous trees for winter. Soon, during Samhain or November, I will bring my trees into my garage where I can nurse them through their dormant time.

Bonsai Classifieds

FOR SALE: IBA T-Shirts – \$25.00 each. Unisex sizes m l xl xxl xxxl. We still have some of the new T-Shirts as well as some of the old ones. New shirts are \$25, the second generation shirts are \$20 and first generation shirts are \$15. All proceeds will help grow bonsai right here in Central Iowa. Contact Scott Allen



FOR SALE: Pumice 50lb bag \$30 , 5 gallon bucket \$15 Need to bring buckets. Small and medium Double Red Line Akadama. The last pallet went fast so let me or Tim know if you need any. It's sure to go fast. Cost is \$50 for IBA Club Members and \$55 for nonmembers. Contact Scott Allen or Tim Peterson. Lava - Contact DaSu.

FOR SALE: DaSu Studio, lowman@netins.net

Has LOTS of Tropicals, new dwarf conifers and 128 new companion plants - many varieties at good prices.

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Collected by Andy Smith in spring of 2018 and repotted into this Sara Rayner pot in the Spring of 2021. This is a very old and lovely collected tree. It measures approximately 2' 4" tall from the bottom of the pot to the apex of the tree – a very manageable size for any practitioner. Currently, new growth along the trunk obscures good movement in the trunk and fabulous old bark. New growth has been left to allow choices for a new owner. The tree is for sale only because I am unable to work on Junipers anymore. The combined original cost of the pot and the tree - \$350.00.

To be auctioned for the benefit of the IBA on November 19, 2022 (Provided I can get it to Des Moines)



Utah Juniper



Utah base of trunk, showing old bark.

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Dawn Redwood \$500.00



Dawn Redwood, Nebari

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