



Iowa Bonsai Association Newsletter

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From The Editor

Susan Daufeldt

It was Great seeing those of you who made it to the Spring Show!

I was so sorry to miss the Julian Tsai workshop, which unhappily conflicted with a family celebration. I was even sorrier when I read Jared Wall's account and saw a few of his pictures! It was clearly a great learning experience! I looks like the David Kreutz workshop in Cedar Rapids was also a great experience. If you couldn't make it to all the events in April, I hope you enjoy the overview. Looking forward to seeing many of you in the month of May!



Blessings!

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IBA President's Report

Scott Allen

Dear IBA members and friends,

The IBA Spring Exhibition was a big success with some exceptional trees on display. A big Thank you to those who organized, set-up, tore-down and participated in the day's events. The Julian Tsai workshop was great, as always, and we look forward to having Julian back in the near future.

Tentatively, Save the Date: Memorial Day Weekend 2025, the IBA is planning to host the next Mid America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) convention. More on this soon. We are still working with the MABA board and the possible venues and will confirm the date as soon as we can. This is a great opportunity to get involved and promote the art of bonsai. We are planning a great event, with major artists, good material and variety of vendors.



We still have some Akadama at \$50 a bag for club members and \$55 a bag for non-club members and Pumice at \$15 a bucket for club members and \$20 for non members. If you're looking for lava, contact Dave Lowman at Dasu Bonsai.

Hope to see you all soon! Sincerely,

Scott Allen, IBA President,

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IBA East Satellite Meetings

Susan Daufeldt

IBA East Meetings are discontinued until further notice. If you would like to have regular Saturday bring-your-own-tree work days in the Iowa City area, please contact me for discussion.

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EIBA Report

Bill Englert

Greetings Bonsai Enthusiasts,

It's apparent that our weather does not know what it wants to do. Still moving trees in and out as of mid April. Now it looks like trees can now go out - let's hope!!

The EIBA held its Azalea workshop on April 13th, 2024, at Brucemore Mansion, in the carriage house. Our instructor for the day was David Kreutz from St. Lewis. David supplied 11 beautiful azaleas for the workshop participants, and he also brought several other trees for sale as well. There were 10 participants and a couple observers. Each participant drew a number from 1 to 10 to determine the order in which participants would pick their tree for the workshop. That way everyone had a fair chance. After a 3 hour talk on Satsuki, the care and requirements to maintain them, He also told us about how he gets the trees from Japan. These trees were selected by David in Japan, went through USDA quarantine and then returned to David. David then started to work with each member on their tree. At that time, the others could observe and learn as he helped the participants to design their azaleas. At the conclusion of the day (a few hours later) each went home with a beautiful tree.

Our club meeting was held on April 21st, 2024, at Pierson's Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. The topic for the evening was branch pruning and shaping. Members brought trees and discussed what they were wanting to do to their tree. After a discussion led by Denny Monumby, Bill Englert and Otto Rajtora, we began to work on the trees the members brought with them. Some being unsure, the input from the club members helped them decide the right path on which to proceed. There were a lot of questions about the trees and hopefully members left with a better understanding. The next topic was a possible field trip to take place in the next couple weeks. More information will be forthcoming. Finally the members that participated in the azalea workshop discussed what they learned that day and how they are caring for their trees. These trees will be the topic of several meetings, as we will be asking the members to bring their azaleas to meetings for discussion.

The May board meeting will be held on May 9th, 2024, 6:30 pm, at Leonardo's in Cedar Rapids. If any members wish to attend, please contact us.

The May club meeting will be held May 16, 2024, at Bill Englert's home, 116 Summit Ave SE, Swisher, IA, 52338 starting at 6:00 pm. Topic for the meeting will be Black Pines, given by John Clemens along with any other topics that might be brought up.

Hope this finds everyone well, and Happy Growing!

Bill Englert

EIBA Vice President

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Calendar of Events

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

- May 9, 2024, 7:00 pm (Thurs)** *EIBA Board Meeting at Leonardo's. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.*
- May 16, 2024, 6pm (Thurs)** **EIBA Club Meeting:** Program TBD. Bill Englert's Home, 116 Summit Ave SE, Swisher, IA, 52338. For more information, contact Bill Englert (319) 471-1594.
- May 18, 2024,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **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: **Identifying insects, disease & fertilizer.**
- June 13, 2024, 7:00 pm (Thurs)** *EIBA Board Meeting at Leonardo's. Contact an EIBA Board Member for more information, if you wish to attend.*
- June 15, 2024,
9 am to 1pm (Sat)** **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: **Pruning for Health & Styling.**
- June 20, 2024, 7pm (Thurs)** **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.
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Notice of Upcoming Events

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*Iowa Bonsai Association Fall
Show at Reiman Gardens,
Ames, IA
November 8-10, 2024*



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Timely Tips - May

Susan Daufeldt

May is a busy month for bonsai practitioners. Deciduous trees and conifers are out of winter storage. Mid may is usually the time when we can expect the weather to remain safe for tropicals. Be sure night time weather is dropping much below 50 degrees before you leave your tropical trees out overnight.

It's time (or past time, given our unusually warm winter!) to begin feeding trees that are in development heavily. It is not too late to repot deciduous trees or to collect trees, but repotting and collecting in May means more careful attention to aftercare. It is too late to repot pines. But spruce and juniper can handle repotting at this time in the spring.

As buds develop, you can remove extra buds before they grow if there are too many growing out of one place or they are in a bad location (e.g. the crotch of a branch).

Many deciduous trees that overwintered indoors are in need of immediate pruning. Prune back to two or three leaves. Remove spent flowers on flowering trees. If the tree has developing fruit, you can leave

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it for later display or remove it to allow more energy for growth and health, as desired. Junipers can be pruned to scale, but don't remove all foliage from a branch unless you are creating deadwood. You can pinch elongating candles on five-needle pine (single flush pine) to about 1/2 to 1/3 their size. How much you take is dependent on the size of the candle. Only allow two candles to extend at the end of each branch. If there are more than two candles, remove the largest ones. Pinch back candles on two and three needle pine (double-flush pine) so as to balance the energy over the tree in preparation for later shoot removal.

Start paying close attention to wire, especially on deciduous trees! Wire bite can happen very quickly. Pay particular attention to wire in branch crotches and near the apex. On conifers, it is typical and often important to allow the wire to bite to a 1/4 of the depth of the wire. Wire should not be permitted to bite into deciduous trees. The marks will remain indefinitely and become a permanent flaw.

Information relating to conifers and tropicals was gleaned from Timely Tips - May 2022 by Cat Nelson.

IBA Spring Exhibition - April 20-21, 2024

Susan Daufeldt



The Iowa Bonsai Association held its annual Spring Exhibition at the Des Moines Botanical Garden April 20-21, 2024. The event is always in conjunction with the Garden's Earth Day Celebration. IBA Members gave demonstrations and were on hand to answer questions throughout the weekend. More than 1,800 visitors viewed the exhibition on Saturday alone. And, of course, it is always so good to get together and catch up after a long winter. It was particularly great to see Helene and Allen Magruder! Many, many thanks to all who helped to make this exhibition happen - a thousand details, from planning to set-up to tear-down. Thank you so much!

Left, Ron Heinen has been working with this lovely trident maple, originally field-grown by Gary Wood in Alabama, for more than 30 years. Photo by Susan Daufeldt.

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Above, visitors enjoy the exhibition. Below, the exhibition hall waits in silent expectation prior to opening on Sunday morning. On the end cap, below, Dave Lowman's display includes a beautiful scroll, "Carp's Infinite Pleasure." Photos by Jared Wall.



Right, Long-time IBA Member Dave Lowman (Dasu Bonsai) demonstrates pruning and styling techniques during the exhibition. Photo by Susan Daufeldt.



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Above, Helene Magruder's Bay Laurel in a Ron Heinen pot. Top right, Brian Thacker's juniper in an unusual combination pot/stand. The pot is made of polyurethaned bark. Bottom right, woodland kusamono by Susan Daufeldt containing hornbeam, wild geranium, Dutchman's breeches, and forest grass. Pot by Tresa Wooden. Photos by Susan Daufeldt.



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Top, Ron Heinen's plum - pot by Ron Heinen. Photo by Jared Wall. Left, literati ficus by Dave Lowman; above, Korean Hornbeam by Jared Wall - pot by Ron Heinen. Photos by Susan Daufeldt.

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Above, Helene Magruder's wonderful viewing stone suggests a landscape of waterfalls. Below, Box Elder by Susan Daufeldt - pot by Ron Heinen; accent: Hepatica and woodland grasses - pot by Byron Myrick.



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Ron Heinen's Seiju Elm. Photo by Jared Wall.



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Julian Tsai Workshop - April 27, 2024

Jared Wall

Julian started his work study as he always does: He reviews each tree with the group and gives recommendations, styling direction and explains to the group the why of his recommendations and direction. Brian Ivanovich had purchased three Alberta Spruce he first styled. Dan wired his Yew and Ron worked on his big Mulberry. Ron also did a light wiring on one of his Ponderosa. Brian Thacker worked on Juniper (of course!) I worked on grafting the boxwood in an effort to create roots to eventually get rid of reverse taper in the trunk. I know it's not a great tree, but I am learning the techniques. I also first-styled a small Ponderosa. Julian is an amazing artist and explains styling in great detail with a great understanding, present and future.



Above left, Julian gives instruction regarding Ron Heinen's juniper. Above right, Brian Ivanovich works on a dwarf Alberta spruce. At left, Julian prepares to put rooting hormone on Jared Wall's boxwood.



EIBA David Kreutz Azalea Workshop

Photos by Bill Englert



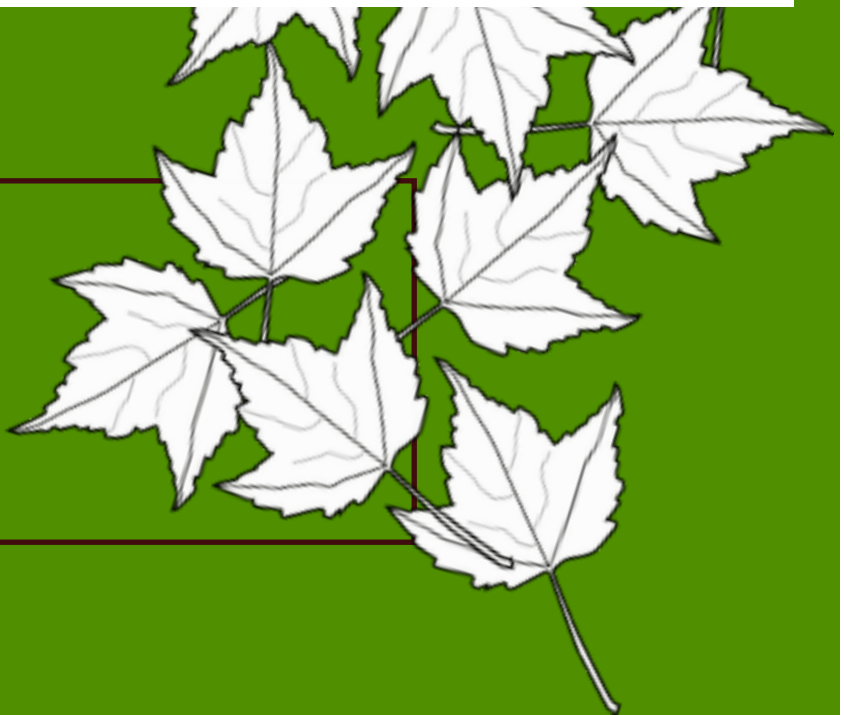
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MABA Des Moines 2025
Mid America Bonsai Alliance
Convention
May 23-25, 2025
Memorial Day Weekend
Des Moines, IA



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 5 gallon bucket \$15 - bring your own buckets. Small and medium Double Red Line Akadama. The last pallet went fast, so let me or Tim know if you need any. 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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