



# SNIPS 'N CLIPS

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## What's New!

- We are back to our normal meeting schedule for October. We also have a very busy schedule to accommodate all those with bonsai blues following all the rainy days we have had here.
- **Buddy Hensley Memorial Sale Saturday**, October 13<sup>th</sup> 12pm to 6pm at . See the advertisement further in the newsletter for more info.
- October 12-14<sup>th</sup> **TTSBE Kathy Shaner Seminar/Workshop**. For those signed-up for this event, here is your reminder. There is still room for the Saturday/Sunday seminars. Get your registration in to Ryan O. at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com). For more information see <https://www.ttsbe.org/2018seminarininvite.pdf>
- **SABS' Annual BBQ and Backyard Tour** is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We begin at John R.'s backyard at 10am and then head to Kevin and Hattie's for their backyard tour and BBQ lunch at 11:30am. More information under our President's Message.
- SABS' is showcasing Bonsai and our Club at the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Koi and Goldfish Show** at Water Garden Gems at 3230 Bolton Rd, Marion, TX 78124 on October 20<sup>th</sup> (9am-4pm) and October 21<sup>st</sup> (10am-4pm). Those interested in showing or helping please email Ryan O. at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com). Set-up begins at 7am.
- SABS' is also showcasing Bonsai and will have a few trees for sale at The Garden Center's **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival "Art Under the Oaks"** on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm. 10682 Bandera Rd, SATX. Set up begins at 7am. See Ryan O. if you can assist and participate. Food trucks will be there too!
- Please welcome new member **Jason C.**

All lecture/demonstration meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7pm, at the Lions Field Adult and Senior Center, 2809 Broadway Street, SATX 78209

Our Bonsai Study Group is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7pm, Lions Field. All members are invited to attend for hands-on assistance by experienced bonsai artists.

## OCTOBER'S EVENTS

### Lecture/Demo:

October 11<sup>th</sup> Fall Auction

### Food/Beverage Host(s):

Nick B. & Shigemi A.

### Mini-show Topic:

None; due to Auction

### Bonsai Study Group:

October 24<sup>th</sup>

## NOVEMBER'S

## EVENTS

### Lecture/Demo:

November 8<sup>th</sup> Pinch Pots with Donna D.

### Food/Beverage Host(s):

Larry A., Tammy B-R., & Kamala P.

### Mini-show Topic:

Fall Representation

### Bonsai Study Group:

No meeting due to holiday

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership fees for The San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc. are below and include our monthly newsletter, annual BBQ and bonsai tour, multiple auctions, special trips, and name tag.

Individual	Family	Senior (60+)	Individual	Senior (60+)	Family
\$30	\$50	\$25		\$40	

# President's Message

Klaus C.  
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The year is coming to an end. We are establishing the 2019 Board of Directors on October 11<sup>th</sup> who will establish what our membership has in mind for the upcoming year. A group of four officers will be elected among the eleven board members and all will put forth many topics. The key is your input, either with some contemplation or some impulsive response. Just say it. Our October meeting will begin with the election of our newest board members. Thus far, our candidates are (in alphabetical order) Vicki A. Bryan B., Carol B., Tammy B-R., and Jay N.

Last year we focused on hands-on exercises. It was good but always could focus a bit more. The Board does the work of the Bonsai Society. Tell us what you want. I've received some very thorough responses already but would like a large survey. Short or long, get the message out, so it can be acted on.

The willingness to do all the chores is phenomenal. Those that don't become board members certainly would be the first choice to take on a committee or other important efforts. We discussed various ways to accomplish goals and formed a consensus. That being a solution we all could support. There was a generous spirit of support for one another so that we all had a sense contributing in a meaningful way. The capacity to this work is pretty much available in all of us. Sign up to be on the ballot if you haven't yet. You will enrich all and so will you be enriched.

## CHANGES TO OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

Our commission values have changed for this auction. It will now be a 50-50 split between SABS and the seller if you elect to collect commissions on your auction tag. Cashiers will also be implementing a 5% surcharge to all credit card transactions.

## ANNUAL BBQ AND BACKYARD TOUR, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Our Backyard Tour and BBQ begins with a first stop at John R.'s house located at 10am at . John will provide light snacks and drinks. Please park along the road unless you need assistance with his steep driveway. Only a few cars can fit by his garage.

Then we are off to Kevin's and Hattie's house at 11:30am at . SABS provides the BBQ and members provide drinks, sides, and desserts. Please email me Klaus C. (<mailto:collklaus@yahoo.com>) with your selection of food or drink so we don't end up with everyone bring freshly cured lutefisk or German sausage.

## Convention Updates!

Kevin spoke at this year's South Texas Bonsai Kai to those attended about upcoming ideas for the convention. Kevin and Ryan are collaborating to create a check list by activities and Team Lead for the thousands of items needed to get done before the convention starts... and well, while to convention is happening.

# Program Corner

Nick B.

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I am very thankful to all who made last month's Professional Artist a possibility. Tyler Sherrod's love, respect, and enthusiasm for bonsai was obvious and very motivating. I hope you all were able to glean as much from his visit as I did. This month we have the end of year Auction! Raid your benches, there are lots of different skill levels in our club and we have been attracting many new members who would appreciate not only trees finished or near so, but close to raw material as well. We are also looking forward to the backyard BBQ tour! Hope to see you all soon.

## Buddy Hensley Memorial Sale

The Buddy Hensley Memorial Sale is on Saturday, **October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 6pm** at his former residence at **THIS IS A CASH SALE ONLY** and items will be priced to sell!!! Please park on the side of the street. No parking in driveway or other neighbor's driveways. Items for sale include numerous pots (glazed/unglazed/mica/all sizes/new/used), trays, shears, wire, turntables, tool aprons, figurines, tool cleaners, books and slate if you bring your own bucket. No plants for sale as they all died. This event will be held mist or shine and will only be canceled if our monsoon continues.

This event also coincides with the 23rd Annual Grey Forest Open Studios Art Show & Sale will be held Saturday October 13th from noon to 6PM (rain or shine). The Event is free and open to the public to view or purchase original handcrafted art-work. Patrons are able to enjoy a friendly festive atmosphere seeing where Artists live and work amid the creeks, woods and old Sunday houses. For more information see <http://www.greyforestopenstudios.com/>



Sneak peek into Buddy's storage shed!!!!



# You Speak... Editor Prints...

## A Day in the Life of Tyler Sherrod while in SATX through Pictures

Congratulations to Irene V. for winning the demo tree and a huge thank you to John R. for donating the Live Oak.

### Workshops



### Lecture/Demo



# Bonsai Techniques

Courtesy of John Miller  
from the Dallas Bonsai Society

Time to take a good look at your tropicals. Before going into the dry low light conditions most of us have for winter quarters they need to be vigorous, pruned and free of problems. Give them a good feeding preferably with an organic fertilizer. If you use a water soluble type use a low dilution and feed every 2-3 days. Prune all new growth back to the trees best shape. To increase ramification on developed trees keep any new growth pinched to 2-3 leaves. Use you desired insecticide and/or fungicide now and again just before you take them in.

Remember that some tropicals do not like to go below 50 degrees while others are only semi-tropical and will take a frost but does not want their roots frozen. The buttonwood is an example of the first group and the crepe myrtle would be in the second. Here in the Dallas-Ft Worth area we will probably not see a freeze until late in November or December but there may be some cool nights in October. I prefer to leave the tropicals out as long as possible. I want the semi-tropicals to go dormant and then put them in a cool location to stay dormant all winter.

Now is the time to start your outdoor trees toward their winter siesta. If you wait until the temperature drops, you get too rushed and omit some of the little housekeeping duties. Start now by making sure that the area will be free of insects and other vermin.

When the leaves start turning the sap has quit for the year and you may check the branches and twigs to see if any need to be trimmed. Cutting back any protruding branches will keep them from snagging and possibly breaking other trees when you put them down close together. Don't cut the buds off the spring flowering plants unless absolutely necessary if you want flowers next spring.

Kathy Shaner (and Sylvia Smith too) suggests removing the top half-inch of soil and replenishing it with new soil. This will remove weed seeds that have blown in and will make next year's job easier. Of course if you plan on repotting next spring that is not necessary.

Winter quarters: Remember that here in Texas more trees are lost in the winter due to drying out than to the cold. Of course that does not mean for you to leave the tropicals out or to let the roots freeze on southern trees like the crape myrtle. Even in a greenhouse or sunny window the soil can dry out amazingly fast. The wind in winter has amazing drying powers too. (Ask your grandmother about hanging the wash and letting it dry while frozen stiff.) So while you protecting the roots be sure to give it a wind screen and make sure that you can check the soil for watering needs (it helps here if you know which particular plants dry out faster and so you can situate them together). A lot of winter kill comes because the soil has frozen and the sun or wind is removing water from the tops. The roots cannot obtain water to replenish the loss and the top desiccates to the point of death.

For the beginners, plants like the cedar or chinese elm, oak, maple that are hardy much further north can be set on a clean gravel bed. When the real cold (26 or lower) gets here cover the pots with 3-4 inches of a fairly loose mulch so that the ground heat will help keep you pots warm. Plants that grow south of Dallas, crape myrtle, firethorn, some azalea, need to have more root protection. I like to let them get frostbit but bring them in before freezing. Of course the tropicals need to be babied.

winter and need to be exposed to sunlight. Some broadleaf evergreen types like boxwoods slow way down but still need sunlight. Some leave the needled evergreens on top of benches all winter but I prefer to give the roots the same basic winter protection of deciduous trees but they have a higher water need.

Feeding of deciduous trees should be discontinued for the winter. Evergreens and conifers will benefit from a low nitrogen feeding. One such mix might be 70% cottonseed meal and 30% bonemeal. Being organic, this will breakdown into nutrients more slowly as the season gets cooler and the trees activity slows also. The organic spray given below can be used as a soil drench but dilute it a little more. Kelp is an excellent source of the essential minor elements needed by plants

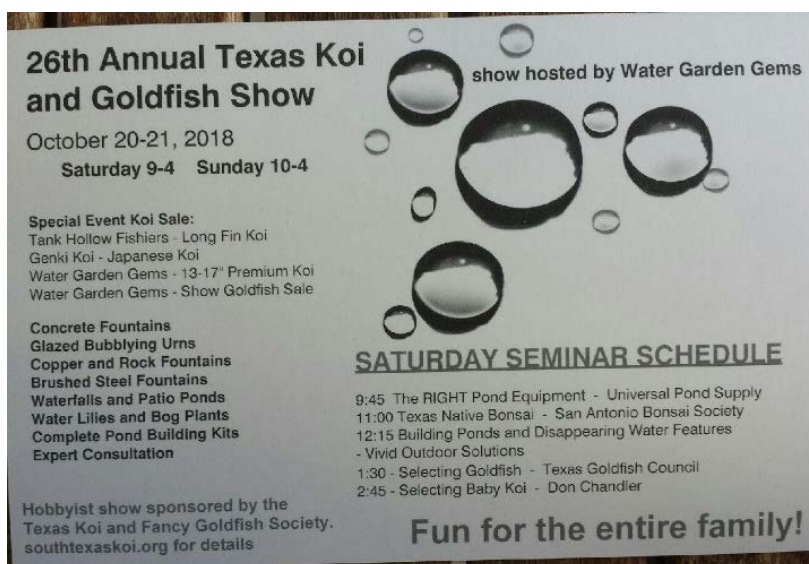
Insects will continue to be present. Cooler (but not cold) days mean a resurgence of the aphids. Spider mites will also still be around and will jump into action during a warm spell. Scale also can be a problem. Treat with a light horticultural oil which will kill the adults and also wipe out the eggs and over-wintering pupae. Be sure to cover all the cracks in the bark to get to the eggs. The organic spray (one tablespoon each liquid kelp, fish emulsion, 5% apple cider vinegar, and molasses in one gallon of water) should still be used on a regular schedule and will work on evergreens and will also give them some nutrients. The dead scale shell will probably have to be removed physically. A soft toothbrush works for me (I sometimes need to wet the branch to loosen the scale shell).

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Some may repot in the fall but I feel that it is counter-productive to do so if you can do it during bud break in the spring. New roots are more prone to freeze damage if we get a bad winter. It has been stated that the key to safe repotting is to minimize root disturbance and to exclude severe root pruning. This seems to me to be a recipe for developing root problems, poor drainage leading to root rot and the inability of the old soil to hold enough water to last all day. No heavy pruning will lead to the lack of refinement and a top heavy tree. I would recommend that repot at the proper time next spring which is when the buds swell and new growth is imminent.



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**SATURDAY SEMINAR SCHEDULE**  
9:45 The RIGHT Pond Equipment - Universal Pond Supply  
11:00 Texas Native Bonsai - San Antonio Bonsai Society  
12:15 Building Ponds and Disappearing Water Features - Vivid Outdoor Solutions  
1:30 - Selecting Goldfish - Texas Goldfish Council  
2:45 - Selecting Baby Koi - Don Chandler

Hobbyist show sponsored by the Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society.  
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## BONSAI FUNNIES

**The newest  
craze is  
Broccoli  
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ton of it!!**



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- ◆ Treasurer/Membership: Leydana M.
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### Technical Support to Board of Directors

- ◆ Webmaster/Editor/Publicity: Ryan O.



The informal upright style (Moyogi) is considered the most popular shape in all bonsai, especially suited to our Texas native Ashe Juniper.

Our logo, represented by this informal style stands for the informal nature of The San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc. This popular, interesting style depicts the objectives of the Society – promoting participation and enjoyment of Bonsai. This emblem was adopted as the official logo in September 1977.

### The San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc.

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