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BONSAI CALENDAR

THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT DON B'S
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER .

SEPT 10: SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

To be held at Don B's business
1924 N. Main Ave.

San Antonio, TX 78212

Time: 6:30 to 9 pm.

**KEEP THE FAITH WE WILL BE TOGETHER
AGAIN AND SABS BONSAI WILL LIVE ON.**

**THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE LOOKING AT
ALTERNATIVE WAYS WE CAN SOCIALIZE
AND CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT
BONSAI.**

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR



2020
YEAR OF THE RAT

President's Message

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Hello my Fellow Bonsai Enthusiasts!

SABS has successfully conducted a couple of "bring your own tree" workshops. To that end numerous members have expressed a desire to have club meetings. Member Don B. has offered the use of his workspace outdoor courtyard and patio for our September meeting.

Adhering to the City of San Antonio 's7th addendum to the 8th Declaration of Public Health Emergency, Large Gathering Exceptions: SABS will abide to the health and safety policies that require all entities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close proximity. SABS will provide temperature/symptom screening, hand sanitizer and free SABS convention branded facemasks. Protocols for maintaining social distancing and wearing face coverings during the gathering will be strictly enforced.

We realize not everyone will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the future meetings.

See you soon!

Be safe, stay healthy!! Jay

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

September's meeting topic is "Questions & Answers". If you have bonsai related questions, we're pretty sure someone has an answer. If you have a tree and can't figure out what to do with it, bring it out, members will be available to give suggestions.

The meeting place for September's Program is:

1924 N. Main Ave.

San Antonio, TX 78212

Meeting time is 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Pizza, bottled water, and sodas will be available.

THINK GREEN!!

**HOW EXCITING THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK ON
OUR BONSAI!!**

**WITH ALL THE HELP AT HAND
THAT WILL MAKE THE BIG DIFFERENCE!!**

SEE YOU AT DON ' S

SEPTEMBER 10TH

SUMMER BONSAI CARE

AZALEA

- Keep trees under shade, either underneath a large tree or under 40% shade cloth.
- Water regularly, but make sure the soil is not overly wet.
- Mist once or twice in the afternoon if possible.
- Keep an eye out for aphids, scale, mealy bugs and thrips. Treat as needed.

BALD CYPRESS

- Fertilize with a general purpose fertilizer such as Osmocote (slow release), fish emulsion or Miracle Gro. The rate of release of nutrients from Osmocote depends on the temperature, and the current heat wave causes the nutrients to be dumped into the soil very quickly. A better alternative is Florakan which was developed for golf courses in Florida and can be purchased on-line.
- Wire/Prune
- Keep an eye on any wire on the tree. Bald Cypress grow quickly and wire will cut in very fast.
- Remove new buds where you do not want a branch to grow.
- Remember that Bald Cypress love water. Keep well watered or place in a pan of water. Use “mosquito dunks” in the water.

BOXWOOD

- Wire and prune if the tree is healthy. Healthy trees will have mature leaves that are dark green, and will produce new shoots that start out light green.

- Boxwood can be worked almost any time of year, but try not to do too much at once (don't prune heavily and then repot for example).
- Repot
- Fertilize using a balanced NPK fertilizer.

DECIDUOUS

- Many deciduous trees become semi-dormant during the heat of summer. Fertilize very lightly.
- Check regularly for fungus and insect infestations and treat accordingly.
- Consider moving trees into shadier locations if you see any evidence of leaf burn. Definitely move Maples into shady spots.

JAPANESE BLACK PINE

- Beginning around July 10, decandle your black pines, beginning with the largest and ending with the smallest. After decandling, remove fertilizer cakes and withhold fertilizer completely until new buds have opened and hardened.
- Black Pines can get needle cast fungus. Treat prophylactically every 3-4 weeks alternating Daconil with copper fungicide.

JUNIPER

- Be especially vigilant of spider mites during the hot summer. They love junipers and seem to propagate much faster in the heat and humidity of our summers.
- Junipers can be "cleaned" at any time. Remove old, dead foliage and downward growing foliage. Done both to promote health and to prepare the tree for styling.
- Fertilize. Junipers appreciate a moderate level of fertilizer year round.

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- Repotting season is in full swing in July. When you repot, it is good to partially defoliate the tree to help balance the foliage with the reduced root ball.
- Monitor for insects and fungi and respond accordingly.
- Summer is prime time for tropical work. You can prune and wire. Consider partial defoliation to help light reach the inner portions of the tree and develop fine interior branching.

The cultivation of dwarf potted trees is documented in China as early as the Tsin Dynasty (265-420 A. D.) In the late 13th Century, the art spread to Japan where the design of such trees was refined to represent natural tree forms. The Japanese translation of “Bonsai” and the Chinese translation of “Penjing” or “Pensai” are “tree in pot”.

The goal of Bonsai cultivation is to capture, in miniature, the beauty and essence of a large, mature tree in its natural setting.

The creation of Bonsai requires much care and patience. Characteristics such as a stout trunk, strong roots, and good branching suggest a tree's maturity.



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual

\$50 family

\$25 senior 60+

\$40 senior family



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

The emblem was adopted as the official logo

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