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BONSAI CALENDAR

All meetings are held on the second Thursday, 7 pm, at Lions Field Adult Community Center, Broadway at Mulberry St., SA, TX. 78209

BONSAI 101:—HELD EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY, 7 PM, LIONS FIELD. New members receive a tree to work on. All members are invited—bring in trees to work on, experienced members are there to help.

BONSAI WORKSHOP: —HELD THE SATURDAY AFTER THE THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETING. LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED. Topic of discussion will be a follow-up to the Thursday night presentation. See website locations.

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August Mini-show – Any tree originating from a nursery and styled into a bonsai

August Food and Beverage Hosts – Steve B.

August 5th – Marty K's bonsai sale

August 6th – 2020 Convention Meeting (all are welcome to attend), 11:30 am, Donna's Studio

August 6th – Quarterly Board Meeting (all are welcome to attend), 1pm, Donna's Studio

August 12th – Workshop, The Garden Center, 9 am - 1pm

September 13th - Austin's Fall/Silent Auction, 7 pm

September 14th - SABS Fall/Silent Auction, 7 pm Lion's Field



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

President's Message

By Ryan O.

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We have a fun and competitive bonsai experience planned for August's meeting. This Club member team building exercise will put teams together to produce the best looking bonsai to win prizes. **SABS** will provide Randomly drawn tickets will decide various teams of three. Each team will have 1.5 hours to collaborate/decide on a style and create a bonsai. Remaining members will choose a winner by dropping tickets into bags they feel is the best looking tree with a chance to win that tree. The Team that receives the most votes (no ties) will receive a prize for each Team member. If you would like to participate, please bring your tools. Club wire and soil is provided.

I will have soil for sale for \$25 per 5 gallon at August's meeting.

The Saturday Workshop, on 8/12, is meeting at **The Garden Center** (10682 Bandera Road, 78250). We will meet hot or cold/rain or shine. The topic is BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree). Bring trees to work on or that you need help with. Please remember to bring all necessary materials you may need for this event including, tree, rock, wire, soil, pots, nursery pots, tools, etc. Bring your own refreshments and snacks.

The **SABS'** Board has scheduled our annual **Backyard Bonsai Tour and BBQ** for Saturday October 14th. We currently have Paul and Dawn T. and Larry A. contributing their backyards to the tour. **We have room for a third** if anyone is interested in hosting. Please contact myself if you would like to host. Light refreshments and snacks are kindly asked to be provided by the first two hosts, but not required. Pot-luck BBQ is at our last stop.

SABS is need of donated items to help support the month Raffle Table. Please help the club by donating plant material and other bonsai related items. **Thank you!!**

RYAN

AUGUST 2017 Program Corner

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The Board has created a fun exercise for members that would like to participate. As Ryan noted this will be a fun event. There will be teams put together to put design a bonsai, club trees and pots provided. If you want to participate, please bring your tools. Ryan and Kevin will be leading this fun event!!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual
\$50 family
\$25 senior
\$40 senior family

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THE TEXAS STATE BONSAI EXHIBIT WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 2000.
BONSAI MEMBERS THROUGH OUT THE
STATE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO
PLACE A PERMANENT EXHIBIT.
PLANS ARE MOVING ALONG AND THE
EXHIBIT WILL BE PLACED IN
ZILKER GARDENS, IN OUR STATE CAPITAL.

AUGUST 2017 Monthly Tips David W.

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August 2017 ***Dog Days of summer!***

They are here again and as I like to say **“When it’s hot, protect the pot!”** Bonsai pots are small and often dark colors, with the relentless South Texas sun they can overheat quickly. Cooking your roots is never a good thing, if you’ve got some trees that are not looking very happy right now, that could be the problem. One solution is to elevate the pots from what they are sitting on to promote better airflow under the pot, you can use some cut pieces of lumber, one-by-ones or two-by-twos, to raise the pot up. Using cut boards, such as old fence boards, to cover the edges of the pot to keep some of the sunlight off. Also, consider relocating trees to a shadier spot for the height of summer, some relief from the midday sun can help. Our own sensei, Marty, had a very cool device that allows her to bring up a “curtain” to shade just the pots and the shelves they are sitting on without shading the trees.

With the Dog Days, also comes summer dormancy. To some trees, extreme heat is just as taxing as extreme cold, they will “shut down”, so to speak. They won’t be putting out any fresh growth and will quite likely, despite the heat, will take up less water. Be very careful not to over-water these trees that are showing signs of summer dormancy and do not fertilize right now. Elms are one of the trees I have that go summer dormant, sometimes even native species will go dormant due to confined roots and space.

High humidity is usually a problem in summer too, even when temperatures are hitting triple-digits. Notice no one ever says “but it’s a dry heat” around here?! The heavy humidity can cause fungus or root rot trouble. Using a fungicide; such as Maneb, Benomyl or any systemic fungicide; on a monthly basis is a good preventive maintenance during the summer.

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Unfortunately, insects *don't* slow down during the Dog Days, frequently take a real close look at your trees. Pests can move in overnight! Not only look for the actual pests but also look for signs of activity from unseen pests – such as half-gone leaves, webbing, frass, fused together or curled up leaves. Don't confuse spider webs with spider mite webbing. Daily vigorous spraying of the foliage when you water the plants prone to spider mites (junipers, cedars, and similar species) can greatly deter spider mites from moving in. Numerous summer insects are nocturnal, during their damage in the darkness of night and most excellent at hiding during the day.

Let me jump up on that beneficial soap-box again – encourage your beneficial predators!! Ladybugs and lacewings, along with their larvae, are voracious predators of scale and aphids. Spiders are great, while praying mantis are ruthless hunters. If something does get an insect problem that's getting out of hand, spot treat that tree with the appropriate pesticide.

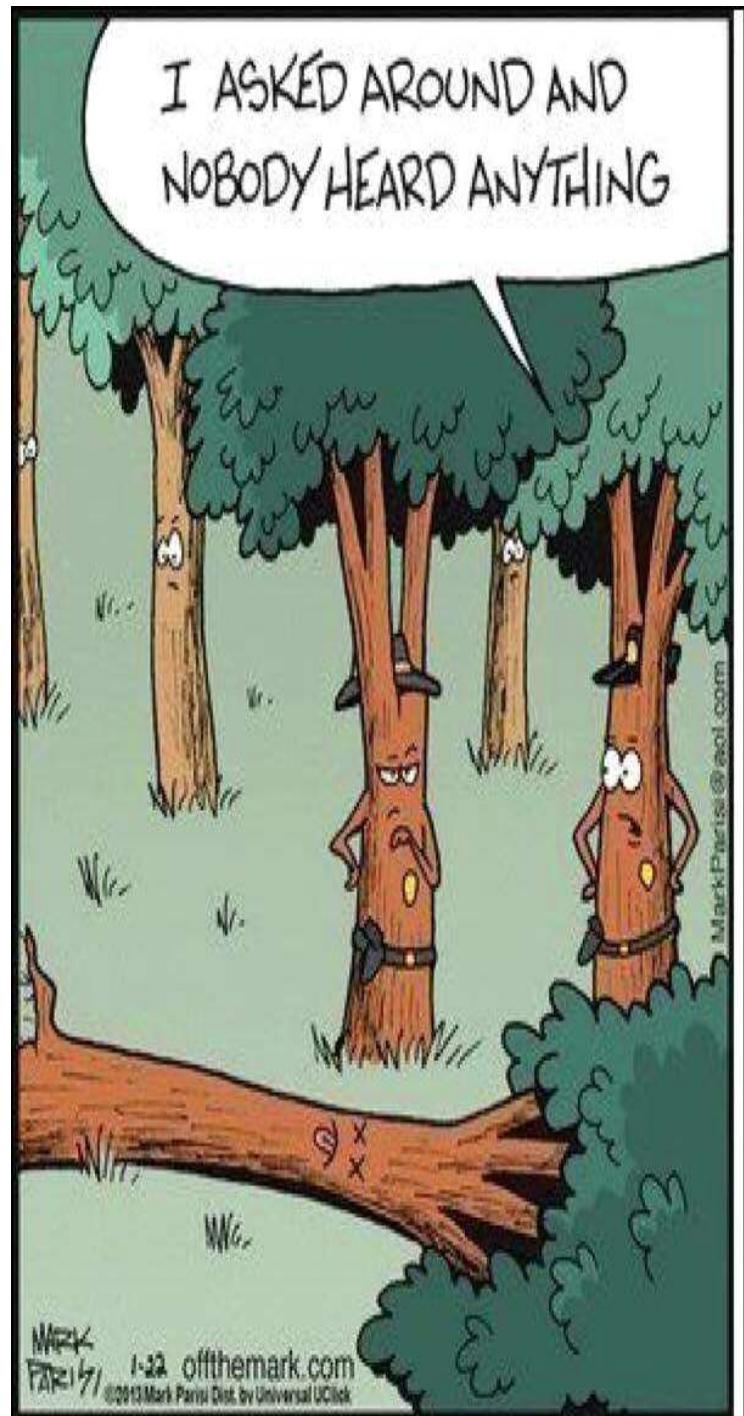
You can repot tropicals right now but be sure to give them some shelter from the hot sun and wind for at least a couple of days.

Stay hydrated and cool this time of year, Happy Bonsai-ing!

David

BONSAI SALE

SATURDAY AUGUST 5--10 AM TO 3 PM
REDUCING COLLECTION
POTS, STANDS, BOOKS AND LARGE TREES
VIEWING STONES
OFFERED BY MARTY K. LONG STANDING
MEMBER
OF SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY



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ROOT OUT SOME SUBSPECIES SUSPECTS.
CURRENTLY, THEY'RE STUMPED, BUT KEEP AXING
AROUND, I WOOD WAGER A TREE-MENDOUS SUM
SOMEONE SAW SOMETHING SHADY.**

UnKNOWN PUNster @2017



The South Texas Artists' Fund (STAF) was created in 2017 to benefit working artists of all genres. As a collaborative space we enable artists and fine makers to pay it forward, exhibit, feature and sell their works. The sale proceeds benefit an artist who is chosen based on quality of works and depth of need.

Our first recipient is sculptor Donna Dobberfuhr, MFA, ACLS, NSS. She is the author of the National POW Memorial in Andersonville, GA, has been a Presidential Design Awards nominee, is recognized for artistry in masonry by the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and is acknowledged as the creator of one of the significant Christ sculptures in the United States. Donna works in several different media including metals, cast stone and the 5,000 year old process of carved brick. Among her many notable commissions are the Army Veterinary Corps, the Cancer Survivors Plaza, Cleveland, OH and the Oklahoma City Zoo. With a career spanning over 40 professional years, Donna is in danger of losing her studio after an internet scam took her life savings.

Please join STAF in supporting Donna and celebrating local fine arts with our inaugural benefit "Art Opening and Other Arsy Stuff"

Featured Artists:

Waddy Armstrong, Richard Clark, Santiago DeLaCruz, Donna Dobberfuhr, Cher Graham, Fabian Lionezzi, Franco Mondini - Ruiz, Fariba Parkhill, Ashley Schauer, Vida Tazari, Resa Groff - Wohlrahe

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THREE,
YES
THREE



BONSAI

FROM
NURSERY
CANS
ANACACHO
PORTULACARA
BARBADOS CHERRY





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 in September, 1977.

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