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BONSAI CALENDAR

September

09/08 - Club Meeting; Auction!!!!, 6:30pm, Lion's Field

09/17 - South Texas Bonsai Kai, 10am, Mathis, TX

09/17 - Austin Bonsai Society Auction, Zilker Botanical Gardens, 10:30am

09/28 - Bonsai Workshop, 6:30pm, Lion's Field

October

10/12 - Pedro Morales BYOT Workshop I, 6:30pm, Donna's Studio

10/13 - Pedro Morales BYOT Workshop II, 1:30pm, Donna's Studio

10/13 - Club Meeting, L/D with Pedro Morales, 6:30pm, Lion's Field

10/26 - Bonsai Workshop, 6:30pm, Lion's Field



President's Message

Jay N. bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com

.Hello fellow Bonsai Enthusiasts,

As always, a good time was had by all at our fourth Wednesday Bonsai 101 workshop. I saw some new people and explained bonsai theory. I also got a shohin narrow leaf ficus defoliated for free. Always keep in mind that SABS offers these workshops to teach theory, techniques, and give advice. Bonsai 101 is on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except November and December) at 6:30 PM at the Lions Field Adult and Senior Center. See you there.

September is auction month at SABS! This is the Society's biggest money maker of the year. The money brought into the bank account helps us bring in the nationally known artists to give our members lectures, demonstrations, and workshops.

We ask members to look around their benches and bonsai gardens for items they no longer use or need to donate to the society so we can auction the items to the other club members. Pots, plants, stands, tools, and garden items. Ryan will explain more in his Vice Presidents Message below.

Bonsai-Jay

Vice President/Program Director's Message

Auction Time

As Jay mentioned, September's meeting will be all about our Fall Auction. Please bring any bonsai related items such as trees, pots, tools, stands, plant materials, books, etc as well as any Chinese/Japanese items such as dolls, silks, etc.

Here are a few rules we shall all abide by:

Sellers to have all auction item(s) to have auction tags securely attached prior to coming to the auction. Please use the tags provided within this document/email.

Commissions, if desired, are 70/30% of the sell price; 70% for seller and 30% for SABS

Full donation to SABS of a sold item(s) is/are great appreciated

All bidders must have a Bidder's Number and be registered with the Auction Treasurer

Auctioneer is allowed to bid

Auctioneer has the final say on when an item is sold and at what price

Auctioneer does his/her best at getting through all items within the allowed amount of time given

Sellers requiring a reserve price **MUST** tell the auctioneer or Auction Treasurer **BEFORE** the start of the auction

Any item(s) with a reserved price will begin bidding at the reserve price. If time permits, Auctioneer will revisit the item if not sold at or above the reserve price

All sold items must be paid for prior to leaving the Club meeting. SABS accepts cash, check, and credit cards from members and cash and credit cards from non-members

Any items unsold at the finish of the auction, may be negotiated with the owner and registered with the Auction Treasurer

Lastly, all have fun and enjoy the evening!

Pedro Morales

Guest Touring Artist Pedro Morales, from Puerto Rico, will be in-house in October. Pedro is known as the Tropical King. SABS is currently setting up various Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) workshops and will send out an online sign-up sheet for those that would like to reserve a spot.

South Texas Bonsai Kai

David and Trish are hosting the 17th Annual South Texas Bonsai Kai. Here is David and Trish's invite to all...

Please join Trisha & I for the 17th South Texas Bonsai Kai at 10:00am on Saturday, Sept 17th. This year Andy Graham will give a L/D on Schefflera arboricola on a slab. We're donating a pretty big Schefflera for the L/D, which will be raffled off. Along w/ Andy's lecture and the hummingbird migration, we'll also have the BIG Raffle. Please bring an item (\$20 value) for the raffle, either bonsai or gardening related, or anything fun. We will sell tickets at 20 for \$10, once all raffle items are drawn, non-winning tickets are put in one container, then we will draw 3 for the raffle monies – third place 20%, second place 30%, and first place 50% of the cash. Yes, that means you may leave with more money than you spent!

Taking pizza order around 11... We supply waters and coffee, if anyone wants sodas, bring your own, we will have a cooler set up with ice.

Looking forward to seeing y'all! The easiest route from southbound IH37 (google will route you thru Mathis) – turn right at exit #31 (past Mathis). From Calallen take 624, turn right on 666. Please park down by greenhouse / nursery area, take dirt road 20' past driveway and drive to back part of property. For those who have not been here, text (361-688-0109) me your name and I will send directions & address.

Austin's Annual Auction

The Austin Bonsai Society will have their fall auction on September 17th at 10:30am at the Zilker Botanical Gardens. I will be the Auctioneer!!! The Garden's address is 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78746. When entering the Garden's tell the Guard shack you are with the Bonsai Society, and you may get in free.

September's Tips

Below we are revisiting an article authored by David W. long ago on September's Tips.

Late September is supposed to be the first of fall, but in our area it's just like summer, we can get the

hottest and wettest weather this time of the year. We have a couple of tropical depressions in the Gulf as I'm writing this article. We need the rain they generate here throughout South Texas but, let's hope they stay calm and not turn into anything other than depressions.

Deciduous plants - Crape myrtles, Bald Cypress, Maples and Ems etc - this is the time they start storing nutrients for winter. Light fertilizing, but do not overfeed with nitrogen. Remember if it's growing it's ok to lightly fertilize. We want to start slowing down the growth of our bonsai so that they are prepared for winter, so these will be the last feedings of the season.

Water challenge

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. With the intense summer we've had, some trees might be in their summer dormancy and may not be taking up as much water as you would expect. Be careful not to over water these. Check the soil on these plants before watering; instead of daily watering they may only need it every day and a half or two days. On the other hand, some are still taking as much water as you'll give them and more. If you're having problems with the pots overheating in our brutal summer sunlight, try covering the pot edges with some small boards or draping a cloth around the pot to create shade. Also try putting blocks under the pots to lift them off the hot stands and it'll allow some air to blow underneath. Small dark glazed pots are especially susceptible to overheating as they quickly soak up the heat from the sun.

Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for ANY insects/pest and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Scale and aphids seem to be the biggest nuisance right now. And of course, nothing slows down the bougainvillea looper worms from their annual march through our yards; I've been treating with the Bayer product "2-in-1 Systemic Rose & Flower Care" and keeping them under control. Another note when using a water-soluble insecticides make sure you spray the plant thoroughly and drench the soil well until you see it coming out the drain holes.

It's a good idea to treat your trees for fungus (root rot) on a regular basis, monthly is usually sufficient. Treat with Maneb, Benomyl or other copper-based spray. Spray the leaves and thoroughly drench the soil, making sure the solution drains out the drain holes.

Check your training wires so they aren't cutting into the branches. If they are cutting in, remove them. If the branch did not hold, re-wire in a different locale, don't put the wire in the same place.

Be careful when trimming; hold back if the tree is not showing any signs of growth. If the tree is growing it's probably ok to trim, but keep in mind depending on the species, you could be trimming off next year's blooms and fruit.

BONSAI, BEER AND BBQ!!





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

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The emblem was adopted as the official logo

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