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BONSAI CALENDAR

JANUARY: Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting.
(6:30-8:30 pm)

JANUARY 25: Lions Field Bring a collected tree
Bonsai Workshop. 6-8:30pm

Year of the Rabbit



President's Message

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone survived the end of December without too much damage to Plants and pipes. A big thank you goes out to Jay Nolen for his guidance as president last year, as well as the present and past Board members.

Your Board this year is as follows (in no particular order) David Whitaker (Vice President) Diane Collinsworth Vicky Auth Debbie Sifuentez (Secretary) Jay Nolen (Treasurer) Conrad Gamboa Gabe Hernandez Steve Young Kevin Preston (President)

We have an exciting year planned out for one and all, including 3 visiting artists! Jose Rivera Orlando in April, Jim Doyle in October and Young Choe in November.

We will also be trying out some different dates for some of our meetings. Instead of every second Thursday, (Lions Field) SOME of our meetings will be held on a Saturday (Donna's Studio). Please pay attention to your schedule each month so you show up on the right day and place! If it proves successful that we have more in attendance on Saturdays we may do more meetings in on the weekends in 2024.

I want to remind all members that they can and should bring a tree to any meeting regardless of the program for advice on their trees. You are also encouraged to bring trees to any meeting for "Show and Tell" (Even experience members like to see other peoples trees and learn from them)

Finally, I am asking for someone to take over the duties of refreshment chairperson. Debbie Sifuentez has done this in the past and I'd like to see someone step up and help the club. We also need volunteers to bring snacks and drinks to each meeting, (It doesn't have to be a 5 course meal, which would be nice, just chips and cookies and soft drinks would suffice) Hattie and I will sign up for March.

Best Wishes for the New Year, Kevin

Vice President/Program Director's Message

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Happy New Year! 2023 is going to be a very busy and educational year. Your SABs board has several fun events throughout the year. First up, we have 2 chances to collect yamadori, with a possibility of another in late summer. Sign up (slots filling fast) here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-2023>

There's going to be several chances to learn different techniques of bonsai with Lectures/ Demonstrations/ Workshops on Shohin, Wiring, Kusamono, Saikei and a few opportunities to learn about one of my fav, bald cypress.

This month Ryan will be showing us the tools of the yamadori collector, how to collect and different techniques.

I'll be going over the follow-up care, when to trim, when and what to fertilize with.

In February we will have a group repotting of deciduous trees, bring your tree, pot, wire, tools and materials.

This year we're going to have a few meetings on Saturdays to have a more relaxed time to have a (very) short business meetings, lectures, demonstrations AND workshops without concern of time restrictions (2 hours) or having to leave for home early due to having to work on Friday.

January Monthly Tips

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Our South Texas weather can be dangerous because it'll make us anxious to be clipping, wiring or re-potting something, anything. Plants know when it is time to grow not only by the warmth, but also when the days start growing longer – just the opposite is what causes them to start into dormancy. Hey, maybe this would be a good time to screen some soil, clean and sharpen your tools, prep your pots, just to do something bonsai productive.

By now all trees should be sleeping and dormant, they *should* be dormant for the rest of winter and around our little ranchette, that could be a month or just a few more weeks. Dormancy is very important and gives the plant a rest period to recover from past growing season. With the warm weather we've had after the Christmas weekend's freeze and the near forecasted warm weather, some trees could start showing signs of breaking dormancy – watch out for these trees when we have those cold snaps, they'll be more vulnerable to cold damage. If this happens, you will need to protect from any late frost or freezing weather, in other words that trees' winter is over and keep them above 50 degrees. All tropicals and semi tropicals should receive as much direct sun light as you can give them and keep trees above 50 degrees.

For your conifers, hardy and native trees keep above 25 degrees (AND water before freeze). Also, there's a couple of tricks that you can do to help trees to stay dormant longer, like moving them out of the sun first off and putting ice on the topsoil allowing it to melt in to the soil. Most of our natives are used to being in/out of winter dormancy and the trees adjust to losing some early spring growth and recover but, our native bonsai cannot spare a crucial new life supporting growth so, we want to try to keep them dormant up to our normal "last chance of frost" days which is mid-March for most of south-central Texas, for the coastal areas is 3 to 4 weeks earlier.

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During the onset of winter, any time after October and throughout winter we really don't want to do anything that we normally do to stimulate growth by fertilizing, trimming or cutting anything until they shows some sign of new growth in the new spring season. Some won't show any signs of growth until the temperatures get warmer and stays warmer. All species have different temperature requirements and growth patterns. **Be familiar with your plant needs** - not only their seasonal care but also their nutritional needs and the best times for trimming, pinching, repotting, or root pruning. Temperate zones are how the USDA defines it. The Hill country to the Coastal Bend area has zones anywhere from zone 8A to 9B, with 9B being near the bays, Gulf of Mexico and in the Rio Grande Valley. There can be anywhere from 5 to 20 degrees temperature differences in these areas throughout the year.

At the meeting I'll show you how to search the net to find out the needs of ANY plant using Ag and Heat zones.

Another quirk of our winter weather is we tend to have long stretches of cloudiness with little or no rain. Watering this time of year can be challenging, the overcast days can lull you into thinking all is well but the winds can quickly pick up and start drying out the soils and leaves. Be careful not to overwater though (watering too frequently), rot can quickly set in with the cooler temperatures and lack of drying sunlight. Check the soils before watering, some plants may need a good soaking, others just a light splash, especially those that are dormant at this time.

It's a good idea to treat your trees for fungus on a regular basis, monthly is usually sufficient. Spray the leaves and thoroughly drench the soil, making sure the solution drains out the drain holes. When searching for Fungicides and Insecticides, best bet is to pick one that is safe to use on roses, fruit, veggies or nuts (and kills spider mites) as these have proved to be safe for bonsai.

Check your training wires so they aren't cutting into the branches. If they are cutting in, remove them. **Note** that when removing wires (or re-wiring), be careful - trees can be very brittle during the winter dormancy.



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SABS 2023 PROGRAMS

January 12, Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) Ryan Odegaard will be showing us the tools and techniques for collecting trees (what to look for, how to dig) and to give them the best chance for survival. David Whitaker will follow up on “what do I do next??” when to trim, wire, anything else to ensure the collected tree will become a good bonsai. SHOW AND TELL:

JANUARY 25TH Bring a collected tree January 25th, Lions Field, Wednesday. Bonsai Workshop. (6-8:30 pm)

FEBRUARY February 5th club dig in Leaky, Texas. About 90 minutes from San Antonio.

TBA February 9, Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) Get your hands dirty! Re-potting deciduous trees. It's time to get your hands dirty. Bring trees, pots, wire, mesh, and bonsai soil. We will go over the right way to re-pot your trees, trim roots, wire back into a new or the same pot. The club will provide wire, mesh, soil and pots (if available) for the newer members who don't have any. SHOW AND TELL: Bring a deciduous tree in.

February 22nd, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop. (6-8:30 pm)

February 25th club dig in Hondo Texas. About 45 minutes from San Antonio

MARCH

MARCH 5th Club members are going down to Redhawk Bonsai Nursery (David Whitaker's house) in San Patricio, Texas about 2 hours south of San Antonio, (just south of Mathis) Use Exit 31, to re-pot hundreds of Bald Cypress seedlings into individual pots. (This will be a combined San Antonio, Corpus and Austin event). This is a great chance on how to properly cut tap roots and re-pot the seedlings in different size containers to create different size trunks for future forest plantings. This will be a wonderful time to learn from a talented and knowledgeable club member. Time to start your future forests! ***There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting, First come, first served as there will be a limited number of space to re-pot and a limited number of trees for purchase.***

TBA March 9th, Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) LIVE AUCTION!!!! Bring anything Bonsai related to auction off. This is a great time to pick up trees, tools, pots, stands, anything bonsai related. Members can donate all the proceeds to SABS or keep up to 80% to buy more stuff!

March 22nd, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

APRIL April 13th, Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) SABS Exhibit. This will be a formal Bonsai exhibit. Trees, Stands and Accent Plants will be required. Scrolls are optional. This is a great way to “Show Off” your hard work to all of the members. PLEASE NOTE: There will also be tables available to display trees in training that aren't ready to show. (these can be in growing containers).

April 22nd, Saturday, Donna's Studio. Hurley Johnson (Timeless Trees) will be holding 2 advanced wiring courses. 8-12, 1-4ish, 8 people maximum per class, \$35.00/person. Wire and training materials are included in this workshop. Attendees must bring a Boxwood in a 1-3 gallon container. No other species please. A great time to learn branch to branch and proper trunk to branch techniques.

April 26th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

April 28th, (Friday) Jose Orlando Rivera from Puerto Rico will be having one or two workshops at Lions Field or Donna's Studio (To Be Determined) Bring your tropicals to this one!!!

April 29th (Saturday) 4th Annual Bonsai BBQ and Booze at the Preston's, This will start around 9am since there will be a workshop and a lecture demo by Jose Orlando Rivera. The tree he will be working on will be raffled off later in the day. Please bring a covered dish. The club will provide the BBQ . The Preston's will be providing the Pina Coladas!

MAY May 13th, Donna's Studio, SATURDAY Club Meeting. (10am-1pm)) This will be a hands on "FREE" Shohin workshop, re-potting and wiring Fukien Teas. Program, trees and all materials will be provided by David Whitaker (Redhawk Bonsai). Trees will be available for purchase after this meeting/workshop. Club soil and wire will be provided but bring your own tools please. SHOW AND TELL: Bring your Shohin and Show off.

May 24th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

JUNE June 10th Mini Convention hosted by LSBF in Fort Worth. Saturday and Sunday, with a Shohin exhibit.

June 17th, Donna's Studio, SATURDAY Club Meeting. (10 am-1pm) Lecture/Demo/FREE Workshop on creating a Saikei by David Whitaker (Redhawk Bonsai) (remember the award winner at the Christmas party?)

Learn how to do your own. David will have trees and decorative items for sale. Please bring your own pots, trees, soil, rocks and accents. David's demo Saikei will be raffled off at the end of the workshop/meeting.

You will be reminded at the May meeting on what to bring to create your own Saikei (Planted Landscape)

SHOW AND TELL: Do you have a Saikei to show us?

June 28th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

JULY July 13th Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm)

Get your hands dirty! Re-potting tropical trees. Bring your own trees, soil, mesh, wire, and pots. Newer members will be provided club soil, mesh, wire and pots (if available). SHOW AND TELL: Bring in your favorite tropical.

****We need 3 members for the nominating committee! (5 names needed for the 2024-2026 term)**

July 26th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

AUGUST August 12th Donna's Studio, SATURDAY Club Meeting. (10 am-1 pm) Day of the Cypress. Get your hands dirty working on several 2 year old Bald Cypress that David Whitaker will be providing. Learn from this experienced artist tips and techniques on forest and individual plantings, cutting and wiring the trees that were re-potted in March bring your own Bald Cypress. (Trees will be available for sale) SHOW AND TELL: Bring your Baldies in and tell us about them!

August 23rd, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm) Possible Club dig in Floresville (Saturday) at the end of the month, or early in September, stay tuned...

SEPTEMBER September 14th Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) Club Auction!!!! (Up to an 80/20 split) You know what to do and please remember to bring cash, check, credit cards.

**** Nominating committee announces names for 2024-2026 term. (Board)**

September 16th 18th annual South Texas Bonsai Kai in San Patricio, Texas (20 minutes south of Mathis) Exit 31 David Whitakers. This is always a fun event, the more the merrier!

September 27th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6:30-8:30 pm)

OCTOBER October 12th Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. (6:30-8:30 pm) LSBF visiting artist Jim Doyle will be holding one workshop and a Lecture/Demo on a deciduous tree that will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. SAME DAY WORKSHOP, (1-5 pm) This workshop is limited to 8 people, cost is \$35.00 "Silent" observers are welcome at no charge.

October 25th, Lions Field, Wednesday Bonsai Workshop (6-8:30 pm)

NOVEMBER November 9th, Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. Young Choe, Kusamono Artist will be doing a Lecture/Demo on Kusamono (grass thing) The Kusanomo will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. SHOW AND TELL: Do you have a kusamono?

****Voting by all members for 5 Board positions 2024-2026) Election of officers****

NO BONSAI WORKSHOP IN NOVEMBER

November 11th, Donna's Studio, Saturday Workshop Young Choe will be holding one or two workshops starting Saturday morning The workshops will be limited to 8-10 people for \$35.00 each. All workshop materials will be provided.

DECEMBER December 14th Lions Field, Thursday Club Meeting. SABS Christmas Party, Gift exchange and decorating tree contest. SABS will provide the main course and soft drinks, members are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

NO BONSAI WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER



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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