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BONSAI CALENDAR

THE MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING. FEBRUARY 11th 6:30 pm.

AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT OUT ON THE DETAILS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IT WILL BE GREAT. SEE YOU ALL THEN!

February 11th – Online Club Meeting, 6:30pm

February 20th – Anaqua Repotting in Mathis, TX. 10 AM

May 1st/2nd – Bonsai Exhibit at the SA Botanical Gardens

THE OX IS GOING TO MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR



President's Message

January was a busy month with our first ever online presentation of various Design Goals of Bonsai, by David R., and three digging opportunities achieving a cumulative total of over 35 trees collected for bonsai. Members collected Ashe Junipers, Chinese Elms, Persimmons, Live Oaks, and a few decorative rocks here and there. View the photos of our collected trees throughout the newsletter.

On February 6th, we held our annual Soil Mixer Party. Thirteen of us braved cooler temps in the morning and beautiful sunny afternoon to mix up thirty-one 5.5-gallon buckets of soil. Guess who has 20 buckets of soil sitting in his backyard..... ME!!!! Buckets are \$25 each. I am providing free delivery to the end of my driveway when you come pick your buckets up!!! A special "thank you" to Donna, Gabe, Joe, Jay, Debbie, Chancy, Steve Y., Peter, Bruce, Conrad, Leydana, and Vicki for their help.

On a side note: colder temps are coming this week; be sure to protect any newly transplanted/repotted trees from freezing temperatures. Move such trees to your greenhouse or garage for protection.

This Thursday 2/11/21, I will be presenting guidelines for transplanting/repotting bonsai trees using a collected Japanese Boxwood. Be sure to turn on your computer early, bring dinner, and have any questions as the Zoom meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Due to cold temperatures predicted for Saturday 2/13, we have rescheduled the Anaqua repotting, at David W.'s house, for Saturday 2/20. 10 am. Sign-up is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-sabs> We would greatly appreciate a few more volunteers as well as shovels to mix the soil and sawzalls to cut the trunk bottoms. If you are comfortable riding along, a few people may have room for masked passengers.

For our Convention Committee members and any Club members that would like to attend, we will resume our convention meetings in June 2021. Be thinking about new ideas, items to donate, items to sell, etc. More info to come in May.

Enjoy February and be safe and healthy.

JANUARY MEETING PRESENTATION

DAVID R. VICE PRESIDENT

What are We Trying to Accomplish?



Goal of Bonsai

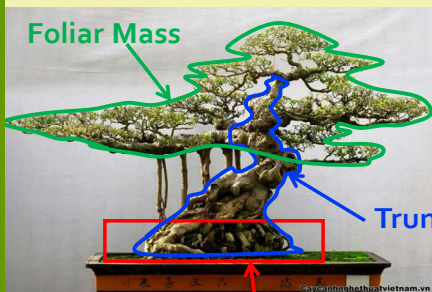
- *Visually appealing* presentation of a tree in a pot.
- It is an *abstraction* of a tree – it is not necessarily a scale model of a tree.
 - One branch may represent multiple branches
 - A leaf can represent a branch
 - Trunk lines are exaggerated
 - Bases are exaggerated
 - Proportions are modified



In many ways, bonsai is a caricature of a tree. Each styling decision we make is intentional to convey a design intent. Without intent, it is not bonsai.

So, how do we do this?

- There are 3 primary parts of the tree that need to be *designed* and *developed*:
 1. *Buttress (Nebari)*
 2. *Trunk Line*
 3. *Foliar Mass Placement*



Buttress/Nebari

Alternatively, a tree can be collected from nature that **already has appeal** in one or more of these areas and developed from there.



DAVID'S

JANUARY PRESENTATION.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS INTO MAKING THAT OUTSTANDING BONSAI.

THANKS SO MUCH DAVID FOR A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION!

HAVING FUN IN THE WOODS

MEMBERS ENJOYED BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND HAD SOME SUCCESSFUL
FINDS FOR THEIR FUTURE BONSAI



WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND
KEVIN?

THE GROUP READY TO GET AT
IT!!



TREES
COLLECTED
BY RYAN.

DONNA
FOUND
THAT ONE
NICE CEDAR
ELM!





**A BIT LATE BUT HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE
CHRISTMAS BONSAI CONTEST.**

**RYAN WILL BE AWARING THEIR GIFT
CERTIFICATES.**

CONGRATS TO DAVID W. SALLY C. AND VICKI A.



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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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