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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 with Richard Hayes, 264-1965. The material is provided and the workshop is for **EVERYONE**, new members receive free material. It is held on the Sunday after the club meeting at 2 pm.

AT EVERY MEETING—Bring in your bonsai for continued support and helpful hints and direction.

DECEMBER 12: CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

FUN—FUN—FUN—FOOD—TREE CONTEST

EVERY BODY HOSTS

Bring two non—perishable food items or a unwrapped Christmas present to our party—they will be delivered to the Salvation Army.

THANKS IN ADVANCE

DECEMBER 15: BOARD MEETING, CORPUS CHRISTI, DAVID W OUR NEW VP IS HOSTING. All the programs for the 2014 Bonsai year will be developed.

SEEKING HOSTS FOR THE 2014 BONSAI MEETINGS.

President's Message

By Kevin P

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Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!!!

Dear members, this will be my final article as President of SABS. It has been my privilege to serve as your President for the past 3 years and I could not have done it without your support and the support of ALL the Board members.

I had a good time at our first **Pot swap**, or as Roberto called it a "*Bonsai Flea Market*" (I kinda like the term) This was the first time we had this and maybe we will do it again next year. **(talk to your board members if you want that to happen...** you will be able to recognize us by our winning smiles, and our unflinching desire to get everyone to volunteer with enthusiasm!

I would like for **all of the members who are able to bring two non—perishable food items or one unwrapped present at the Christmas party**, to give to the **Salvation Army** this year. Please leave them with me and I will make sure that the donations will be delivered.

I want to **remind** everyone that on **Saturday, February 1, 2014** about the **Asian Festival**. This is a great way to show our best **Bonsai** to about 15,000 people. I know you will be reminded but I wanted to bring this up at an early date. This is our #1 show for the year.

Thanks again everyone for 3 Bonsai packed years.

Ryan O & David W will be taking the reins now and I know they have some great fun in store for next year!!

Program Corner

By Ryan O , Vice President

Happy Bonsai Holidays!!!!!!!

With Thanksgiving just behind us I have a lot to be thankful for including 1) thank you to all that participated in our Bonsai Sale in November as it appeared to be very successful for both buyers and sellers in terms of relocating bonsai and related accessories amongst club members, 2) thank you to Donna D and Jack R for bringing trees that are special to them and giving us a little background information on them, and 3) thank you to all that participated in the survey that the 2014 board members will use to tailor monthly meetings and additional adventures to better suit the club. The board is meeting on December 15th to discuss next year's events so I will publish the list of events in January.

With December's meeting comes not only the celebration of the holidays but the celebration of another great year filled with tons of education, an outstanding convention, a traveling artist full of information, experiences, and suggestions, and best of all knowledge passed from club member to club member. It also provided us with very successful auctions and numerous new members. **Take a moment and think back to all you have learned and experienced over the past year.**

December's meeting will consist of a pot luck social affair. I encourage all to bring a dish to share with everyone. The club will provide sodas and waters.

We will also celebrate the holidays in fashion with a **bonsai decorating contest**. Please bring in a bonsai that shows off your best holiday decorating techniques. Winners will be chosen by club members dropping tickets in bags (similar to our raffle). The three bonsai with the most tickets win prizes.

Please continue to donate raffle items as we will also have a raffle this month.

Lastly, happy holidays and a happy new year to all!!!!!!



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

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

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

DECEMBER. 12—SABS Christmas Party!!

A FALL ARTICLE THAT IS STILL TIMELY IN OUR PART OF THE COUNTRY

By Larry A

As I write this fall is scheduled to begin this afternoon. Our first cool front came through yesterday—and not another, good timing. As much as I hate to say it, it's time to start getting our tress ready for winter. The conditions in your yard may be very **different** from the conditions in my city yard. **So take my techniques as suggestions.**

The first thing to do is clean up all your trees, Remove all weeds and dropped leaves from the pots. Don't create a breeding ground for pests and diseases. Last fall I put a dose of granular, systemic insecticide on all the plants that were going into the green house or coming inside. All last year I was battling white flies and aphids. I believe because of the systemic, I had almost no insect problems this year at all.

Tropical trees – As soon as temperatures, night or day, regularly reach the mid to low 50's tropical trees need to be in a greenhouse or otherwise protected. Give them as much warmth, light and humidity as possible. Don't put them in direct contact with cold window glass. Use humidity trays. Regularly mist the trees and you may find they appreciate an occasional foliar feed. In the winter really good, bright light is the hardest part of the environment to provide your trees. You might want to add supplemental light with **Gro-Lux fluorescent** light fixtures (put them on a timer to simplify the process). Artificial light must be very close to the plants to be effective.

Other trees – Remember the smaller the pot the greater the protection your tree will need. Some of my very small trees come inside to spend the winter in a cool, dry, fairly dark space. They get watered sparingly. The rest of my trees remain outside in winter. I find a protected place where I can put all my trees together in one place. **Protection from cold, dry, winter wind is very important.** I cover the ground with a layer of good weed cloth. The weed cloth will keep soil bugs out of the trees and keep tree roots from growing into the soil. I put the trees on the weed cloth. Then I put a layer of mulch between the pots and up to the top of the pots. Leave enough soil exposed so you can tell when the trees need to be watered. This technique should keep the soil in the pots from freezing and may actually allow some root growth to continue.

Now you can start planning for spring which will be here before you know it.

I have just completed the reading of one of my favorite blogs, there is some very interesting information about one of the aggregates commonly used in bonsai mixes.

Please use this link below and read for yourself.

For me I use this aggregate as 1/3 or 1/2 of my mix. I have not experienced what is being relayed but I respect Crataegus bonsai for some of the best information out there.

<http://crataegus.com/2013/11/24/life-without-turface/>

Your editor

The winner of the 2012 Christmas Party. The bonsai Christmas Tree contest had over 7 choices. In the end the grand prize winner was this little darling submitted by Marty. "It had little blinking lights!!!"



Two additional trees submitted in the contest for 2012



Submissions of
Christmas Bonsai from
past contests.

To the right is a
Japanese script for the
word
“TREE”

One submission a few
years ago was of a
Christmas Tree Lot—now
that one was the top
winner, but it took **three**
votes to make the final
selection!

Jay N won that year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!!!



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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