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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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November Mini-show – Signs of Fall

November Food and Beverage Hosts – Leydana R-M., Jim H., Diane & Klaus C.

November 9th – 2018 Board Member Meeting, 6 pm, Lion's Field, Concrete Pot Making

November 9th – Club Meeting, 7 pm, Lion's Field

November 11th – Saturday Workshop at Ryan's house, 9 am

November 22nd – No Workshop due to holiday

December 14th – Club Meeting, 7 pm, Lion's Field, Annual Holiday Party

December 27th – No Workshop due to holiday



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

President's Message

By Ryan O.

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Members attending the October monthly meeting voted for the 2018 Board Members. Please welcome your 2018 Board Members (in alphabetical order):

Larry A. ,Nick B., Diane C., Klaus C., Sally C., Donna D., Leydana R-M., John R., David W.

I am especially grateful to all the members that accepted the nominations to run for the Board. It has been a while since **SABS'** has had this many people volunteer to be on the Board. Your new 2018 Board will vote, on November 16th, to elect those for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as any additional positions voted upon. We will announce the outcome at our monthly meeting.

An update to the **Green Bonsai Book** is the committee has completed reviewing the 2000 edition and added a few more trees that have become popular. We have reviewed text of all the trees from the 2000 edition and have expanded the information or information that has changed over the past few years. We are in the process of reviewing all information for accuracy. The new edition will have over 75 trees and sections on fertilizer, repotting, and insects. We have pushed the release of this book back to early spring of 2018.

I am asking for anyone that has high quality pictures of bonsai from their private collection to send pictures to me. I am in the process of updating the bonsai photos on our website. I would also like to use such photos for advertising purposes on Facebook and Twitter (your name and location will not be disclosed). I would like an assortment of species and stages of development as well as from all our seasons.

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Program Corner

David W

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Our November ***Saturday Workshop*** (11/11), continuing our fun with concrete pots, is being held at my house beginning at 9 am. Feel free to bring your pot made on Thursday night and we will remove it from the mold, or have fun creating a few more pots. My address is

. See you there!!!

I would also like to thank Paul and Dawn T. and Larry A. for opening their homes and backyards for this year's ***Backyard Bonsai Tour and BBQ***. It seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves and had a fun time looking at bonsai not normally seen. Thanks to all that participated.

RYAN

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This month's program will have our president Ryan show us how easy it is to create lightweight concrete pots. It's a great way to make a special size or shape of pot that you wouldn't normally find elsewhere.

Thank you to Virgie, Evelyn, Diane, Klaus, and Leydana who helped Ryan and myself put on a very nice bonsai display at the **25th annual Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society Koi show at Water Garden Gems**. (yes, bonsai and koi DO go together!)

We had lots of people stop by asking all kinds of questions. The official ZNA Koi Judges (husband & wife team) are bonsai people too and said they really enjoyed our display, they liked that we had a wide variety of trees including native species. Hopefully we will bring in more members with our display, iSANN order to bring a few, we must appeal to the masses in any and every way possible!

DAVID

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI
SOCIETY**

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

**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.**



**SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL OF KENJUTSU
HOLDING SABS MEMBERS BONSAI**

Bonsai Winterization Overview, Tips and Techniques

Overview

- § A tree in a pot generally does not have the same winter characteristics as a planted tree
- § The heart of SATX is in USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 8b with lows from 15-20°F
- § The Hill Country is in Zone 8a with lows from 10-15°F
- § Two types of cold nights
 - o **Radiational Freeze** – happens on calm, clear nights when heat radiates from plants into the environment causing the plants to freeze
 - o **Advective Freeze** - where a cold front moves in from the north bringing deep cold. Advective freezes are normally accompanied by wind.
- § **Radiational Freeze preventative technique** - Use the heat stored in the ground to protect the trees. Before the freeze, water your bonsai then cover. The water acts as a reservoir of heat thus helping to protect the roots and gives them a better chance of regenerating after the freeze.
- § **Advective Freeze protective techniques** – Because trapping the heat is more difficult it is best to move the bonsai to the greenhouse, garage, or along the foundation that is protected from the wind and covered with a cloth.

Techniques (The “Do nots”)

- § Do not repot over winter – Broken hair roots cannot repair themselves during their rest period
- § Do not root prune
- § Do not apply wire on deciduous trees as branches are very brittle
- § Do not water your bonsai after dusk as the water will not have enough time to soak up the heat from the sun and protect the roots. When ice crystals form they expand causing the root structures to expand to the point of exploding.
- § Do not over protect hardy or native species

Techniques (Deciduous Trees)

- § Move defoliated trees (deciduous) to cooler/shaded areas of the yard to prevent buds from forming during unusual warm weather
- § No deciduous trees in the greenhouse or garage – may cause budding too soon and the need the cold to foster their rest period
- § Place deciduous trees on the north side of the house with mulch up to the lowest branch
- § Watch the wire on slow growing and woody trees. This is the time for their wood structure to increase
- § Stop fertilizing deciduous trees

Techniques (Tropicals and Less Hardy Trees)

- § Wintering less hardy tree in greenhouses, cold-frame box, garage, and inside for tropicals
- § Greenhouse may require a heater on the cold nights
- § Garages require light, use fluorescent bulbs labeled for plants and get the lights pretty close to the trees for the most benefit
- § Mist your tropicals and less hardy trees to maintain humidity
- § Continue to apply a light fertilizer to tropicals

Techniques (General for most Trees)

- § Cover trees to protect from frost and freezing rain using bed sheets, light weight blankets or plant covers
- § During frost and freezing temps, plastic touching a plant can kill it
- § During freezing rain, use plastic OVER the bed sheet or plant covers
- § Less water is required, but remember even a cold wind can deplete the tree of moisture
- § During exceptional cold nights/days – Place pots on the ground and near the house's foundation
- § May apply wire to junipers that stay flexible
- § May apply preventative treatments against fungal diseases and insect eggs now

Ideas to Keep You Busy During the Winter

- § Clean tools
- § Clean pots of dirt, lime, calcium
- § Determine which pot and which tree will be used together in the spring repotting and label the pot so you remember in the spring
- § Purchase any needed pots
- § Purchase any needed supplies (soil, wire, tools, drainage mesh, rocks, stands, etc.)
- § Clean your bonsai area (indoor and outdoor)
- § Collect wild specimens – use their native soil, if possible

"Over 500 years ago, Leonardo da Vinci made an interesting observation about trees. He concluded that the total thickness of a tree's branches is equal to the total thickness of the tree trunk. Trees across many species obey this rule."



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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