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BONSAI CALENDAR

September – Bonsai Auction

THE OX IS MAKING THIS A GREAT YEAR!

WE WILL SOON BE BACK TOGETHER,

PRUNE ON! PRUNE ON!

9/9 – SABS Auction at Prospera 3419 Nacogdoches, SATX 78217, 6:30pm-9:00pm

9/22 - Bonsai Workshop at Lion's Field, 6:30pm-8:30pm

9/25-9/26 – Bonsai Exhibit at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera "Artisan Village", 10:00am-5:00pm

9/25 – South Texas Bonsai Kai Event at David W's residence, 10:00am-3:00pm



President's Message

RYAN O.

With the celebration of Labor Day typically comes the thought that Summer is ending, and we must pack away our summer activities and get ready for Fall and Winter... But why let the fun fizzle out? We have a packed four months' worth of activities before we close out 2021, as can be seen from our extensive calendar.

First, SABS is soliciting members for 2022 Board of Directors. We have seven spots open for 2022 – four two-year terms positions and three one-year term positions. Our typical Board of Director term limits are for two years with 5 positions transitioning in even numbered years and 4 positions transitioning in odd number of years. SABS has five Board of Directors transitioning due to the start of 2022 and we have three members leaving one year early to focus on the 2022 convention or other personal priorities.

Those wishing to be nominated for a Board of Directors position, please email Ester R. (newblooms1028@gmail.com), Evelyn K. (evelynk1945@yahoo.com) and Sally C. (sallycotton@gmail.com) by October 10th. An online voting platform for everyone to vote will be provided starting October 14th. Those that wish to vote in person may do so at the November 11th meeting. Upon the election of our 2022 Board of Directors, those chosen to the Board will select their position in a separate meeting, that night.

September Auction: As noted in the Calendar, our Auction is on Thursday September 9th at Prospera 3419 Nacogdoches, SATX 78217 from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Door's open at 6pm. Enter the building through the side patio. Masks are required. Feel free to bring your own food and beverages. Auction tags are provided. Ensure your auction items are marked before coming to the meeting.

Mike Lane Workshops: SABS is hosting two Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) workshops at Donna's studio on 10/5 and 10/6 both from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Participants may bring 2-3 trees to have Mike review. There is no guarantee Mike can get to all trees brought in. Cost is \$25pp at entry; each workshop is open to eight participants. Masks required. Email Ryan O. (bonsaiode@gmail.com) to book your spot!

Two members also have the chance to invite Mike Lane to provide personal one-on-one work with their collection on Wednesday 10/6. Mike is available from 8:30am-8:12:00 pm or from 1:30pm -5:00 pm. Each time slot's fee is \$300. Please email Kevin P. (hattie1@gvvc.com) to book a spot.

YES, we are having two meetings in October. The first Thursday (10/7) we have a lecture/demo with Texas Guest Touring Artist, Mike Lane, and then on the second Thursday (10/14) SABS is hosting our normal monthly meeting with our very own Steve Y. presenting everything he knows about Elms.

Don B. is hosting a 3-day intensive bonsai course with his mentor Andrew Robson on November 11th thru the 13th, at his residence, 9:00am-5:00pm. There are two spots left if you are inter-ested. Fee is \$300pp. Email Don B. (don.barker@barker-sa.com) if inter-ested.

Need any help with your trees? Experienced bonsai members are ready to help the 4th Wednesday of September and October. Feel free to pop in after 6:30pm at the Lion's Field.

The Lion's Field now closes at 8:40pm. Please assist with the cleaning of the room and stacking chairs prior to leaving after each meeting. To assist in the minimization of spreading COVID, all are asked to bring their own food and beverages. Masks are required at all Lion's Field meetings per the City of San Antonio and the Lion's Field staff.

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2022 Convention Update: Our next meeting will be at 9:30am on Saturday October 2nd at Donna's studio. This meeting will be to review the registration packet before printing and to continue our discussion. We are still

looking for a Workshop Chairperson. We offer competitive wages – a free convention committee membership!!!

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October

- 10/2 – Convention Meeting at Donna's Studio, 9:30am-1:00pm
- 10/5 – BYOT Workshop at Donna's Studio, "Working with Mike Lane", 6:30pm-8:30 pm, \$25pp
- 10/6 – Personal Workshop with Mike Lane at Private Residence, 8:30am-12:00 pm, \$300
- 10/6 - Personal workshop with Mike Lane at Private Residence, 1:30pm-5:00 pm, \$300
- 10/6 - BYOT Workshop at Donna's Studio, "Working with Mike Lane", 6:30pm-8:30pm, \$25pp
- 10/7 – Special Club Meeting at Lion's Field, "Touring Artist Mike Lane's Lecture/Demo", 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 10/10 – Deadline for nomination to the Board of Directors for 2022
- 10/14 – Opening of online voting for SABS's 2022 Board of Directors
- 10/14 – Club Meeting at Lion's Field, "All about Elms by Steve Y.", 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 10/27 – Bonsai Workshop at Lion's Field, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 10/30 – Bonsai Exhibit at The Garden Center, "Art Under the Oaks", 9:00am-3:00pm

November

- 11/11-11/13 – Andrew Robson Intensive Bonsai Course at Don B. residence 316 W. Mulberry Ave., SATX 78212, 9:00am-5:00pm, \$300pp
- 11/10 – Closing of online voting for SABS's 2022 Board of Directors
- 11/11 - Club Meeting at Lion's Field, "Guest Artist Andrew Robson Lecture/Demo", 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 11/24 – No Bonsai Workshop due to Holiday

December

- 12/9 – Club Meeting at Lion's Field, "Holiday Party", 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 12/22 – No Bonsai Workshop due to Holiday



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual
\$50 family

TIME FOR REST

BY DAVID R.

Just like us, It's important for our trees to also take a break sometimes. The training process is stressful! The constant pruning, shaping, pinching and constraining of the roots in tiny bonsai pot are tough work for our small tree friends. Bonsai benefit from a recovery period where vigor in the tree can be re-established.

How do we know when this might be a good practice for the tree? After several years in bonsai cultivation, trees often show signs of weakening or slowing growth. Trees that would shoot 3ft long whips each season when freshly started conform to generating nothing more than 6 inches. Leaves that were originally 3" long conform to only 1/2". That's great, since the shortening internodes and shrinking leaves is key to bonsai. However, decades of this restriction may make the tree more vulnerable to pest infestations or less hardy in an unexpectedly cold winter.

To recuperate strength of the trees, the goal is to set the tree free for awhile and allow the tree to expand its growth – both above and below the soil. This can be done in an oversized bonsai container or planting in the ground. The tree is then watered and fertilized strongly and allowed to run for a season or three, or until strength has returned to the tree.

Something to keep in mind during this process is that we want to regain strength, but we cannot do that at the loss of structure that has taken us years to develop within our trees. It's very easy for a tree to thicken beyond correct proportion or develop branches that would introduce substantial scarring once removed, so will still make strategic pruning choices that balance the expanding strength while preventing the disruption of our design. This can be done in a cyclic process of removing larger branches and replacing with newer expanding branches, which are also then removed as they grow in favor of yet again smaller branches.

As the tree is returned to the tight bonsai cultivation, the process is very similar to initial bonsai potting of nursery stock. The roots maybe overly thick in some areas and require significant shortening, and new branches may need to be positioned to fit the new design. Pads that were originally sparse maybe incredibly thick with growth beyond the capabilities of clip-and-grow and wiring maybe required to re-establish proper pad formation.

The bonsai journey never really ends, does it? Just when we get to our "final" destination of bonsai cultivation – a beautiful proportional tree, we are forced to restart the process over again, each time ending with an even more advanced tree.

**ALITTLE REPOTTING
AT
DAVID W.
NEXT EVENT:
BONSAI KAI
SEPT 25**



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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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