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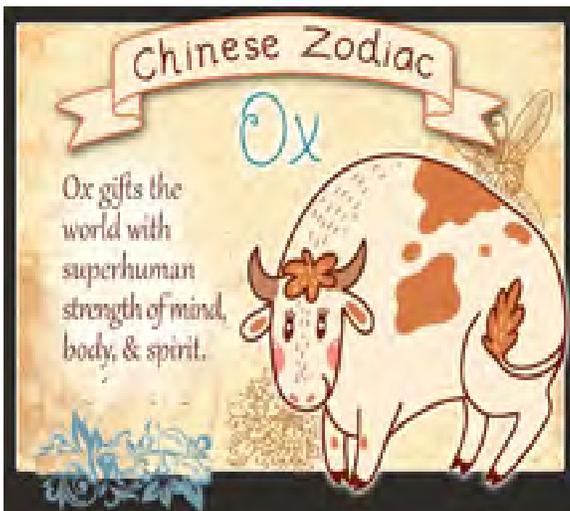
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BONSAI CALENDAR

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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

THE OX IS MAKING THIS A GREAT YEAR!



President's Message

RYAN O.

David W.'s South Texas Bonsai Kai event was re-scheduled for October 16th. Mark you calendars and let David know if you are attending at redhawkbonsai@yahoo.com.

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. (sallycotter@gmail.com) by October 10th. An online voting platform 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.

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! At the time of authoring this we have 2 openings for Tuesday evening and one opening for Wednesday.

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 is one spot left if you are inter-ested. Fee is \$300pp. Email Don B. (don.barker@barker-sa.com) if interested.

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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. Our workshop hosted on 9/22 was a huge success as we had nearly 20 people in attendance with one couple even coming from Austin

With our growing Club and attendance to the workshops, we have moved the workshops to the Community Room at the end of the hall, at the Lion's Field. This room is double the size of the Art Room.

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!!!***

December's meeting is typically saved as our year-end Holiday Party. I am looking for suggestions on how to conduct a celebration safely with food involved. Please send me any suggestions/ideas on how to conduct a safe holiday part by emailing me at bonsaiode@gmail.com.



CELEBRATING AND SHOWING BONSAI AT RAINBOW GARDENS.



DONNA AND JAY SHOWING SOME OF THEIR FAVORITES





RYAN SHOWED HIS FAVORITES

THE WEEKEND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! THE FOUR OF US SHARED OUR LOVE OF BONSAI WITH A WEEKEND CROWD OF SHOPPERS AT RAINBOW GARDENS.



STEVE SEEMS PRETTY PLEASED WITH THE DAY OF BONSAI

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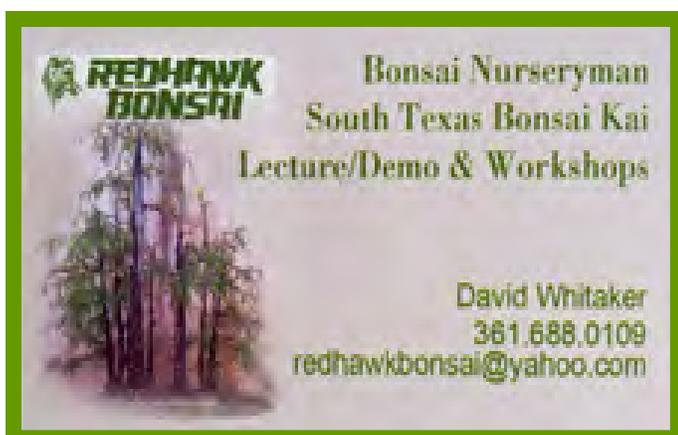
November

- 11/11-11/13 – Andrew Robson Intensive Bonsai Course at Don B. residence, 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

2022 THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT YEAR OF BONSAI



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual

\$50 family \$25 senior 60+

\$40 senior family

Windswept: Growing Toward the Sun

By: David Whitaker Redhawk Bonsai

This bonsai style is something that I thought about since I was still in school. When I was a kid about 2-3 times a year my family would take a weekend fishing trip to the “Coast”. We always stayed at the Sea Foam Motel on Fulton beach road right next to the Fulton Mansion. This is where the most beautiful windswept live oaks that I’ve ever seen in person. They so very much inspired me every time I saw them, though I really didn’t know why until later in life, as a bonsai model.



Windswept style bonsai takes a little more maintenance than others in keeping the windswept look. Trimming and wiring of course are useful but here’s a technique I use to get Mother Nature to help out with a bit of “solar power”.

All plants grow **upward** toward the sun; regardless of how much or how little sun they receive. Since the purpose of a windswept is to create the illusion of always having been blown **sideways** by the wind, you want the plant to continue to grow “sideways” in that direction. So if the potted tree is placed at a tipped angle so that “sideways” is reaching more of an upward direction while growing, the natural growth will be facing “sideways”. Think of any plant left in a sunny window facing one direction too long – doesn’t everything start growing or leaning in the direction of the sun it was receiving? So, if the plant is deliberately placed so that sideways is angled a little up, it will have more natural windswept looking growth with less maintenance of having to trim and wire the branches to make them stay growing that way.

I’ve found that if a tree is placed with the windswept direction facing due south (Northern hemisphere) and prop it up at a 30 to 45 degree angle to get the best sun light.

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This way there's fewer problems with branches wanting to grow the wrong direction or opposite way of the "windswept" and they'll grow towards the sun. This also encourages desired new growth from the underside of branches. Facing the equator at an angle between the horizon and straight up is the best that we can practically give it. Ideally I would follow it with the rising and setting sun, but I have better things to do and other trees to tend to!

The upward angle doesn't have to be 90 degrees, by putting a couple of wooden wedges (around a 30 to 45 degree angle) under the end of the pot to prop the windswept end upwards, it'll be reaching more toward the sun. Down here in south Texas, facing the pot due **south** and propping upwards gives the growth maximum exposure to the sunlight all day and no need to move the plant around all day to follow the sun.

When watering with this technique, it's better to set the pot flat until the water has drained out, and then prop it back up into the sun. Then sit back and watch the sun help "maintain" your windswept bonsai! Days that are less windy and the soil doesn't dry out I will prop up the "low end" instead during the night to help it dry out and help prevent root rot, then after the morning watering drains out, propping back up the "high end" in the morning. Because of the chance of root rot is increased with this growing method; always check both ends of the pot for moisture level. Periodic dousing with fungicide is always a good idea and be sure to repot annually with fresh soil.

While trimming and wiring will still be necessary for major shaping, using "solar power" to help with the general growing maintenance is an easy way to help grow your windswept trees!





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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