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## BONSAI CALENDAR

### October

10/12 - Pedro Morales BYOT Workshop I,  
6:30pm, Donna's Studio  
10/13 - Pedro Morales BYOT Workshop II,  
1:30pm, Donna's Studio  
10/13 - Club Meeting, L/D with Pedro Morales,  
6:30pm, Lion's Field  
10/15 & 16 - Bonsai Exhibit, Water Garden  
Gems, 9am, Set-up at 8am  
10/26 - Bonsai Workshop, 6:30pm, Lion's  
Field  
10/29 - Bonsai Exhibit, The Garden Center  
Nursery, 9am, Set-up at 7am

### November

11/4 to 11/6 - TTSBE's Kathy Shaner Seminar  
on Fruiting and Flowering Trees  
11/05 - Bonsai Exhibit, JASSA Akimatsuir,  
11am, Raymond Russell Park on IH10  
11/10 - No Meeting in lieu of meeting on  
11/17  
11/12 - Bonsai Exhibit at SA Botanical Gar-  
dens, 9am Set-up at 7am  
11/17 - Club Meeting, L/D with Andrew  
Robson, 6:30pm, Donna's Studio  
11/23 - No Bonsai Workshop due to holiday

### December

12/08 - Club Meeting, Holiday Party, 6:30pm,  
Lion's Field



## President's Message

Jay N. [bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com](mailto:bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com)

Welcome to October my Bonsai friends. Cooler weather approaches and so does the need to prepare for winter.

This month provides multiple opportunities to learn from an Internationally known Instructor. I have had multiple learning sessions with Pedro Morales and with each session I have come away with a greater understanding of techniques and concepts related to bonsai. Ryan has all the details in his article next page.

October also means the need to nominate members to the Board of Directors to replace those whose terms have lapsed. We currently have a need to nominate 5 members. Those wishing to volunteer for nomination are urged to contact the nominating committee of Ester ([purplevanda9@gmail.com](mailto:purplevanda9@gmail.com)), Evelyn ([evelynk1945@yahoo.com](mailto:evelynk1945@yahoo.com)), and Virgie ([virgievargo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:virgievargo@sbcglobal.net)).

October is also the last month for the Society's fourth Wednesday "Bonsai 101" workshops. We've had a good time teaching everyone and look forward to starting up again in January. So, take advantage of this last opportunity to get some help with that problem tree.

There are several opportunities in the next months to exhibit your trees. Show off all that hard work you've put into your Bonsai. It's always nice to have someone appreciate your work.

*Bonsai-Jay*

# Vice President/Program Director's Message

## Food/Snacks

Our Food and Beverage Hostess, Debbie S., is looking for volunteers to provide food/snacks for the October and November meetings. We currently have plenty of water and sodas on hand. If you are interested in bringing food/snacks, please contact Debbie at [dsifue@me.com](mailto:dsifue@me.com).

Keep in mind, a full dinner is not required; simple snacks, fruits, desserts, etc. are welcomed. Many folks have brought ornate dinners but that is not required nor necessary. If you want to pair up with another member to cover the food costs or time getting the food, that is acceptable.

## Pedro Morales

Guest Touring Artist Pedro Morales, from Puerto Rico, will be in-house in October. Pedro is known as the Tropical King. To reserve a spot for the two BYOT workshops we have set up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4BA8AF2CA1FF2-pedro>

Workshops are \$25 per person.

Below is some information on Pedro...

Pedro J. Morales was born in Chicago, Ill. USA on March 16, 1961. His parents, native to Puerto Rico, moved to live there when he was three months old. His family settled in Trujillo Alto, where they have always lived. He belongs to a large family, all lovers of plants and that have dedicated life to agriculture, especially in the ornamental field where Pedro also started as a child. During his studies of computer programming at the University of Puerto Rico, he began to work part-time at Jardin Selecto, where he remained until May 2015. This is one of the bigger garden centers in the San Juan area, capital city of Puerto Rico. He works as Director of Landscape, Ambience and Special Services at Superintendencia del Capitolio in San Juan, PR until December 2020. At this time he is dedicating all his time to Futago Bonsai Nursery.

In 1980, during his first year at the University, his Spanish class teacher, Maria Rivera, assigned the subject of Bonsai for a research program. This is when Pedro met Hugo Storer, with whom he shared his time as he prepared his work. After a few years he met the Club Bonsai of Puerto Rico and became a member in 1986. He began to take classes under the supervision of Mr. Adan Montalvo, who is one of the strongest members of the local club and the great Master of Bonsai in Puerto Rico. Pedro always was looking for more information and knowledge and became passionate about Bonsai. He started Futago Bonsai Jyuku in 1993 and it is one of the most important Bonsai schools from Latin America.

Since then, he has become one of the more talented artists in the tropical world and his accomplishments include traveling to many Latin American countries, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, India, Spain, Germany and extensive trips to the United States as a demonstrator, lecturer, and exhibitor. He is actively involved in the bonsai movement in the Latin American countries and has helped them to develop their regional groups. He has been a headliner at three World Bonsai Friendship Federation Conventions, Florida 1993, Munich 2001, and Washington DC 2005, and he is the Chairman of the next WBFF Convention in 2009, in Puerto Rico.

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## Pedro Morales

His trees are recognized as great masterpieces of the tropical world, eight of them were selected in the World Bonsai Contest, and one of them as the second runner up, in 2005. In 2015 he won the first prize at the World Shohin Photo Award in Japan. As the President of the Federación Bonsai de Puerto Rico, -FEBOPRI- Pedro was proud to host the BCI FELAB Convention in Puerto Rico, in July 2007, the World Bonsai Convention 2009 and Internationals Conventions in 2014 & 2015.

He always wants to share and to learn Bonsai from everyone who wants to have him as an instructor and it is a truly great honor for him to be designated as one of the Green Award Judges.

### October Bonsai Exhibits

Once again, I have thrown SABS, under the Tree (HAHAHAHA, get it... just like under the bus!!)(another one of my “dad” jokes gone bad) and have us scheduled for two bonsai exhibits in October.

On 10/15 & 16 we will be at Water Garden Gems, in Marion, TX, for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Show. Set-up will begin at 8am on Saturday and take down in 3pm on Sunday. Any members wanting to showcase a tree or two and/or assist with questions or the sales table, please email me at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com).

On 10/29 we will be at **The Garden Center Nursery** at Bandera and Prue for their Annual Art Under the Oaks vendor showcase. Set-up begins at 7am. Any members wanting to showcase a tree or two and/or assist with questions, please email me at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com).

### October Bonsai Workshop

If you need help with your trees, we have bonsai experts on hand during our last workshop of the year, due to upcoming holidays. Get FREE expert advice on repotting Junipers and Pines or other trees (if you keep them protected from the cold during the winter)

### November Bonsai Exhibit

On 11/12 we will have a one-day exhibit of bonsai trees at the **SA Botanical Gardens**. Any members wanting to showcase a tree or two, assist with questions or the sales table, and/or perform a mini demonstration, please email me at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com).

### Fall Repotting

For those thinking about repotting Junipers or Pines in the fall, SABS has buckets of soil available. Standard Club Mix at \$25 for approx. 5-Gal and APL mix at \$75 for approx. 4-Gal. Please email me at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com) if you need any.



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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