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BONSAI CALENDAR

THE MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING 11th 6:30 pm.

AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT OUT ON THE DETAILS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IT WILL BE GREAT. SEE YOU ALL THEN!

Updates to "Bonsai Calendar"

May 8th – Pre-Mother's Day L/D at
The Garden Center, 10am

May 13th – Club Zoom Meeting,
6:30pm

June 6th – Convention Meeting at
Donna D's Studio, 9:30am

June 19th – Pre-Father's Day L/D at
The Garden Center, 10am

July 10th – Club in-person meeting
(location TBD), 9:30am

**THE OX IS GOING TO MAKE THIS A
GREAT YEAR**



President's Message

BY RYAN O.

SABS had an outstanding turnout for our second Botanical Gardens (BG) Bonsai Exhibit. After all said and done, we ended up showing 71 bonsai trees in various stages of development. We had young trees from 5-10 years old to exquisitely styled trees ranging from 45-60 years old. We truly showed a captive audience the art of bonsai through the transformation of a young tree to the those that have been worked on extensively for long periods of time. Questions and comments by BG guests were numerous and continuous throughout both days.

Saturday was a very interesting day as the morning was clouded with drizzle until a large rain storm rolled in around 2:30 in the afternoon. Despite such rain, the BG was busy with regular guests and those that came specifically for the bonsai. The true determinant of the number of guests was the fact that nearly 30+ bonsai trees were sold by noon on Saturday and we had to restock our sales table and all but one tree was sold on Sunday.

Saturday was also when we held two sold out workshops where 40 guests created the beginning of a bonsai by using nursery purchased Dwarf Yaupon Hollies. Sunday continued with a lecture/ demonstration where Kevin and I presented the art and history of bonsai while working on a Dwarf Yaupon Holly that was raffled off to one lucky winner.

I have personally thanked each member that participated in the event and would like to do it here publicly as well. Setting up 71 trees and accompany tables and stands through drizzle, manning the sales table, assisting during the workshops and L/D, enduring 90 degree temperatures on Sunday, and most of all, representing an organization that believes in the art and promotes the education of bonsai, and that has so many volunteers who devoted a weekend to assist the BG with an awesome event is by no means an easy feat, but we all did it, and I am truly thankful for all those that participated and for all those that support SABS so we can continue showcasing our talents and love for bonsai.

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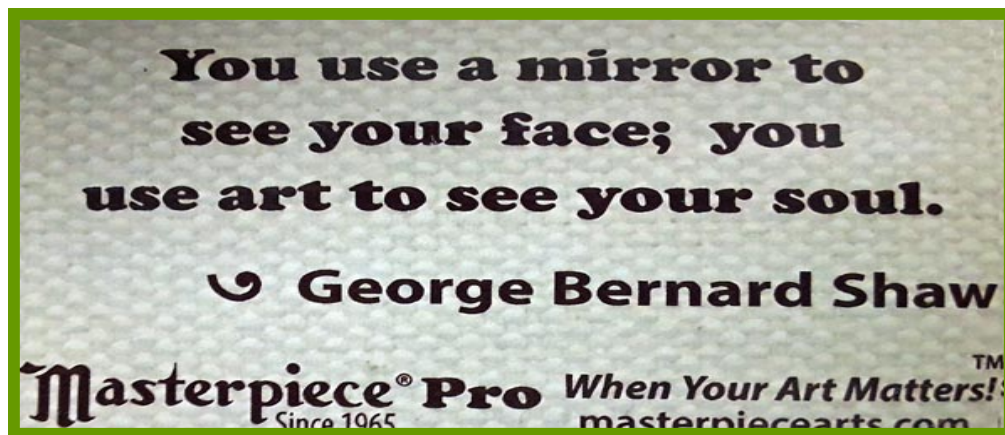
On another note, it probably has been 20-30 years since SABS itself has conducted an exhibit of such proportions (excluding past State-wide Convention Exhibits). THAT IS AN ABSOLUTE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!!

From early totaling of sales and new memberships, this event netted SABS roughly \$1,000 and 10 new members with many more expected to visit our website and mail-in additional memberships.

One last outstanding piece of data for you all, following March's membership drive and all those that joined SABS this weekend, SABS has the largest number of members it has ever had (at least since I began tracking in 2009) with **86 MEMBERS**.

To all our new members, **thank you** for joining our outstanding organization and **welcome** to a lifetime of friendship and education of bonsai!!!!

Kevin P. and I are getting back into our local nursery L/Ds by starting at The Garden Center for the Saturdays before Mother's and Father's Day beginning at 10am. If you are free, come out and support us.



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual

\$50 family

\$25 senior 60+

\$40 senior family

MAY MONTHLY TIPS

By David R.

What a show! It was very nice to see all of the wonderful club trees at the May display at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens! Not even an impromptu monsoon could keep the people away.

Now that our trees are out of the spotlight, we can take the opportunity to further the trees a little more in ways that may make the tree immediately less attractive in favor of longer term appeal.

We often try to keep the trees as dense as possible when being displayed, but that sometimes comes at the sacrifice of technically good structure. Now is a great time to go in and reduce some of the foliage mass in favor of creating finer ramification as the trees extend. Most deciduous and tropical trees respond well to the “cut back to two buds” method during the growing season to generate fine ramification.

It's also a perfectly great time to consider moving tropical and other heat-loving species to larger containers to continue their development. During this sort of work, the entire root ball is transferred to the new pot and only necessary modifications to the roots are made.

Fertilizing after a show is also quite different than leading into a show. The goal when showing a tree is to have the smallest leaves possible, and that is usually helped by controlling the nutrient load of the soil. However, after the show, we can return to full-dose to allow us to further the design more quickly.

The topic for this month's meeting will be on Fertilizing and getting the right kind of growth on our trees during this season's expansion.





BONSAI ON DISPLAY AND BELOW PEOPLE AT THE SALES TABLE



A BONSAI DONATED TO THE BOTANICAL CENTER BY PAUL T. WITH HATTIE GIVING YOU SCALE. VISITORS ENJOYING THE BONSAI DISPLAY



RYAN CONDUCTING ONE OF THE 3 WORKSHOPS HELD DURING THE EXHIBIT.

A LARGE CASCADE ON DISPLAY BY JAY N.



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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