



# SNIPS 'N CLIPS

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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 or locations.

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**September Mini-show** – No Mini-show due to auction

**September Food and Beverage Host** – Ester R.

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Austin's Fall/Silent Auction – 7 pm, Zilker Botanical Gardens, Austin

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – SABS Fall/Silent Auction, 7 pm Lion's Field

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Kusamono Workshop, David W. home 10:30 am

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting, 7 pm – Guest Artist Jonas Dupich

**October 13-15<sup>th</sup>** – Alamo Orchid Society w/ bonsai exhibit– see page 5 for details.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Backyard Tour and BBQ

**October 27-29<sup>th</sup>** – Water Garden Gems Koi Show w/ bonsai exhibit



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

## President's Message

By Ryan O.

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**SOLD, SOLD, SOLD!!!**

That's what you will hear at September's Club meeting because it's AUCTION TIME, once again. The club auction is a great way to buy/sell bonsai related items and make lots of money or spend lots of money..... I mean gain great trees and/or supplies!!!!!! **Attached to Donna's email are the auction tags.** The tags were redesigned to help those notating the winner and the amount for the treasurer. We have also revised a few things to assist with a more efficient payment collection after the auction.

This fall's auction will also have a **silent auction** where members can write in bids on certain items within a designated time frame. At the end of the time frame, the highest bidder wins the item. If anyone has any "special" items that they would like to include in the silent auction please let me know. Same 80/20 payout as in the auction unless otherwise indicated by the seller. We will have separate tables set up with bid sheets for the silent auction items.

Start looking over your collection if you have items to sell. For those of you buying, start your paperwork on loans or begging family and friends for money (just kidding). I kindly ask that ALL sellers have their selling tags filled out and attached to their items prior to arriving to the meeting. I want to get started right away as it takes nearly the full two hours to get through all the items. I kindly ask ALL buyers to arrive early to receive your bidding paddle. No paddle = no bidding.

Saturday's Workshop (9/16) is all about creating Kusamono (accent/grassy plants). The club will have a few accents plants to purchase as well as soil. Please bring all pots, wire, tools, etc. that you may need, including any additional plants. David W. is hosting

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this event. To entice those to come down, he will be providing a delicious lunch and Has some Naka orchids to give away. David's address is  
Consider finding carpool friends to save on gas.

Just an FYI, SABS is not attending the **Fall Home and Garden Show** at the end of September. Board members reviewed those that joined SABS vs. those that retained membership the following year, and many of the Home and Garden Show new members did not return a second year, including those that won free memberships from drawings.

The **Backyard Bonsai Tour and BBQ has been rescheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Board has decided to reschedule the BBQ/Tour as there is a large Kathy Shaner event happening through TTSBE as well as the Alamo Orchid Show and Sale that SABS is participating in. Paul and Dawn T. and Larry A. are contributing their backyards to the tour. **We have room for a third** if anyone is interested in hosting. Please contact myself if you would like to host. Light refreshments and snacks are kindly asked to be provided by the first two hosts, but not required. Pot-luck BBQ is at our last stop.

If you wish to be on the nomination list for 2018 Board of Directors, please email Ester, Evelyn, and/or Virgie.

RYAN

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR  
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI  
SOCIETY  
\$30 individual  
\$50 family  
\$25 senior  
\$40 senior family

## SEPTEMBER 2017 Monthly Tips

David W.

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Sept 14, 2017 Its AUCTION time! This month's meeting we are having our very lively and high energy auction. Where you can find unique or one-of-a-kind items! Bring anything new or gently used to donate – bonsai pots or tools, bonsai or pre-bonsai, garden stuff, bonsai or garden books, really almost anything will catch somebody's eye! So bring your donations and your wallet and prepare to have a great time!

Sept 16th 2017 – Trisha and I will host the Saturday workshop, will be working on Kusamono plantings. This also happens to be the peak of (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of Sept) the hummingbird southern migration, so bring your camera to get some of the most awesome bird shots! How many hummingbird have taken in a single picture without photo shop? I have a picture with over 4 dozen hummers in it!

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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.

Sept 2017 Wow y'all, this has been an exciting last few days! First the wonder and excitement of the eclipse, then the (not!) fun and excitement of prepping for a hurricane! That is an awful lot of work – moving plants to safety, boarding up, and clearing the yards of any potential projectiles (lots of that in our yard!). Being 50+ miles due west of Harvey's eye landfall, we were lucky he didn't hit us too hard, receiving 2.5" of rain and lots of strong band winds for days. Harvey did vent his wrath further up the coast and deliver the deluging rains as predicted, most unfortunate for our neighbors in East Texas, they're in our thoughts.

But like all unwanted guests, Harvey is reluctant to leave our area so we have more rain forecasted for the next few days. If you have any bonsai out in the weather, watch to make sure they aren't getting too waterlogged. If rains persist, move them out of rain, tip up on one end a little to help with drainage. Don't worry about the water lovers (cypresses and such) since they are loving this. But consider doing a good fungicide treatment all around once the rains stop.

As things dry out again, be sure to protect pots from overheating - isn't gardening in South Texas such fun? But the good thing is we should still have about 6 weeks of growing weather before that autumn switch turns on and plants start to shutdown for winter.

Sub/ Semi-tropical can *safely* be repotted with about 2 months of warm weather left. There should be at least 4 to 6 weeks of good warm weather GROWTH (roots and leaves) after potting before the cooler weather starts. We have a long growing season around here that can last till around Thanksgiving or even longer. Remember to protect your tropicals from any cooler weather (50°) is a good gauge.

Deciduous plants – about now is the time they start storing nutrients for winter. Light fertilizing, but don't overfeed with nitrogen. Remember if it's growing its ok to lightly fertilize. We want to start slowing down the growth of our bonsai so that they are prepared for winter, so this will be the last feedings of the season. Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. With the intense summer we've had, some trees might still be in their summer dormancy and may not be taking up as much water as you would expect. Be careful not to over water.

Check the soil on these plants before watering; instead of daily watering they may only need it every day and a half or two days. On the other hand, some are still taking as much water as you'll give them and more. If you're having problems with the pots overheating in our brutal summer sunlight, try covering the pot edges with draping a cloth around the pot to create shade. Also try putting blocks under the pots to lift them off the hot stands and it'll allow some air to move underneath. Small dark glazed pots are especially susceptible to overheating

Unfortunately, insects *don't* slow down right now, keep a close look on your trees. Pests can move in overnight! Not only look for the actual pests but also look for signs of activity from unseen pests – such as half-gone leaves, webbing, Frass (worm poop), fused together or curled up leaves. Don't confuse spider webs with spider mite webbing. Daily vigorous spraying of the foliage when you water the plants prone to spider mites (junipers, cedars, and similar species) can greatly deter them from moving in. Numerous summer insects are nocturnal, during their damage in the darkness of night and are excellent at hiding during the day. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for ANY insects/pest and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Scale and aphids seem to be the biggest nuisance right now. And of course, nothing slows down the bougainvillea looper worms from their annual march through our yards; I've been treating with the Bayer product "2in1 Systemic Rose & Flower Care" and keeping them under control. Another note when using a water soluble insecticides make sure you spray the plant thoroughly and drench the soil well until you see it coming out the drain holes, especially the bald cypress to kill the root mealy bugs. If the insecticide is labeled for veggies or roses and kills spider mites it should be safe for most if our bonsai. Ask me if you have any questions about insecticides.

It's a good idea to treat your trees for fungus (root rot) on a regular basis, monthly is usually sufficient. Treat with Maneb, Benomyl or other copper-based spray. Spray the leaves and thoroughly drench the soil, making sure the solution drains out the drain holes. Check your training wires so they aren't cutting into the branches. If they are cutting in, remove them. If the branch did not hold, re-wire in a different direction, just don't put the wire in the same place.

Be careful when trimming; hold back if the tree is not showing any signs of growth. If the tree is growing it's probably ok to trim, but keep in mind depending on the species, you could be trimming off next year's blooms and fruit.



**ARE THERE BENEFITS WITH A HURRICANE?**

**WELL, THIS BONSAI WAS IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER**

**AND NOW, WELL, BENEFITS OF RAIN SHOWERS, AND MORE RAIN SHOWERS ALONG WITH**

**MILDER TEMPERATURES**



*"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."*

A poster for an orchid show and sale. The background features several orchids in various colors: pink, yellow, and green. A central white box with a black border contains the event details. The text is centered and reads: "FALL IN LOVE WITH Orchids" (with "Orchids" in a cursive font), followed by a dotted line, "ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY 2017 SHOW AND SALE", and "OCT 13-15". Below the white box, the dates and times are listed: "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 • 12:00 NOON - 4:00 P.M.", "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 • 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.", and "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.". The location is "SAN ANTONIO GARDEN CENTER 3310 NORTH NEW BRAUNFELS AVENUE". At the bottom, it says "FREE ADMISSION (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)".

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*Orchids*

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*TO ALL OF OUR BONSAI FRIENDS  
IN HOUSTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.*

*WISHING YOU MUCH LOVE AND DRYER WEATHER.*

*HOPING YOU DID NOT HAVE A SERIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH  
HARVEY*

*AND WE ARE ALL ASTOUNDED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE  
GENEROUS OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FOR YOU FROM  
ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY.*



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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