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BONSAI CALENDAR

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Nov. 4th: Barkers Bonsai Bash, 11am to 5pm. 316 W. Mulberry Avenue, SAT 78212

Nov. 9th: Club Meeting, Lion's Field, 6:30pm. David W. discusses Bald Cypress trees, design, and displaying

Nov. 9th Food Hosts: Hosts needed. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-20231>

Nov. 22nd: No Club Workshop due to holiday

DECEMBER 2023

Dec. 14th: Club Meeting; Lion's Field, 6:30pm, Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Dec. 14th Food Hosts: All member Pot Luck

Dec. 27th: No Club Workshop due to holiday



President's Message

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Rain! Happy November everyone.

Last month, the club elected 5 members to the Board - Bruce B., Ricky R., Bryan B., Diane C., and Ryan O. They will be joining Joe H., David W., Conrad G., and Gabe H. Next years officers will be: Conrad G. (President), Gabe H. (Vice President), Ricky R. (Secretary), and Ryan O. (Treasurer/Editor). I want to thank Vicky A., Jay N., and David W. for their officer positions last year. I also want to thank Donna D. for being newsletter editor for the past decade (maybe more!)

BBB (BARKERS BONSAI BASH) WILL BE HELD Saturday, November 4th from 11am to 5pm. Meats and soft drinks will be provided, BYOB and BYOT

There is a sign up genius Ryan sent last month to RSVP. If you can't bring anything, bring yourselves...

Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-45165231-fall>

The more members the merrier. Remember to bring some pots and take advantage of Don's Kusanomo plants (first come, first served until they run out!)

This months meeting November 9th will be held at Lions Field and will be led by our own David W. He is currently our Vice President and he will be imparting some of his knowledge on Bald Cypress. He is one of the most experienced club members and will answer any and all questions pertaining to bonsai (and koi). Bring your baldies in and he will give you guidance to take them to the next level.

There will be no Bonsai workshop (4th Wednesday) this month nor in December due to the holidays.

ON SALE NOW

Bonsai Tree Care Book
\$30

5-gal Club Soil
\$25

5-gal APL Soil
\$75

Email Ryan O. for sales at bonsaiode@gmail.com. He will bring items to meetings upon request.

Program Corner

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As I'm writing this article, its 85 degrees and we have the first strong cold front rolling down from the arctic. It looks like some might get some of us might get frost and maybe a freeze in the hill country (see info below on winterizing). We'll be lucky enough to barely miss it down here in the coastal bend, with lows in the upper 30s to low 40s and highs in the 50s... FYI, I'll be leaving all my trees out in the elements while the events happens, and waiting until the night before to see if we need to drape sheets over some trees. As we have experienced in the past with early fronts in our area, most of these either get stalled out before arriving here or the temps are a little warmer than predicted.

I am happy to say that SABS has had a very successful, busy and fruitful 2023. Several collection digs, top shelf artist giving lecture/demonstrations, and several hands-on-workshops, AND bringing in new members to our fold. I look forward with what our new board comes up with for 2024, to further everybody's bonsai experience.

November 4th Barker's Bonsai Bash. Don and Elenita are graciously opening their house for a fun filled Saturday event, be sure to RSVP at the signup genius. Hopefully this will be the 1st of an annual event.

November 9th meeting will be on "All about Baldies" (Bald Cypress - *Taxodium distichum*). I will be showing how/when I propagate seeds, how to grow, fertilize and insects problems, how/when to chop trunks and branches, how to trim and pinch foliage (defoliate too) and how/when to collect and root prune. And most importantly, watering needs.

November and Winter Care Tips

David W.

This will be the last monthly/seasonal care of the year.

No repotting until late winter/early spring unless in an emergency, but only in the same size or larger pot using fresh soil. **Absolutely no root pruning!** However, late winter is a good time to collect specimens in the wild.

This is the time plants start storing nutrients for winter. We want to start slowing down the growth of our bonsai so that they are prepared for winter. The only "fertilizing" you will be doing this month (and also a few times during the winter) will be ¼ strength or "very light" on tropicals and semi-tropicals. We are not trying to promote growth, just to keep up the nutrients.

Now to "winterizing" your bonsai... We're fortunate to be blessed with relatively mild winters with most of our cold snaps lasting hours or a couple of days at best. Our hardier specimens such as conifers, deciduous and others similar will benefit from the cold but be sure to keep the pots from freezing – usually placing them on the ground is enough. The tropicals and semi-tropicals won't tolerate being too cold so fully protect them when the temperatures are going below the 40° range. (Does indoor bonsai ring a bell?). Now is a good time to start getting those areas ready that you'll use for when the bonsai need to come in – clear the area around your sunny windows or rearrange the garage to take advantage of the light. Perhaps even put up frame work to drape with plastic or sheets, creating a greenhouse type area to shelter the trees.

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. With the cooler winter weather you probably won't have to water as often but remember those windy cold fronts sometimes have rains, they are often very dry after they pass. The cold winds can suck the moisture out of the soil very quickly. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. I try to spray with insecticide and apply fungicide at least once every 4 weeks. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Watch for Red spider mites. Organophosphates are constantly being taken on/off the market due to the strict US standards, look and use a fungicides or insecticides that are labeled to be safe on roses, fruits and/or veggies AND that is labeled to kill spider mites and this will usually kill a wide array of insects. When treating, spray the leaves (top and bottom) and thoroughly drench the soil, making sure the

solution drains out the drain holes.

It's a good idea to treat your trees for root/leaf fungus 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. Take caution when using "Malathion", "Neem oil" and "Kelthane" as these will de-foliate' or kill several trees.

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 locale, as not to put the wire in the same place. Use caution when wiring during the winter as the branches will be more rigid and brittle without the sap flowing and can break very easily. (Honey, where's the superglue!?)

Please note that the information is suggested safe guidelines for the South Texas area.

Photos/Recognition



Thank you to Kevin P., Jay N., and Ryan O. for leading our 4th Wednesday Bonsai Workshops in 2023 (Kevin P. not pictured). *Kevin, Jay, and Ryan helped hundreds of bonsai artists as well as welcomed many new artists to bonsai and the Club.*

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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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