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# SA Bonsai News

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## Upcoming Bonsai Events

### November

#### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Club Meeting –  
Karin K. on Clay  
Pot Making, Lions  
Field, 6:30pm

#### November 16<sup>th</sup>

Clay Pot Making  
Workshop, 8603  
Ingram Road,  
SATX 78245, 9am-  
11am & 12pm-2pm

#### November 27<sup>th</sup>

**NO BYOT  
WORKSHOP DUE  
TO HOLIDAY**

**Additional events  
listed on  
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Meetings held at the  
Lion's Field Center 2809  
Broadway, SATX 78209  
and/or Café College 131  
El Paso Street, SATX  
78204



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## President's Message by Conrad Gamboa, [cgamboa013@gmail.com](mailto:cgamboa013@gmail.com)

As we move into November, I want to express my gratitude for everyone's contributions to the Society this year. The changing of seasons reminds us of the beauty and patience required in bonsai cultivation. November is a great time to assess our trees, especially as many are preparing for dormancy or to be moved into greenhouses. The shift toward winter care is crucial for bonsai health, so let's keep sharing our insights and techniques to make the season a success.

This month, let's focus on the care of deciduous trees as they shed their leaves, revealing the intricate branch structures we've worked so hard to shape. Now's also a good time to think ahead to any repotting needs for the coming spring. Planning in advance helps us be ready for the upcoming growth period.

I also want to thank Gilbert Cantu from Little Jade Bonsai for his lecture/demonstration on *Portulacaria Afra*. It was wonderful listening to his personal journey and relationship with "The Godfather" (which he brought with him for us to meet). Continued success Gilbert! You truly deserve it!

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our Society. Let's keep inspiring each other as we cultivate not only bonsai but also a deeper connection to this art form. See you at our November meeting, where we'll gather to learn about creating bonsai pots from our very own, Karen Koehler.

As always, remember, the grass isn't greener on the other side, it's greener where you water it.



## Please Welcome our Newest Member(s)

Eric V.

*Those considering  
joining SABS may  
attend a free meeting.  
Membership forms  
available at each  
meeting and on  
website.*

## Congratulate these Members on their Membership Anniversary in 2024

5 years

Conrad, Joe,  
Gloria, &  
Veronica

10 years

Leydana

15 years

Evelyn, Roberto,  
Alberto, & Virgie

20+ years

Jay, Kevin,  
Hattie, Donna,  
Chuck, Pat,  
Alfred, David,  
Dawn, Paul, &  
Jack



## Vice-President's Message

by Gabe Hernandez,  
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The days are starting to get shorter, and our trees and plants know it already. The trees are also enjoying the warm weather, so don't forget to fertilize! They will be storing their energy once they go dormant. Make sure you have a plan once the first freeze comes. Majority of deciduous trees can be placed on the ground and you can use leaves or mulch to protect them. Same with conifers! Tropicals should be protected from freezes, that includes your dwarf jades. You can also water your trees before it freezes, as it will help protect your roots!

A reminder that as the end of the year is nearing, SABS will need new Officers and Board of Directors to take charge next year. We will be voting in November, so think about if you are ready for that role or who you would like to nominate! Let our Nominating Committee, Evelyn, Ester, and Virgie, know if you are interested.

Just a reminder! We are done with our Bring Your Own Tree workshops! We will get together and plan how we can make the workshops more appealing. Stay tune!

### Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

I'm excited for our special guest! She goes by Little Pots by KK! SABS member Karin K. will be doing a presentation on pots she makes for bonsai and kusamono! She will be talking about the process, colors, temperatures and will be making a couple of pots to as a raffle! If you haven't seen her work, please do! She is local and we love supporting local! Please bring any questions you have.

### Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

Karin will be having a make-your-own crescent pot workshop, and you will be working on finishing an accent pot! That's two pots for the class! Karin suggests you bring a small textured rock about the size of a walnut. The rock will determine the texture of your piece. Limestone will be flatter. Volcanic will be bumpier. We will have two classes with 10 participants each – **9am-11am and 12pm-2pm at 8603 Ingram Road, SATX 78245 (Loya Insurance Group)**. Fee: \$40/person. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-52921129-crescent>

### Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Ready to celebrate the holidays! This is our last meeting of the year! We will be gathering and feasting on tamales, turkey and brisket at Lions Field. SABS members are asked to bring a covered dish to share with others. There will also be a tree decorating competition for any members who want to participate.

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## Vice-President's Message (cont.)

There will also be a white elephant gift swap. Everyone who brings a gift (max value \$25) will be able to participate. Those participating will be given a number. The first person will select a gift, the next person has an option to select another gift or steal from the first person. The person whose gift gets stolen can get another gift from the table. The third person can steal or select a gift. After that, anything goes! Good luck!

### 2024 Pacific Bonsai Expo



Here is Jay N's display at the 2024 Pacific Bonsai Expo in Oakland, California. To the right, is Jay, Vicki, and Hattie loading a new tree to be transported back home.

*Redhawk*  
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## Bonsai Funnies

Fall activities....

Leaf Raking and  
Bonsai!!!



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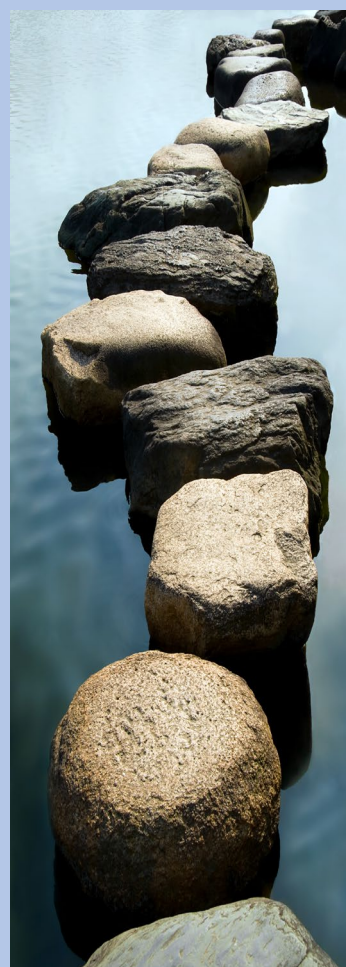
### December

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Club Meeting –  
Holiday Party, Lions  
Field, 6:30pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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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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Individual	\$30
Family	\$50
Senior (65+) Individual:	\$25
Senior (65+) Family:	\$40
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