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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

NEW...Each month will have a "mini-show" of bonsai that anyone can bring in to talk about. This month bring not so common species used for bonsai.

JUNE 7: SABS Lecture/Demo at RAINBOW GARDENS NURSERY (2 locations) Bandera rd. At 10 am & at Thousand Oaks, 1 pm. *Members support your team lecturers, visit one or the other nurseries.*

JUNE 12: SABS MEETING: demo on a TX native in the bunjin style, David W is stepping in once again—what stamina!!

HOSTS: Dawn and Paul T

JUNE 25: RICHARD HAYES BONSAI 101: Beginners Workshop in Bonsai, everyone is welcome, Newbies and members, 7 pm at Lions Field.

SABS CLUB PICNIC: Sunday August 3rd from 11 am to 2 pm at the Koehler Pavilion in Brackenridge Park.

President Ryan had to make a date change the date selected was already booked—so mark your calendars for lots of bonsai fun and good food provided by all.

President's Message

By Ryan O

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WOW!!!! I want to personally thank each club member that brought in (an) item(s) for our monthly raffle table. May's raffle table was the fullest I have seen in a long time. Your donation to the club raffle table (all-be-it large or small) contributes to the club by allowing visiting guest speakers, having our annual picnic, and purchasing supplies and materials for lecture/demonstrations. Keep up the great donating club!!! Remember, for each item donated (up to five items), you will receive a free raffle ticket. In addition to raffle items, if anyone would like to author a small article related to bonsai for our newsletter, you are more than welcomed to submit. Please send your article to me.

The Club's next speaking engagement is June 7th at two locations of Rainbow Gardens. Beginning at 10 am, Kevin is providing a lecture/demonstration at the Rainbow Gardens located on Bandera. Hattie, Chris, and I are watching over the mini display we have set up. Then at 1 pm, the four of us will be presenting bonsai at the Rainbow Gardens in Thousand Oaks. All are free to assist us and/or check out our mini-display at either location.

Our July meeting is our annual auction. 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!!!!!! 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 at the meeting.

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Koehler pavilion inside—PICNIC!!



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I repeat the request fill out your item tags before arriving 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.*

Thanks to all for your votes in May regarding the day we should hold the club picnic. Unfortunately, I should have conducted such a vote in January. The date we picked was already booked. Please mark your calendars with the new club picnic on **Sunday August 3rd from 11 am to 2 pm at the Koehler Pavilion in Brackenridge Park.** I will send a sign-up sheet around in June and July for members to sign-up to bring pot-luck snacks, salads, main dishes, desserts, beverages, etc. This sign-up list will also serve as our attendance list. Club members' spouses and kids are welcomed. Any members willing to assist with set-up are encouraged to sign-up and meet at the pavilion at 10 am.

The Club has a full library of books, magazines, videos, and pictures all related to bonsai and all donated by past and present members. Check out the list within your handbook. If you email me a head of time, I can bring the items to the next meeting.

Lastly, please remember all club members are welcome to attend the **Richard Hayes Bonsai 101** on the 4th Wednesdays of each month starting at 7 pm. If your weekend schedules are busy or it becomes too hot to work on the weekends, you may bring in your trees to work on them during this period. Kevin and I gladly welcome a full house of newbies and existing members.

Ryan



PROGRAM CORNER

David W

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This month we have rescheduled, again! Jay N was to do a Lecture / demo on Tropicals, I'm sorry to say that Jay had another commitment and had to back out of his Demonstration. We are changing around again so, I volunteered to do a quick demo on bunjin style bonsai on a South Texas native the Anacua (*Ehretia Anacua*) which is in the same family as the Fukien Tea (*Ehretia Microphylla*).

Also we are asking everybody to bring in ***a not so common plant used as bonsai*** like the Anacua or another uncommon species used as bonsai like... Hibiscus, Orange jasmine, Mexican orchid, Barbados and Surinam Cherry, Catclaw, Cenizo, Colima, elbowbush, Fiddlewood, Granjeno, Huisache, Salt Cedar, Texas Kidneywood... to name a few— Are you getting the idea everyone?

David

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Year 1

May 27th – June 1st

Classroom portion

Tues, Wed and Thursday

Evenings 6 PM – 9 PM

Hands –On work

Friday, Sat. and Sunday

9 AM – 5 PM

Year 2

June 24th – June 29th

Classroom portion

Tues, Wed and Thursday

Evenings 6PM- 9PM

Hands –On work

Friday, Sat. and Sunday

9 AM – 5 PM

JUNE TIPS by David redhawkbonsi.com

Keep on re-potting sub-tropicals like Bougainvillea, Chinese Sweet plum, Gardenia (dwarf), Hibiscus, Lavender Star Flower, Natal Plum, Pomegranate, Portulacaria afra, Schefflera arboricola (dwarf), Snow Rose, Barbados and Surinam Cherry. When the temperature consistently stays above 70 degrees (night time temp) then you can start on your Texas Ebony, other South Texas natives and it is now time to start repotting Tropicals. Keep an eye out on the temperature and if is going to fall below 70 degrees, you will need to protect your newly re-potted tropicals like Dwarf Powder puff, Fukien tea, Brazilian Raintree, Bahama Black Olive,

Buttonwood, Bahama Berry, Neea Buxifolia, Wrightii Religiosa. When repotting, be sure to wire the tree securely in the pot to give it good stability against the winds. Putting rocks on top of the soil for a few days can also help brace the tree.

It's **NOT** recommended to repot any deciduous trees that you need to root prune. If you must repot due to problems with tree, change the pot or repot it in larger container only. **DO NOT** prune the roots. You can remove any “rotten roots”, but you should not remove any feeder roots. Deciduous trees have very tender roots this time of year, its best not to take any chances. If you have a deciduous tree that needs special

attention (sick), ask for help and we'll see if we can find a way to help recover it from problems. Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Insects are on the move since the last rain. Inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label. Apply a fungicide at least once every 4 weeks. Watch your training wires, so they will not cut into the branches.

Please note that the information and repotting schedules are suggested safe guidelines for the San Antonio and South Texas area.

South Texas Native plants (some are found throughout Texas)

Anacua, Bald Cypress, Barbados Cherry, Catclaw (una de gato), Cedar Elm, Cenizo, Colima, Coma, Desert Willow, Elbow bush, Fiddlewood (Berlandier and Boxthorn/ Mission), Granjeno (spiny hackberry) Huisache, Texas Kidneywood, Lantana, Mexican Olive, Mustang Grape, Oaks, Salt Cedar, Texas Persimmon, Texas Ebony, Yaupon Holly, White Brush Acacia.

Subtropical plants

Bougainvillea, Chinese Sweet plum, Citrus (dwarfs), Ficus, Gardenia (dwarfs), Hibiscus, Lavender Star Flower, Natal Plum, Pomegranate, Portulacaria afra, Schefflera arboricola (dwarf), Snow Rose, Surinam Cherry.

Tropicals plants

Bahama Berry, Bahama Black Olive, Brazilian Raintree, Buttonwood, Fukien Tea, Neea Buxifolia, Dwarf Powder puff, Tamarind, Wrightii Religiosa.



How not to fertilize...

by crataegus

Last year I wrote a post about fertilizing, Refine your fertilizing this year! I wanted to expand on that and offer a few more notes, since, after all, it's a brand new year for dung related issues-

Blogging is really a bit assumption-ridden, because we make one simple statement as if it's unconnected to a million variables. For example, when I say 'fertilize', I assume that we're using a fertilizer that has all 6 macronutrients, Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), Calcium (C), Magnesium (Mg), and Sulfur (S), which, if I don't say that, or some other variable you're assuming and I'm not, we're **NOWHERE**. And we are better if we're somewhere. At least.

- There are very few instances in bonsai, in early training or maintenance, where you don't want a fertilizer with at least all 6 macronutrients. (i.e., without magnesium your tree can't create chlorophyll, and without chlorophyll the idea that your plant can create food for itself is sort of unconnected to reality, and hence, bending a branch is cosmically silly-)

Ok, covered that variable.

A few fertilizing comments for this 2014 season:

- Many problems we might see---burned leaves, browning needle tips, leaves that are too dark green, etc.---are very often basic care issues that have nothing to do with fertilizing. Just to take that last one, very dark green leaves is an indication a bonsai that is not getting enough sun.
- There's rarely a need to slam a tree with twice as much fertilizer as the directions suggest. More of enough is not better in the world of plant nutrition.

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- Normally, flowering trees are first fertilized after the flowering period. But this is another general statement. Some plants are nearly perpetual bloomers, like the quince I've talked about so much here, Chojubai, and those should be first fertilized when they are growing shoots in the spring even though they might still be flowering.
- If we fertilize flowering accents randomly or broadcast, you may diminish the blooming of some. Fertilize them like your trees, when they finish blooming, not before.
- If we fertilize an old tree too much---a pine with craggy, old bark for instance---it may shed that old bark and begin looking young. Many plants are perennials in ways we cannot be, for they can be restored to youth quite literally.
- If we under-fertilize a young tree it will begin to look older than it is...for one thing, it will develop bark faster. But it may take much longer to achieve the other goals we seek in bonsai, too, like substantial trunks, etc.
- Get your water and soil tested! Fertilizing will be different for different pH ranges. For example, recent research suggests that phosphorus (P) from bone meal is only available to plants in soils with a pH below 7.0. In fact, for most bonsai, if you can get close to 6.5 pH, most plant nutrition problems are greatly minimized.
- Finally, *fertilizing is much less important than optimizing the big ones: **Sun and water***. If we optimize the big ones, we won't be turning to fertilizer as if it were a magic bullet. It isn't one. It's a distant second stage booster on our little rockets.

Are you yawning yet? Well, I know it's not jazzy stuff. The world of bonsai has more exciting parts to it, and can get pretty romantic, too. Hybridizing with flowers, for instance, is a sure way to make at least a few people blush. But hopefully you're yawning more interestedly now about fertilizing.

Fertilizing incredibly well is only for really cool people. Join the Smelly dorks! We're a band of organic fertilizing rebels called the **Secret Smelly Society**, and we're not growing very fast, Ironically.

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Bonsai Artist Michael Hagedorn

<http://crataegus.com/author/crataegus/>

A favorite blog that I check out regularly...great information
Your editor

UPDATES TO THE MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2014

July: Auction during regular club meeting, July 10th and club picnic at Brackenridge Park. Sunday, August 3rd, 11 am to 2 pm.

August: Tropical re-potting. Bring your own tree, tools, wire and soil.

September: Visiting Artist 2. Join *Peter Tea*, the LSBF visiting artist for a lecture-demo and maybe be lucky enough to walk out with a Spectacular tree! The following Friday, there will be a BYOT (Bring in your own Tree) workshop at Donna's Studio Friday from 5 pm till 9 pm. Space is limited to 10 participants. Observers are welcome but no questions from the gallery.

October: BYOT (Bring in your own Tree) Bring your tree in for styling and wiring

November: Preparing your bonsai for the winter by Ryan O and pot swap to gather pots for repotting in the spring.

December: Christmas Party. Besides your party food contribution—Please bring some canned food that will be given to the SA Food Bank to help those less fortunate.



BONSAI CALENDAR AROUND THE WORLD

June 14-15, 2014: Wildwood Gardens Bonsai Open House, Chardon, Ohio
(Pauline Muth Guest Artist) www.wildwoodgardens.com

July 19-20, 2014: Wildwood Gardens BBQ, Chardon, Ohio www.wildwoodgardens.com

August 15-17, 2014: Chicago Bonsai Society Show, Highland Park, IL www.midwestbonsai.org

August 22-25 2014: BCI 201: BCI will be held at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.
Details: <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

August 30-31, 2014: Redwood Empire Bonsai Show, Santa Rosa, California www.rebsbonsai.org

September 13-14, 2014: The 4th US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION, in Rochester, New York. More info contact: www.Internationalbonsai.com

Oct 30- Nov 2, 2014: Golden State Bonsai Federation, Sacramento, California www.gsbf-bonsai.org

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WITH EACH AUCTION ITEM
BEFORE THE MEETING JULY 10TH**



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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