



SNIPS 'N CLIPS

A Publication of The San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc.

<http://sanantoniobonsai.org>

DECEMBER 2022

VOLUME 47 NUMBER 12

BONSAI CALENDAR

December

12/08 - Club Meeting, Holiday Party, 6:30pm,
Donna's Studio, 927 N. Alamo, 78215

11/28 - No Bonsai Workshop due to holidays



President's Message

Jay N. bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com

Season's Greetings & Happy Holidays

Welcome to December in Central Texas. While we haven't experienced our first freeze yet, do know it will be coming. Keep an eye on your weather apps and know which trees need protection.

Just last month a new Board of Directors was selected by the general membership by voice acclamation. The eyes have it. I would like to introduce your new Officers.

Kevin P., President.

David W., Vice President/Programs Manager.

Jay N., Treasurer.

Debbie S., Secretary.

The "Members at Large" are **Conrad G.**, **Diane C.**, **Gabe H.**, **Steve Y.**, and **Vicki A.**

It has been a pleasure being your President this past year. It appears the new Board is assembling an exciting year of programs and artists for your education and the refinement of your Bonsai.

Bonsai-Jay

Vice President/Program Director's Message

ADJUST YOUR CALENDARS... DECEMBER 8TH'S HOLIDAY PARTY IS
NOW AT DONNA'S STUDIO

Sculptural Designs Atelier 927 N. Alamo Street, SATX 78215

Andrew Robson

Andrew once again entertained and taught us techniques for styling various deciduous bonsai trees (his expertise), in November. Andrew styled a nursery stock Japanese Boxwood donated by Don B.; who also donated Andrews time to the Club. Thank you Don. Andrew discussed branch placement through the removal of unwanted branches and by proper wiring/placement techniques. He also discussed how he approaches a "new" tree by finding excavating around the trunk for the root base and picking a front (or multiple fronts). I would guesstimate Andrew removed 50% to 70% of the foliage. This being the first styling of this tree, Andrew held back on doing major styling, carving, and root work to the tree. He mentioned it needs to rest and regrow new branches before attempting the next styling. Nick V. (who joined our Club just that night) walked away winning this great boxwood. Congrats Nick... Now you just need to keep it alive for 1,000 years!!

See pictures below of the before and after with Nick.

November Bonsai Exhibits

I would personally like to thank a bunch of members for assisting with the wonderful exhibits SABS displayed, in November, including the Japan America Society of San Antonio's (JASSA) annual festival and at the SA Botanical Gardens. A huge thank you to (in order as I remember them...) Bryan, Debbie, Kevin, Hattie, Bruce, Sally, Donna, Carl, Gabe, Chancey, and Jim. Following both events, I received huge compliments from each event host saying our displays and interactions with their guests were top notch.

Thank yous Continue!!!!

Continuing with thanking people, I feel all members of our Club should receive a thank you for how well we collectively present ourselves to the general public when exhibiting trees or performing L/Ds. I am one (of many) who have "thrown SABS under the bus" by accepting numerous invitations to showcase our talents at various SA events. I want to thank EVERYONE who has supported me (and the Club) in 2022 by volunteering their time and energy to assist with the events whether it was discussing techniques with the general public, answering questions, providing a demo, assisting with hands-on workshops, advertising on personal Facebook pages, running the cashier's stand, etc. We all owe our selves a huge pat on the back and an even bigger holiday gift for our hard work in 2022 (gifts to be purchased by yourself; no Club sponsored gifts are be-ing donated. LOL!!).

Lastly, lets all thank the 2022 Board of Directors for leading us through this year and assisting with the 2022 convention. Thank you to Jay, Kevin, Vicki, Sally, Steve Y., Chancey, Conrad, and Don.

Winter Repotting

For those thinking about repotting Junipers or Pines, in the winter, or need stock for late winter repotting, SABS has buckets of soil available. Standard Club Mix at \$25 for approx. 5-Gal and APL mix at \$75 for approx. 4-Gal. Please email me at bonsaiode@gmail.com if you need any.

Green Books

A limited supply of our own Green Books depicting the care of over 75 trees, in the SATX area are back in stock. Price is \$20 due to increased printing and binding prices. Please email me at bonsaiode@gmail.com if you want one.

2023 Membership Fees

At the holiday party, I will be collecting 2023 membership fees for those that would like to pay early. Fees are (payable by cash, check, credit card, Venmo):

Individual: \$30

Family: \$50

Senior Individual (60+): \$25

Senior Family (60+): \$40

Holiday Party

December's Holiday Party will be at **DONNA'S STUDIO**. SABS will host the main course while side dishes, salads, snacks, beverages, and desserts to be furnished by volunteers. Please sign up by using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-holiday>

We will also have a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please limit your gift to \$15.00-\$30.00. Participation in the White Elephant is not required to attend the Holiday Party. The White Elephant will follow our dinner. Rules of the White Elephant Gift Exchange are:

- Those that brought a gift are allowed to participate in the gift exchange
- All gifts must be wrapped or placed in a gift bag
- A gift may be "traded" up to 3 times before it is "safe" with its current owner. I'll keep track of the exchanges.
- I will distribute numbers to pick the order of participation
- After all participants have picked a gift, the last person to choose to exchange a gift (should they choose) is the first person who started the game.

We will also have a holiday bonsai tree decorating contest. We will have a prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Each attendee will vote for their favorite by depositing a single vote (ticket) into a corresponding bag.

Happy Holidays and New Year to all our bonsai members and friends!!! We will see you all in 2023!!!



Boxwood Before



Boxwood During



Winner Nick V. and Andrew



Novembers Turnout



JASSA Exhibit



SA Botanical Gardens Exhibit



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

FACEBOOK: @sanantoniobonsai

INSTAGRAM: @sanantoniobonsai

THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY, INC.

sanantoniobonsai.org

Advertising for Snips 'N Clips is based on the minimum size of 3 1/2" by 2 1/2" for \$35 per year. Single ads of the above size can be run for \$5. Ads must be camera ready. The Editor must receive changes in existing ads by the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication. Send ads and payment to San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc., Attn: Advertising, P.O. Box 6658, San Antonio, Texas, 78209. For situations other than the above, please contact the Editor, two2views@yahoo.com. Original articles from Snips 'N Clips may be reprinted only in their entirety. Full credit must be given the author and to Snips 'N Clips.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 6658

San Antonio, Texas, 78209

The *San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc.* is a member of the *Lone Star Bonsai Federation, Inc.*

Bonsai Clubs International, and the *American Bonsai Society*,

SABS is a non-profit 501c (3) organization Newsletter editor: Donna D. two2views@yahoo.com

San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc. P.O. Box 6658 San Antonio, Texas, 78209

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: two2views@yahoo.com

Technical Support to Board of Directors Ryan O.

