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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

AUG 27: RICHARD HAYES BONSAI 101: Beginners Workshop in Bonsai, everyone is welcome, Newbies and members, 7 pm at Lions Field.

AUGUST 14: Program: Tropical tree repotting.

HOSTS: Joe and Diane R

August Mini-show – Bunjin/Literati Style of any species.

SEPTEMBER 10-11: LSBF Special guest artist, Peter Tea is presenting to SABS.

September 26, 27, 28 – Home and Garden Show.

October 8th – Austin Bonsai Society Annual Auction.

October 25 & 26 – SABS Bonsai display at *Water Garden Gems*.

November 9th or 16th - Grapevine dig field trip.

DECEMBER 11: Special guest artist from Europe Walter Pall presenting to SABS. AND the Annual Christmas Party, please bring a covered dish and a contribution of canned goods for the San Antonio Food Bank.

President's Message

By Ryan O

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Following my trip to Hawaii, I thought it would be nice to take the entire Club to the Tropics. We could all sit back enjoy the summer breeze, sip fruity drinks, bask under the hot sun, and just sit back and relax. Well... unfortunately, the Board didn't agree to my brilliant idea. So we all sat around, argued a bit, laughed a lot, and came up with this brilliant plan:

Instead of going to the Tropics, we will work on tropicals; instead of the summer breeze, I'll just turn on the ceiling fans; fruity drinks turned into apple juice; the hot sun turned into turning up the heat in the room, and... well you get the point.

For August, bring in your tropicals and we will all work on them together and share our thoughts and knowledge.

Our July auction was a huge success. The auction brought in over \$3,000 before commissions and fees are paid. Thank you to all who contributed by bringing trees, pots, and other donated items to sell and to all the buyers that made this year's auction not only fun and enjoyable, but also contributes to funding of educational activities like hosting guest artists Peter Tea and Walter Pall, purchases of bonsai materials for demonstrations, and our annual picnic.

On Saturday (7/26) a small group of us relocated SABS' storage locker to Donna's new studio. It was a grueling move that not only tested our strength, but tested our hydration levels too. I would like to personally thank my sweaty volunteers for their help: Chris L , Donnie B , John R , and Donna D

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Sunday morning August 3rd, 11 am...

Great day for a picnic or what???

The weather was perfect, mid 80's, a gentle breeze blowing in from the North-east. Picture perfect setting overlooking the San Antonio River with ancient Bald Cypress, Pecan trees and Crape Myrtles. A stone arched bridge with 2 waterfalls spilling into the river AND FREE PARKING within 30 feet of the pavilion!

Those of you attended had a great time of BBQ, several side dishes, lots of deserts and ice cold beverages.

Thanks to all who attended, the Guernsey's, Richie's, Gonzalez's, Joe and Diana, Preston's, Larry, Tammy (and a guest), Ryan, Ed, Todd (maybe a new member?), Giglio's and the Bates. 22 attending in all. Thank you for attending and congratulations to Carolyn B on winning the Pond Cypress Forest (donated by Ryan).

Submitted by Kevin P



PROGRAM CORNER

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The last two newsletters contained summer protocol for your bonsai and information on tropical care and care of other species.

This month is about tropicals and the program will be about ***your tropicals*** and their care, repotting and advice and suggestions for future care.

Bring your bonsai, pots, tools, and soil for help with your trees. Bring more than one, as many as you can handle during the evening.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual
\$50 family
\$25 senior
\$40 senior family

YAMADORI

There is a special activity that a few club members enjoy each year. It is another way to share the joy of bonsai.

If you have noticed the schedule at the beginning of the newsletter there is a scheduled dig in November.

What several of us have realized is that collecting from the wild or even in the urban environment is an excellent way to start a bonsai with a substantial trunk, maybe reducing the development of a good looking tree in 5 years or less.

Collecting is a lot of fun and you are not by yourself, others pitch in and often one can collect a substantial tree.

A season ago or was it two? 4 members plus a bonsai buddy from Austin helped Byron B collect a grapevine of around 12" in diameter and 5 feet tall.

This November club members have been invited to a vineyard in Victoria. They are changing over to a different variety and we are welcome to dig the vines no longer needed.

Byron B is our leader and is friends with the owners. The last dig was a great success and many of the vines dug are living and some are producing fruit!!

On this page and on page 4 are some pictures of the collected specimens.

And finally the title of this article is Japanese for a collected specimen———**YAMADORI.**

your editor, Donna



Two of Byron B collected
Yamadori





One of Ryan O's vines



An additional vine of Byron B

So you see these vines average about 3" in diameter or more, mine which is not shown is 3" in diameter and has a hollow trunk, I will have a lot of fun carving on that one next year.

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

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OUR OWN VP-DAVID W

UPDATES TO THE MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2014

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. Location of the workshop, —don't go to the old address—surprise, surprise—the space is air conditioned.

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 re-potting in the spring.

December: Special Guest Artist: Walter Pall from Europe, he will be doing a program for the Houston Bonsai Society so we get to share. This is a very special opportunity. Walter was to attend the New Braunfels Convention last year but had to cancel. Many of us were very disappointed—he is a phenomenal bonsai artist.

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

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.gsbfbonsai.org



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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