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SA Bonsai News

Upcoming Bonsai Events

July

July 11th

Club Meeting – L/D
with Mike Lane,
Lion's Field,
6:30pm

July 12th

BYOT Workshops
with Mike Lane.
9am-11:30am &
1pm-3:30pm.
\$50/pp. Sign up
required.

July 13th

BYOT
Workshop/Training
at Café College,
9am-1pm

Additional events
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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

Dear Members of the San Antonio Bonsai Society,

As we gather in the vibrant and sweltering month of July, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you (yes, the pun was intended). This month, as our nation celebrates its independence, we are reminded of the values that bind us together - freedom, resilience, and the enduring spirit of community. The 4th of July is a time to honor the sacrifices made for our liberty and to reflect on the beauty of our shared traditions, much like the art of bonsai itself.

Last month, we were privileged to host an exceptional lecture/demonstration by Brandon Baldauf, who captivated us with his expertise on olive trees. His deep knowledge and passion were evident as he guided us through the intricate process of cultivating and shaping this magnificent species of trees. Brandon's presentation not only expanded our understanding but also encouraged us to appreciate the unique qualities of olive trees in bonsai, and his carving of the demonstration olive tree, won by David W., was an inspiration to us all.

As we celebrate Independence Day, it's fascinating to draw parallels between the art of bonsai and our nation's values. Just as the olive tree symbolizes peace and wisdom, bonsai represents patience, dedication, and the beauty of perseverance. In the same way that our forefathers nurtured the seeds of freedom, we, too, nurture our bonsai, shaping them with care and respect for tradition.

I encourage all of you to take a moment this July to reflect on the artistry and discipline of bonsai, and how it mirrors the principles we hold dear as a society. Let us continue to learn, grow, and support each other in our shared passion, and remember, the grass is not greener on the other side; it's greener where YOU water it.

Wishing you all a joyful and inspiring 4th of July.



Please Welcome our Newest Member(s)

Jason B.
James B.
Shaun B.

*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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Hope everyone is doing good and staying hydrated, along with your trees! We are in full force with tropical season! Water, sun and fertilizer! Make sure to protect your other trees that get leaf burn and any new growth! I hope you are enjoying the lecture demos and learning from them!

July 11th

Tropical season is here and what better to learn from than an expert in tropical trees! Mike Lane of Kitsune Bonsai will be our guest artist for July. Mike will be working on a tropical tree and we will be raffling at the end of the meeting! He is known for his tropical and shohin work!

Mike started bonsai in 2008 and looked for help after his first tree (a juniper) died. Don't worry Mike, we've all been there! He searched around his area for bonsai help and found Wigerts Bonsai Nursery was only 20 minutes away (must be nice)! Mike took every class that Erik Wigert offered at the nursery. After showing his persistence to learn, Erik offered a working position in the nursery!

The tree that Mike will be working on is a tropical bonsai, used a lot as bonsai in Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia. It grows very fast and will thicken up quickly. The leaves also reduce very nicely. It is very resilient and has few pest problem. It is known to overwinter well indoors. It will do great in our Texas heat. Can you guess what it is? Ding ding ding.... It's a Premna! Bring your wallets and win this great tree styled by Mike!

July 12th

Mike Lane will have two one-on-one workshops at Cafe College! The class is open to 10 participants for each class. Participants can bring **UP TO TWO TREES** to help get styled with Mike. This is a great opportunity to learn from a great artist and help elevate your bonsai skills! The workshop fee is \$50 and will be from **9am-11:30am** and **1pm-3:30pm**. Fee is collected at time of event by way of cash, credit, check, and Venmo. Please use the signup genius link here: [SIGN UP HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-47639843-evan) or type <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-47639843-evan>

July 13th

BYOT WORKSHOP! Come to Cafe College from 9am-1pm to get help styling, repotting or have questions about your tree. This is a free workshop to help you move in the right direction with your trees!

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Monthly Food/Bev. Host(s)

July

Bruce B. & Joe H.

August

See Joe H. to
Volunteer

Soil/Book Sale



Club Soil
\$25/five gal.



APL Soil
\$75/five gal.



Care Book \$30

Email Ryan O. at
bonsaiode@gmail.com for
details or delivery to
meetings



Photos/Recognitions

Please congratulate Jay N. for his shohin display accepted into the Pacific Bonsai Expo, Oakland, California on October 26-27th.



Bonsai Funnies



Monthly Tips by Ryan Odegard, bonsaiode@gmail.com

If you recall part 1 of this 2-part series discussed damaging insects to common San Antonio area bonsai trees. This part discusses beneficial insects.

Using beneficial insects in gardens offers several advantages:

Natural Pest Control: Beneficial insects help control pests such as aphids, caterpillars, and mites by preying on them or parasitizing them. This reduces the need for chemical pesticides, promoting a more natural and environmentally friendly approach to pest management.

Cost-Effective: Once established, beneficial insects can provide ongoing pest control without the recurring costs associated with chemical treatments. This can be particularly economical for larger gardens or farms.

Reduced Chemical Dependency: By relying on beneficial insects for pest control, gardeners can minimize their use of synthetic pesticides and insecticides. This benefits both human health and the overall ecosystem, reducing chemical runoff into water sources and preserving biodiversity.

Balanced Ecosystem: Introducing beneficial insects helps maintain a balanced ecosystem in the garden. Instead of disrupting the natural predator-prey relationships, gardeners can enhance them, promoting a healthier environment for plants to thrive.

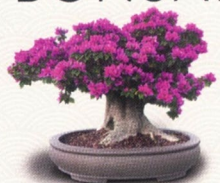
Effective in Various Garden Types: Whether you have a bonsai garden, vegetable garden, ornamental garden, or even a greenhouse, beneficial insects can be used effectively in different settings. They can adapt to various environments and contribute to sustainable gardening practices.

Pollination: Some beneficial insects, like certain species of bees and hoverflies, also contribute to pollination. This indirectly benefits crop yield and bonsai health, ensuring a more productive bonsai oasis.

Long-Term Sustainability: Building a population of beneficial insects can lead to long-term sustainability in bonsai practices. It reduces the need for external inputs and fosters a more resilient bonsai garden ecosystem over time.

Incorporating beneficial insects into bonsai collection management strategies requires understanding the specific needs of the collection and selecting the appropriate insects for the pests present. Overall, it offers a holistic approach to bonsai management that aligns with principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

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DAVID WHITAKER

Lone Star Bonsai Federation Artist
Lecture-Demos & Workshops

South Texas Bonsai Kai Founder
3rd Saturday of September

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How did you like this two-part series on insects?

If you have similar subjects or questions, you want SABS to research and possibly provide in an upcoming newsletter, please let Ryan know at bonsaiode@gmail.com.

Bonsai Term(s) of the Month

Get to know your Pot....

Bonsai Pots, that is. Here are Japanese translations.

Round Pot

- Mokkobachi

Rectangular Pot

- Chohobachi

Square Pot

- Seihobachi

Oval/Elliptical Shaped Pot

- Kobanbachi/
Daenbachi

Formal Pot

- Hombachi

Square Pot

- Seihobachi

<https://bonsai.shikoku-np.co.jp/en/word/>

Upcoming Bonsai Events

August

August 3rd

Bonsai Lecture & Demonstration at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera with Ryan, Conrad, & Gabe,
Time: TBD

August 8th

Club Meeting – Tropical Slab L/D with Ryan & David,
Lion's Field, 6:30pm

August 10th










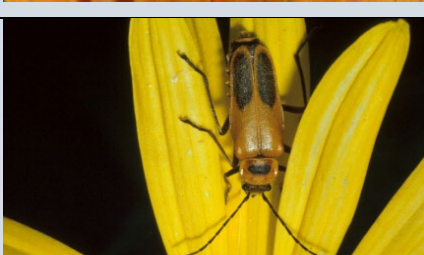
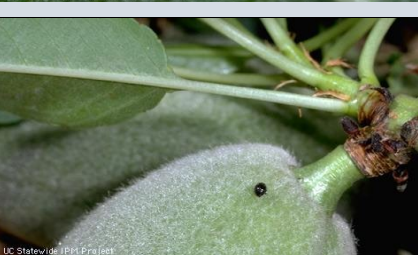

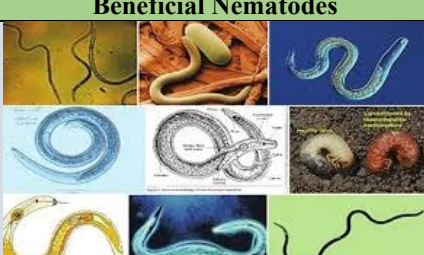
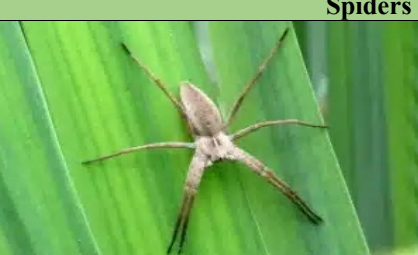


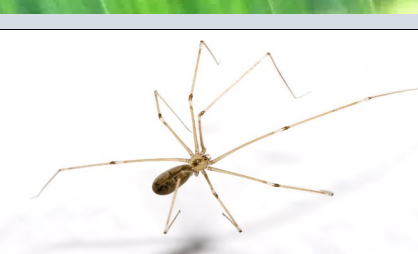
Workshop on Slab Bonsai Planting with Ryan, Café College,
9am-Noon, Fee: TBD

Monthly Tips, cont.

Below is a list of beneficial insects and what they eat/kill.

Name	Description	Aphids	Spider Mites	Mealybugs	Thrips	Whiteflies	Ants	Fungus Gnats	Leafminers	Scale	Grasshoppers	Caterpillars
Ladybugs	Acts as predators in gardens & one ladybug can consume 5,000 aphids in 1-2 years. May also consume mildew/fungi.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
Praying Mantis	Another predator in the garden. Known for also consuming bees, moths, hummingbirds, mosquitoes, & spiders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Mealybug Destroyer	Adult is a type of lady beetle (ladybug). Dome shaped on top, flat on the bottom, and oblong when viewed from above. Top of adult abdomen is blackish to dark gray and head/thorax dark brown to orange.	✓	✓	✓						✓		
Soldier Beetles	About ½ inch long, yellowish to tannish-brown with soft wing covers. Black head & legs, black spot behind head, black oval spot on wing. Head is clearly visible, and they have chewing mouth parts. Are related to fireflies but w/o light-producing organs.	✓									✓	✓
Spider Mite Destroyer	A ladybug that is black/grayish & 1/16 inch with fine pale hairs. Dome shaped on top, flat on bottom, & oval when viewed from above.		✓									
Predatory Thrips	Tiny, dark-colored insects often banded in white or red/orange & have enlarged forelegs for handling prey. Are beneficial to plants as they help protect from other species that damage them. Found on ornamental/fruit trees, vegetables, and other infested plants.		✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
Beneficial Nematodes	Microscopic roundworms that live in soil & kill harmful soil-dwelling insects. A natural biological pest control agent that does not harm beneficial insects, humans, or animals.				✓		✓	✓				✓
Spiders (in general)	Web-building spiders often eating flying insects or hunting spiders lie in wait and attack prey that comes near. May include Grass, Cellar, Orb Weaver, Wolf, & Crab spiders	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓

SEE NEXT PAGE OF PICTURES TO HELP IDENTIFY EACH INSECT

Ladybugs	Praying Mantis	Mealybug Destroyer
		 <small>UC Statewide IPM Project © 2000 Regents, University of California</small>
		
Soldier Beetles	Spider Mite Predator	Predatory Thrips
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Beneficial Nematodes	Spiders (in general)	
		
		

Vice-President's Message (cont.)

UP COMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Aug 8th

Our very own Ryan O. and David W. are doing a lecture demo on Bonsai slab planting at Lion's Field. Learn how using a rock slab, muck, and trees are combined to create a realistic landscape effect.

Aug 10th

Create your own bonsai slab planting workshop with our very own Ryan O. at Cafe College. 9am-Noon, More info to come, but here is the sign up for the workshop: [Slab Planting Sign Up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-50226863-slab) or type <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-50226863-slab>

REMINDERS

We would like two members to bring trees to display and talk about them so other members can see the progress you have made! New members are encouraged to participate.

Other News

- SABS has a YouTube page now! Have you seen Gabe filing the latest L/Ds, well he has uploaded them to YouTube for us all to watch again. Use the link below to see our expanding media content.



<https://www.youtube.com/@SanAntonioBonsaiSocietyI-ks9dp/videos>

- Don't forget to sign up to host snacks and beverages for our monthly meetings. We would like to have two members donate. Please get with Joe H. to find a date that works with you! SABS provides plates, plasticware, cups and ice!
- Feel free to bring old pots, books, or young trees you would like to donate for our raffles during the monthly meetings. We appreciate the help as it helps us raise money for future artists and events.
- 2025 Bonsai Convention Updates** – On Saturday June 29th, a repotting party was held at David W's house where Portulacaria afras and Harlandii Boxwoods were repotted for the convention (both workshop subjects). The group also discussed the convention budget pertaining to artists, venue, goodie bags, materials, and registration fees. The group decided guest artist created lecture demo trees will be raffled, in lieu of auctioned, to give convention guests a greater opportunity of taking home a great tree. SABS attendees were Kevin, Hattie, Don, Bruce, Eddie, Jay, Carl, and Megan.
- Current membership stats include **81** Club members and over **1,260** Facebook members and **570** visitors!!!





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addressed to:

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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.

For additional information please visit SABS at

Website: Sanantoniobonsai.org

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Annual Membership Due:

Individual	\$30
Family	\$50
Senior (65+) Individual:	\$25
Senior (65+) Family:	\$40
Individual Nametag:	\$15

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