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BONSAI CALENDAR

AUGUST 3rd: Young Choe providing a L/D on kusamono, Lions Field, 6:30pm-8:30pm

AUGUST 5TH: Two kusamono workshops by Young Choe, Donna's Studio. 927 N. Alamo, 78215, 9:00am-12 noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm

AUGUST 23RD: Bonsai Workshop, Lions Field, 6:00pm-8:30pm

SEPTEMBER 14TH: SABS Club Auction, Lions Field, 6:30pm-8:30pm

SEPTEMBER 16TH: South Texas Bonsai Kai, San Patricio, TX, 10:00am-3:00pm

SEPTEMBER 16TH: Bonsai Exhibit at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera, 10:00am-2:00pm

SEPTEMBER 16TH: Austin Bonsai Society Auction, Anderson Mill Garden Club, 13974 FM2769, Volente, TX, 10:30am

SEPTEMBER 27TH: Bonsai Workshop, Lions Field, 6:00pm-8:30pm

President's Message

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Hello all, most months this is where our glorious leader tells us all about upcoming tidbits of information... Well not this month. I, Ryan, have imprisoned Kevin under lock and key and with shackles (I did give him warm beer and bread to eat) (a Jimmy Buffett reference there!!!) so I could take over the Club again.

Wait.... Hattie says I must confess that Kevin and Hattie are on vacation, so I was "voluntold" to compile Kevin's gibberish phone message into a nice newsletter. So here it goes...

August's meeting is on the first Thursday this month, August 3rd. 6:30pm at the Lion's Field.

Our guest artist, Young Choe, kusamono artist, is providing a lecture/demonstration on the art and creation of kusamono "accent" plants. See David's details below for more information. David also discusses the two kusamono workshops on Saturday August 5th. As of the authoring of this newsletter, both the morning and afternoon workshops each have one slot open. Copy and paste the following address to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA8AF2CA1FF2-kusamono>

Last month, David W. provided a lecture/demonstration on the art and compilation of a Saikei. Thank you David for the all entertaining lecture and great job on your creation. See David's creation below. Congratulations to Cheryl B. for winning David's Saikei.

We have two very exciting events happening on September 16th: 1) David is hosting the South Texas Bonsai Kai from 10:00am-3:00pm, San Patricio, TX and 2) I (and any volunteers) am hosting a bonsai exhibit at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera from 10:00am-2:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars for either event!!!

Don't forget about our Bonsai Workshop open to all on Wednesday, August 23 from 6:00pm-8:30pm at Lions Field. Kevin, Jay, and I are there to assist with questions and concerns and to assist with styling.



V.P. Program Corner

August 2023

David Whitaker

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August 3rd SABS monthly meeting will be held at the Lyon's Field in our normal meeting place.

This month we have the extreme pleasure to have an International Kusamono Master Ms. Young Choe!

Young will give a lecture using a PowerPoint program and following her lecture, Young will give us a kusamono demonstration, and then we will raffle off the finished work of art to a lucky winner!

On Saturday August 5th, we will have 2 kusamono workshops at Donna's studio at 927 N. Alamo St 9am to noon, and 1 to 4pm, respectfully. All are welcome to silently observe once the workshops fill up.

Young Choe is a kusamono artist who studied traditional art in her native Korea before moving to the United States and earning her BS in horticulture from the University of Maryland. While volunteering at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, she brought her artistic talent together with her knowledge of horticulture to create kusamono. As her interest developed, Young traveled to Japan to study the unique art form with the master kusamono artist, Keiko Yamane, a former student of Saburo Kato. She worked for many years with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) including the U.S. National Arboretum. Young is considered a leader in the field and enjoys conducting workshops and lectures nation-ally as well as internationally.



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August 2023 Monthly Care

David Whitaker

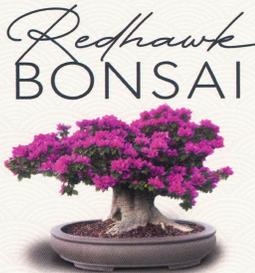
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August 2023 *Dog Days of summer are definitely here* **“When it’s hot, protect the pot!”** Bonsai pots are small and often dark colors, with the relentless South Texas sun they can overheat quickly. Cooking your roots is never a good thing, if you’ve got some trees that are not looking very happy right now, that could be the problem. One solution is to elevate the pots from what they are sitting on to promote better airflow under the pot, you can use some cut pieces of lumber, one-by-ones or two-by-twos, to raise the pot up. Using cut boards, such as old fence boards, to cover the edges of the pot to keep some of the sunlight off. Also, consider relocating trees to a shadier spot for the height of summer, some relief from the midday sun can help. SABS’ long time sensei, Marty, had a very cool device that allowed her to bring up a “curtain” to shade just the pots and the shelves they are sitting on without shading the trees.

With the Dog Days, also comes summer dormancy. To some trees, extreme heat is just as taxing as extreme cold, they will “shut down”, so to speak. They won’t be putting out any fresh growth and will quite likely, despite the heat, will take up less water. Be very careful not to over water these trees that are showing signs of summer dormancy and do not fertilize right now. Elms are one of the trees I have that go summer dormant, sometimes even native species will go dormant due to extreme heat and confined roots.

High humidity is usually a problem in summer too, even when temperatures are hitting triple-digits. Notice no one ever says “but it’s a dry heat” around here?! The heavy humidity can cause fungus or root rot trouble. Using a fungicide; such as Maneb, Benomyl or any systemic fungicide; on a monthly basis is a good preventive maintenance during the summer.

Unfortunately, insects *don’t* slow down during the Dog Days, frequently take a real close look at your trees. Pests can move in overnight! Not only look for the actual pests but also look for signs of activity from unseen pests – such as half-gone leaves, webbing, and frass, fused together or curled up leaves. Don’t confuse spider webs with spider mite webbing. Daily vigorous spraying of the foliage when you water the plants prone to spider mites (junipers, cedars, and similar species) can greatly deter spider mites from moving in. Numerous summer insects are nocturnal, during their damage in the darkness of night and most excellent at hiding during the day. If something does get an insect problem that’s getting out of hand, spot treat that tree with the appropriate pesticide.



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Cultivating Bonsai Since 1976



The informal upright style (Moyogi) is considered the most popular shape in all bonsai, especially suited to our native Texas juniper. The slightly curved trunk is curved enough to be interesting but not overdone.

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 the enjoyment of bonsai. This emblem was adopted as the official San Antonio Bonsai Society logo in Sep, 1977.

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