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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

MAY 6: Bonsai Lecture at The Japanese Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park, 5 to 7 pm.

MAY 8: Follow-up from April, tips & techniques, David W. . **HOSTS:** Larry A. & Tammy B.

MAY 28: Beginners Workshop in Bonsai, everyone is welcome, 7 pm at Lions Field.

May 23rd – May 26th , Brussels's Rendez-vous, Olive Branch, Mississippi, see their website for registration, workshops are filling up quickly. <http://www.brusselsbonsai.com/annual-rendezvous.cfm>

MAY 24: The 8th annual South Texas BonsaiKai Spring round up is going to be Saturday May 24th! BBQ, lots of raffle items, sale & trade items too! Everyone is invited.

On the bonsai raffle all items are valued at \$40 and up, probably 15 plus items: suiseki stones, pots, pre-bonsai and sale items too. If you have any items you want to sell please bring. **David W. , CORPUS CHRISTI, redhawkbonsi.com , redhawk1yo@aol.com**

JUNE 7: SABS Lecture/Demo at RAINBOW GARDENS NURSERY (2 locations) Bandera rd. At 10 am & at Thousand Oaks, 1 pm.

President's Message

By Ryan O

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Did our SABS' Convention attendees survive this year's experience? I hope so and I can't wait to hear about your adventures. Our own Ryan A came in 2nd place in the *Emerging Talent Contest*. Great job Ryan!!! Please congratulate him on a job well done as well as a great job representing SABS at the Convention. I also want to thank all members who also attended for representing SABS.

On Saturday April 12th, Paul T. and I displayed 16 trees at the *Botanical Gardens* during their kick-off of Fiesta. Paul and I had a wonderful time showcasing our Club's experience and discussing with nearly 1,500 attendees the enjoyment and techniques associated with bonsai. We also shared the incentives of joining SABS. I believe Paul and I peeked the interest of a few attendees to join the club. Thank you to Paul for attending the show with me, to David and Michelle S. for assisting in taking down the display, and Donna D. for loaning me three Bonsai.

The Club's next speaking engagement is May 6th at the *Japanese Tea Garden* from 5 pm to 7 pm. Donna is leading a lecture for the Brackenridge Park Conservancy group. Donna is continuing their discussion on the celebration of the Japanese culture and its variations in a "Tex-Mex" state. If anyone would like to assist Donna with her lecture, please email Donna at two2views@yahoo.com.

Speaking of Brackenridge Park, at May's meeting, I will be polling the group to see if the club would like to hold a summer picnic on a Saturday or Sunday in July and on which day. Please look at your calendars and **be ready to vote**.

SABS is still looking for members to donate their time and energy to host Food and Beverage duties. **We are missing hosts/hostess** for June 12, September 11, October 9, and November 13. **It's possible these months could be food and beverage free** if there are no volunteers. Please consider hosting.

The mini-show for the May meeting will feature Oak trees as bonsai, bring yours in for show and tell.

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I am looking to get a group of members to go on a rock hunting excursion sometime in October on a weekend possibly within the Hill Country. Please let me know if anyone is interested or if anyone knows of any locations to find such rocks. Also, look to any hunters that own land to see if we can get permission to do the rock hunting. If we can get a group of members who collect for personal usage and for the club we could turn the rocks into a lecture/demo on Root-over-Rock, Root-in-Rock, or rock landscape in 2015.

Because I like to keep everyone on their toes, I have once again revised our calendar of events to accurately state that Guest Artist Peter Tea is visiting us in September. **Please see the revised schedule at the end of the newsletter.**

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.



March 29th-display and lecture/demo





Tropical Bonsai School **By Pedro J. Morales**

Held at "Timeless Trees" in Rosenberg, TX.

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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

One April 12th SABS was represented at the Botanical Center with Ryan Odegaard, our president, with the generous help of Paul Tyler, long time member of the club. There were 1500 visitors.



PROGRAM CORNER

David W

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I hope everybody was able to protect their plants from the very late and unexpected cold snap that rolled in. My weather station showed it at 34 degrees right before sunrise on April 16th. I had a few Ficus, Buttonwoods, Fukien teas, Wrightia and Neea out unprotected from the elements! I was lucky that none were recently repotted, there was a constant wind that probably prevented any frost from settling in, it was in the thirties for only a few hours ~ the sun warmed things up quickly and that's how I acclimate my semi/& tropicals to my South Texas environment.

April's meeting was repotting and this month I will follow up with tips & techniques. I will show everybody techniques and why we perform them and some tricks I've learned along the way that will help in the future design of your Bonsai.

Remember that Bonsai is an ongoing art form and they are continuously evolving, wire here, clip there and re-pot all at the right time. May is when sub-tropicals begin their push for the growing season.

David

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

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

MAY MONTHLY TIPS

By David W

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It's time to keep with pruning and pinching it. Everything is awake and growing! You can start root pruning/ repotting your semi-tropicals (Ficus, bougainvillea, South Texas natives) now. WATCH out and protect them from any cold fronts that come rolling in. It's been an unusual winter this year and it's safest to wait until **ALL** the cold fronts come through our area. A safe rule to remember, after root pruning/repotting Semi-tropical and South Texas natives (Ebony, Barbados cherry, Yaupon Holly, Colima, Fiddlewood and Granjeno) is to protect them if the temperature dips below 65 degrees. Tropicals need to be repotted in **mid-summer** (Fukien tea, Bahama Black Olive, Buttonwood, Wrightia, Bahama Berry, Ficus and Neea Buxofolia). When repotting, be sure to wire the tree securely in the pot to give it good stability against the winds.

It's **NOT** recommended to re-pot any deciduous trees that you need to **root prune** that have broke dormancy. When the tree has pushed its buds open that's the sign it is too late, they should be root pruned before this happens. If you must re-pot due to problems with a tree, change the pot or repot it in larger container with fresh soil. DO NOT prune the roots. Deciduous trees have very tender roots during the growing season.

May still can be windy month for us, watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. As the heat increases so will the water needs. Inspect the Bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for **ANY** and all insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation treat according to the label of the pesticide. I try to spray with insecticide and apply fungicide at least once every 4 weeks. Also fertilize on a regular bases.

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Pretty much everybody's Bonsai are growing vigorously by now, so do not forget to prune, pinch and also fertilize. When pinching back on most trees (except junipers) you want to pinch back to the second or third node of leaves to reduce leaf size and node length. Elm trees have alternating leaves and should be pinched down to the 2nd or 3rd leaf so it will grow back in the direction you'd want the branch to grow. Be sure to alternate the direction you pinch on different branches so all the branches don't end up growing into each other. Maples have opposing leaves and should be pinched to the second node. As the two buds emerge, pinch back the one you don't want or is growing in the wrong direction. The sooner you pinch the young tender emerging leaves, the smaller the leaves and the shorter the nodes will be.

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GREETINGS! From the LSBF convention 2014

BALD CYPRESS



FUKIEN TEA



Welcome to the LSBF 2014 Convention. I wanted to show you some of the more unusual Bonsai on display in the exhibit room.

My favorite, 'Levitating Stone'. When this bonsai grows up there will be no need for the little support at the left.

Your editor

LEVITATING STONE



SUISEKI

Look carefully, the artist found an unusual stone and saw a (what?)

43rd Annual BONSAI SHOW & Sale by Members

THE AUSTIN BONSAI SOCIETY

ZILKER GARDEN CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

10:AM – 5:PM

Demonstrations daily
at 2:00 pm

Members available
for questions

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A few more interesting Bonsai
from the LSBF 2014 Convention.

Top left: Pine
Top right: Chinese Elm
Center: Buttonwood

Photos by Joey M
Austin Bonsai Society

UPDATES TO THE MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2014

June: Tropicals. Join Jay Nolen and learn the techniques on trimming, leaf and branch refinement, styling tips and tricks.

July: Auction during regular club meeting and club picnic at Brackenridge Park (Date TBD).

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. Please bring some canned food that will be given to the SA Food Bank to help those less fortunate.

BONSAI CALENDAR AROUND THE WORLD

May 2-4, 2014: Potomac Bonsai Society, Washington, DC National Bonsai Arboretum
www.potomacbonsai.com

May 10-11, 2014: All Michigan Bonsai Show, Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI

May 16-18, 2014: Chicago Bonsai Society Show, Highland Park, IL www.midwestbonsai.org

May 23-26, 2014: Florida Bonsai Society, Orlando, FLA

May 31- June 1, 2014: PFM Bonsai Open House, West Charlton, NY www.pfmbonsai.com

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



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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