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## BONSAI CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2023

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting; Lion's Field, 6:30pm, Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Food Hosts:** All member Pot Luck

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>:** No Club Workshop due to holiday

### 2024 Events

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>:** Club Meeting; Lion's Field, 6:30pm

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bonsai Workshop, Lion's Field, 6:30pm

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>:** Randy Bennett Bald Cypress Class Year 2 (*for Year 1 participants*)

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Yamadori dig in Leaky, TX. More info in Jan '24.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>:** Yamadori dig in Hondo, TX. More info in Jan '24.

## President's Message

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Next up, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This will be my final Presidents message, next year it will be Conrad Gamboa following up in 2024. I want to thank the Board and all SABS members who helped increase our visibility throughout the year at several Club sponsored events, you know who you are and the Club would be much smaller and less enjoyable than it is now **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING HELP!!!**

I also want to thank Donna D. for opening her Studio for us in order to have several Saturday morning meetings and many workshops throughout the year.

Next in line for thanks is David W. for his presentation on Bald Cypress' last month. Very informative and a lot of information given out in a short amount of time, thanks David for sharing your expertise!

Earlier this month, Don B. held his first (hopefully not last) BBB (BARKERS BONSAI BASH) Thank you Don and Elenita for opening your home to us. I enjoyed myself and so did many, many others.

It sounds like SABS has much to be thankful for... This month will be our Christmas Party Thursday, December 14th at Lions Field. SABS will provide Brisket and Turkey while members are asked to bring a covered dish to share with others. There will also be a tree decorating (FRIENDLY !!!) competition for any members who want to participate. While not everyone will place, it is still enjoyable to look at different styles and decorations.

### ON SALE NOW

Bonsai Tree Care Book

\$30

5-gal Club Soil

\$25

5-gal APL Soil

\$75

Email Ryan O. for sales at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com). He will bring items to meetings upon request.



## President's Message (cont.)

There will also be a white elephant gift swap. Everyone who brings a gift (maximum value \$25) will be able to participate. Those participating will be given a number 1-?. The first person will select a gift, the next person has an option to select another gift or steal from the first person. The person whose gift gets stolen can get another gift from the table. The third person can steal or select a gift.

After that it's dog eats dog! A gift can only be stolen 3 times, after the third time that gift is forever in the possession of that person, no fighting please...

There is still time to inform the 2024 Board what you think of SABS and provide topics for meetings in 2024. Just click on this link to begin our survey.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yIHZxNDCXz0\\_b\\_QCZwrE1K5zPXZRCKtXdB9Wb6gHMMo/viewanalytics](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yIHZxNDCXz0_b_QCZwrE1K5zPXZRCKtXdB9Wb6gHMMo/viewanalytics)

Please everyone have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, see you next year.

## Caliente! Caliente! Caliente! (Hot! Hot! Hot!)

President (2024) Conrad G. [cgamboa013@gmail.com](mailto:cgamboa013@gmail.com)

Attention all SABS Members! Your 2024 Board of Directors is working diligently to bring you an exciting and fun filled 2024 Bonsai Year. We are working on some exciting new events like our first annual SABS Local Bonsai Convention, starting a two year long "Life of a Bonsai Tree" class, and a couple of other things that we have "up our sleeves" (but we are not ready to put out there just yet).

Next, we are giving a "face-lift" to some of our well-established traditions such as a newly remodeled newsletter, initiatives on social media, and holding meetings at new venues like The College Café (more details to follow).

Additionally, we know if something's not broken, don't try to fix it; so, we will be bringing back our 2 yearly auctions, putting on exhibits (hopefully at the Botanical Gardens), continuing with our Spring Bonsai and Booze outing, as well as our Barker's Bonsai Bash in the Fall.

Lastly, we know that the success of SABS is dependent on listening to our members and bringing in the best talent possible. Based on your responses from the survey delivered in November (kudos to Gabe H. for creating and executing that initiative), we are focused on bringing some of the best artist from throughout the United States here to SABS.

Your 2024 SABS Board of Directors is looking forward to bringing you an exciting and educational year and hope that all of your trees grow and flourish just the way you intend them to.

## Monthly Tips

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Here are a few activities to keep you busy during this slow bonsai month...

- ◆ Clean/sharpen tools
- ◆ Clean pots and organize for repotting
- ◆ Purchase soil, tools, and other accessories
- ◆ Clean bonsai work station
- ◆ Weed collection
- ◆ Apply an active/dormant insect spray
- ◆ Move bonsai off benches
- ◆ Suggest gift ideas to family/friends
- ◆ Continue the bonsai shuffle
- ◆ Watch informative videos from <http://www.sanantoniobonsai.org/resources>
- ◆ Review information in SABS Green Book
- ◆ Prepare collecting tools/accessories

## Photos/Recognition

Look what was found in the recent issue of The Journal of the American Bonsai Society!



SABS's own Jay N. and Vick A. from the 2023 LSBF Bonsai Convention in Fort Worth TX.



Can you find Kevin and Hattie?



Can you find Jay?

*Redhawk*  
**BONSAI**



*Cultivating Bonsai Since 1976*

Nursery Floral Class 2 Lic #0822998

**DAVID WHITAKER**  
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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.

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