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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

BONSAI 101:—HELD EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY, 7 PM, LIONS FIELD. New members receive a tree to work on. All members are invited—bring in trees to work on, experienced members are there to help.

BONSAI WORKSHOP: —HELD THE SATURDAY AFTER THE THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETING. LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED. Topic of discussion will be a follow-up to the Thursday night presentation. See website locations.

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July Mini-show – Root over Rock Examples.

July Food and Beverage Hosts – Host's needed

July 9th – TTSBE Summer Sale, 10 am-2 pm

July 13th – Club Meeting, 7 pm, Lion's Field.

July 15th – Root over Rock Workshop, Donna's Studio, 9 am - 1 pm



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

President's Message

By Ryan O.

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July's meeting topic was switched with June's meeting and will consist of myself demonstrating techniques for establishing a root over rock bonsai display. I will be demonstrating two different techniques and raffling off each tree at the end of the meeting.

I will also have soil for sale for \$25 per 5 gallon at July's meeting and workshop.

The Saturday Workshop, on 7/15, is meeting at Donna's studio () so we can partake in a little air-conditioning instead of sweating at my house. Please remember to bring all necessary materials you may need for this event including, tree, rock, wire, soil, pots, nursery pots, tools, etc.

If you're interested in hosting July's meeting, please email Ryan. SABS is also looking for host (s) for September.

The SABS' Board has scheduled our annual **Backyard Bonsai Tour and BBQ** for Saturday October 14th. Though it is a ways out, we are looking for volunteers to open their backyard. Ideally we would like to have three backyards scheduled with the last one hosting a pot-luck/BBQ to end the festivities. Please contact myself if you would like to host. Light refreshments and snacks are kindly asked to be provided by the first two hosts, but not required.

Lastly, as Johnny Cash sung, it's a "ring of fire" out there. Be sure to water your trees every day if not twice a day. Be on the looking out for scorched leaves, especially on maples and trees in the direct sun. Move those less tolerant trees to semi-shaded areas to protect them. Also make sure your pots are not overheating, including those black nursery pots.

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SABS is in need of donated items to help support the month Raffle Table, ***you know those items that you have been intending to get rid of, no room or you are just wanting to have the space to work on your very special trees!!*** Please help the club by donating plant material and other bonsai related items. ***Thank you!!***

RYAN

JULY 2017
Program Corner

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This July 2017 monthly meeting Ryan O. our hard-working and dynamic Pres!, will be giving a demonstration on ideas and techniques for **"Root over Rock"**.

Ryan has been practicing bonsai for 11 years and teaching bonsai techniques for the past 5 years. As president of the San Antonio Bonsai Society, he regularly promotes the art of bonsai through lectures/demonstrations and exhibits at various garden clubs, nurseries, and events in the San Antonio area. Ryan works on deciduous, evergreen, and tropical bonsai.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI
SOCIETY**

\$30 individual

\$50 family

\$25 senior

\$40 senior family

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FOR ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS, THIS IS A DELIGHTFUL STYLE.

IMAGE: THE LIVING ART OF BONSAI BY PROFESSOR AMY LIANG.

**MAJOR BONSAI SALE
JULY 9—10 TO 2 PM**

Coming up next Sunday July 9th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm ***The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit*** will be holding a ***big one-day fundraising sale***, to go towards the upcoming permanent exhibit of Bonsai planned for ***Zilker Botanical Gardens***. It looks to be a fun day overlooking beautiful Lake Travis with some awesome trees and supplies offered - all donated to be going to a good cause. Take a look at the attached flyer and hopefully you'll be able to make it!

**THE TEXAS STATE BONSAI EXHIBIT WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 2000.**

**BONSAI MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE
STATE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO PLACE A
PERMANENT EXHIBIT.**

**PLANS ARE MOVING ALONG AND THE EX-
HIBIT WILL BE PLACED IN ZILKER GAR-
DENS, IN OUR STATE CAPITAL.**

JULY 2017 Monthly Tips

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July 2017: We are at the summer solstice as I'm writing this and it's "Tropical Time". We can now start root pruning/repotting our tropicals, if have not started already. It's safe to root prune our tropicals (Bahamas Black Olive, Buttonwood, Nia Buxifolia, Fukien Tea, Wrightia.. etc) now through Aug/Sept, we want at least 4 to 6 weeks of very warm weather after we prune the roots of our tropicals to give the new roots time to establish. You can start on your Texas Ebony and other South Texas natives if you haven't started yet. It's also safe to keep on re-potting semi-tropicals like ficus.

OK I'm going repeat myself over again and again, kind of like when we have fire drills in school, we will be so use to it, it will become second nature to us.....Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. In these dog days of summer the soil can sometimes dry out quicker than 24 hours. I have several plants that need watering 2 times a day and a few that need 3 times. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. If your soil is not drying out daily, there might be something wrong and you should investigate why. Insects are always on the move during the summer. Inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide.

Watch out for the heat of the sun cooking your pots, soil and roots. The week before our Solstice we had a major heat wave here. The max high during the days was near 112 and the heat index hovered around 131. Covering the edges of your pots with anything you can to keep the heat off them, I use 1x2s and 1x4s cut to the length of the pots. Also check your stands during the heat of the day with your hand to see how hot it is. If it's hot to the touch then it is probably too hot for your bonsai. When this happens then try raising your pots off the benches, here again I use 1x2s or 2 x 2s under the feet to keep them cooler and it allows for better air circulation under the pots too.

When inspecting for insects on trees, check all around the foliage or leaves, in-between twigs and in/or under the pot. Spider mites are very tiny bugs (about this size > . <) and will kill your trees before you know that they are there! The best way to find the smallest of the attacking insects (Spider mites) is put you tree over a piece of white paper and tap on all the branches, this will knock off some of the little critters onto the paper, if you can mash/smear the specks, then they need to be eradicated.

Continue to pinch and clip according to species, to develop new branching.

Apply a fungicide and insecticide at least once every 4 weeks.

A fertilization schedule should be continued at this time of year.

Watch your training wires, so they will not cut into the branches. If you need to re-wire after you removed it (because the branch not staying in place) do not put the wire over the same "line", place it over another area of the branch as not to scar the previous wire line.

I try to use a preventive insecticide and fungicide treatment every 4 weeks during the growing season, here that can be up to 10 months. With indoor growing, insect inspection and prevention is an on-going job year around.

We all have their own methods of treating for insects. Regular spraying of the foliage when you water, especially on junipers, can help prevent the little critters from taking up residence on your trees.

REMEMBER:

- 1) Do not use Neem oil on any type of elms, it will defoliate them and can kill them.
- 2) Do not use Kelthane on any type of elms, it will defoliate them and can kill them.
- 3) Do not use Malathion on Buttonwoods, it can kill them.
- 4) Do not use Neem oil on Boxwoods, it can kill them.
- 5) Do not use Disyston on Fukien Tea, it can kill them.

Below are some of my GO TOs, remember that if it's labeled to kill spider mites and use on roses or vegetable gardens it is probably ok to use on your trees. Just to name a few problems when growing bonsai down here in South Texas.

* Aphids will be attacking flowering buds before they start to open. Watch for ants moving up and down the branches and you will see aphids around the buds. Fire Ants are like “cattle ranchers”.

They will herd the Aphids up from the ant colony to the plant's flower buds and have them feed until they get fat, then herd them back to the colony's nursery to milk the sucrose from them to feed on. They do this over and over again until the aphids dies.

*Spider mites can attack very fast and this happens all growing season. Spider mites will kill them almost before you can notice they are there. If you see the signs (webs) it's probably too late.

*Cuban Laurel Thrips can and will attack several different types of Ficus during the growing season.

Disyston can be used here

*The Boogie worms” (little green looper worms) that ONLY attack bougainvilleas during the summer.

Disyston can be used here

*White flies, scale, grubs and snails (not insects, but still a pest) come and go during our growing season.



ROOT OVER ROCK
FICUS ABOVE

AND A
NEEA BUXIFOLIA

TO THE RIGHT A DESIGN BY
NICK LENZ



The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit
Summer one-day Fundraising Bonsai Sale:
Sunday July 9, 2017 – 10:00am–2:00pm

Sale of specimen tropical species developed right here in Texas, as well as native and exotic species in different stages of development, all of which have been donated specifically to help raise funds for the Exhibit. Sizes from Dia (large Imperial Size) to Shohin (small) so come prepared and take home a new treasure, and while here see some of the beautiful bonsai of the Permanent Collection. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided so lunch is covered!

Location: Lakeview Bonsai
4005 Paloma
Austin Texas 78734
-park in the field through the gate





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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