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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 or locations.
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June Mini-show – Ficus

June Food and Beverage Hosts – **Host needed**

June 8th – Club Meeting, 7 pm

June 10th – No Bonsai Workshop at Ryan's house, 9 am - 1 pm.

June 17th – Shades of Green Lecture/demo, 9:45 am – 3 pm.

June 18th – SA Botanical Gardens Lecture/demo, 1 pm – 4 pm.



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

President's Message

By Ryan O.
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June's and July's meeting topics are switching so our June meeting has David W. discussing tree refinement and tool care. Therefore, Saturday's (June 10th) workshop is also switched to reflect the topic. Still held at Ryan's house (), the workshop is for anyone wanting to bring 2-3 trees that you need assistance on. July's meeting and workshop is on the Root-over-Rock technique.

Ryan will also have soil for sale for \$25 per 5 gallon at both June and July workshops.

A huge thank you to all those that assisted and attended our lecture/demonstrations in May at **Viva Botanica** and **Rainbow Gardens**. A sign-up sheet will be provided at June's meeting for volunteers for **Shades of Green** L/D on the 17th.

If you're interested in hosting June's meeting, please email Ryan. **SABS** is also looking for hosts for July and September.

The Green Book Committee has gone through and made the first revisions. We will be meeting in June to discuss more edits and hope to have a final edition ready for late July.

RYAN

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JUNE 2017
Program Corner

David W

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Shades of Green_2017_May

I want to thank everyone involved in our display and lecture-demo Saturday May 13 at Shades of Green Nursery on Sunset.

Even though we had only 3 tables, it was a beautiful display that allowed many observers to see "non traditional" Bonsai (at least in their eyes, but we know better).

Thanks go to Nick, Donna, Bryan, Hattie and Kevin for bringing their trees to put on display, though small it was wonderful to see the variety of trees.

Hattie and Virgie kept an eye on the trees and explained the various species and types of Bonsai during the lecture-demo.

I also want to thank Andrew, Bryan, Diane and Klaus for their help during the lecture-demo segment where we worked on a Natal Plum and the ubiquitous Boxwood in front of a 15 person audience.

There were quite a few questions and I think we provided them with the correct answers.

A special thanks goes to Klaus for explaining chemical and organic fertilizers and the pros and cons of each type.

KEVIN

June 8, 2017 – This month the lecture-demo will cover a couple of subjects. I will be discussing tree refinement after branch and trunk chops; tool cleaning and sharpening. Also I'm going to cover several other very useful ideas.

June 10, 2017 – At the workshop we will work on your trees and go over the tree refinements and techniques that were discussed at the lecture-demo. Bring up to three trees to the workshop. See Ryan for the signup sheet.

On Sunday, June 18th, the **San Antonio Botanical Gardens** will be holding a Father's Day Bonsai Lecture Demonstration in the morning from 10 to 12, then a Workshop from 1:00-4:00. (<http://www.sabot.org/event/fathers-day-bonsai-workshop/>)

I will be leading the event, volunteers are welcomed to assist with the workshop. This will be a definite hands-on experience for our volunteering members since they will be helping attendees that are totally new to bonsai. I would love to have 3 or 4 assistants so, anyone willing to help with this event, please see Ryan for the signup sheet.

DAVID

Father's Day Bonsai Workshop

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH 1 PM TO 4 PM

Celebrate Father's Day with a gift of time and remembrance. This class invites adult/child couples to create a real bonsai while cultivating new skills and new memories. Each pair will work together with an expert member from the San Antonio Bonsai Society. Sign up with your little potensai (bonsai in training) today! Fee: \$100 (\$90 members) Fee includes bonsai plant specimen & official bonsai container. Workshop is limited to 10 adult/child pairs. Tools will be provided for use during class.

Instructors: David Whitaker & San Antonio Bonsai Society

(<http://www.sabot.org/event/fathers-day-bonsai-workshop/>)

JUNE 2017 Monthly Tips

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June 2017 Now that our temperature (night time lows) is consistently staying above 70 degrees, it's safe to repot your Anacua, Bougainvillea, Chinese Sweet plum, Ficus, Fiddlewood, Kidneywood, Colima, Hibiscus, Lavender Star Flower, Natal Plum, Pomegranate, Portulacaria afra, Schefflera arboricola, Snow Rose, Barbados and Surinam Cherry, Texas Ebony and other south Texas natives, and you can start root pruning/repotting tropicals also. Keep an eye on the temperature and if it is going to fall below 70 degrees, you will need to protect your newly repotted tropicals (Bahama Berry, Bahamas Black Olive, Buttonwood, Brazilian Raintree, Campeche, Dwarf Powder puff, Fukien tea, Jaboticaba, Neea Buxifolia, Wrightia Religiosa). When repotting, be sure to wire the tree securely in the pot to give it good stability. Give morning light and keep the newly potted tree out of the wind for several days to recover the root pruning.

It's **NOT** recommended to repot any deciduous trees that you need to root prune. If you must repot due to problems with tree, change the pot or repot it in larger container only. DO NOT prune the roots. You can remove any "rotten roots", but you should not remove any feeder roots. Feeder roots (hair roots) are at the very ends of the root structure, they are vital to the plant as they carry the water and nutrients to the plant. Deciduous trees have very tender roots this time of year, it is best not to take any chances. If you have a deciduous tree that needs special attention (sick), ask for help and we'll see if we can find a way to help recover it from problems.

With the onset of warmer weather, the plants are growing vigorously and that growth can get out of hand before you know it. The more you pinch and trim, the more compact or dense the foliage will get. The quicker you do it, the smaller the leaf and the shorter the nodes will be.

Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, and also inspect the drain holes. Insects are really on the move this season, and with all the rain we've had this month they will be a constant challenge, so inspect for insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Also, give natural pest control a try – we've had outbreaks of insects in the past so every spring when our local nursery gets their stock we buy a couple containers of ladybugs. We released them at dusk over a couple of nights and voila! In a few days, very few aphids or scale remained plus the ladybugs happily procreated in our yard and soon we had ladybug larva cleaning up the leftovers. And our other beneficial insects and critters are kept safe from being poisoned.

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Apply a fungicide at least once every 4 weeks. Watch your training wires, so they will not cut into the branches. A regular fertilization schedule should be continued at this time of year.

Please note that the information and repotting schedules are suggested safe guidelines for the San Antonio and South Texas area.

DAVID

MAY 11TH 2107 What a fine time we had at the May SABS meeting!! It was held at Sculptural Designs, (Donna's Studio). Not just the meeting that evening but all day participants got to join in 2, yes! 2 workshops lead by our special guest artist,

GUY GUIDRY

He worked on trees of all species from the beginning work on a Ficus to some fancy carving on a Elm brought by Al P.

Every body brought some goodies and we shared pizza. Below are just a couple of photos—everybody was just too busy to stop and take pics.

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BEFORE ON A ELM BROUGHT BY AL P.

CARVING AWAY ON THAT VERY LARGE ELM.





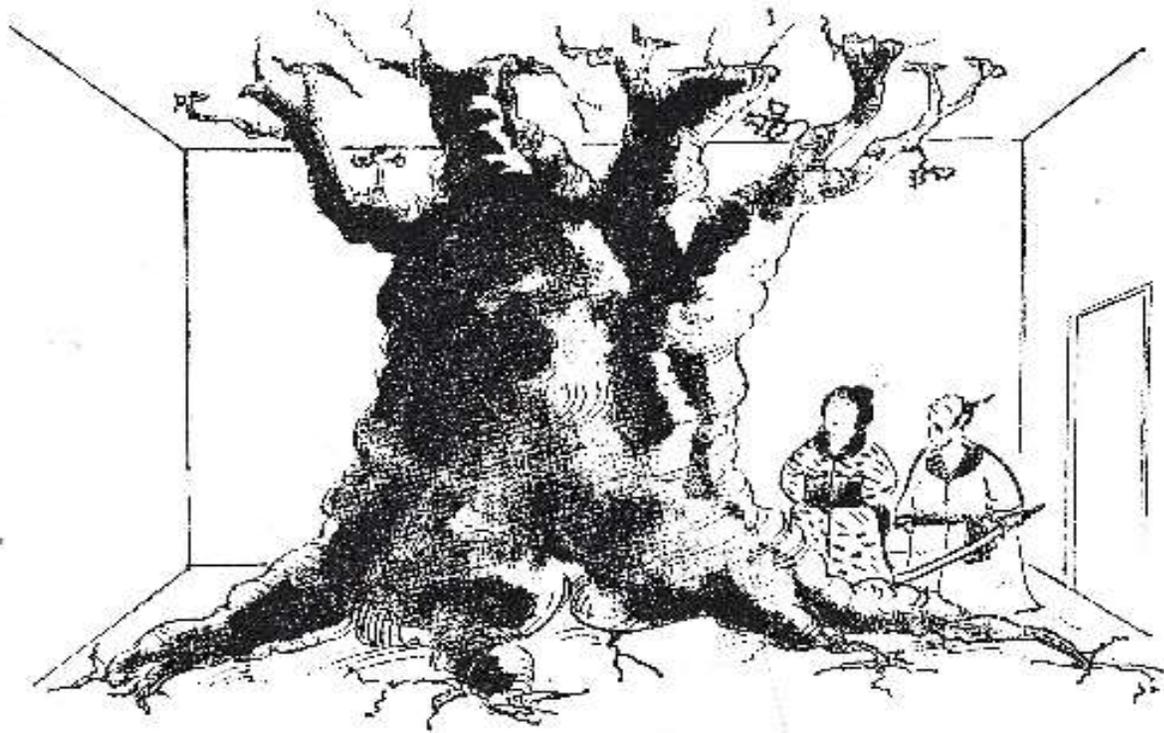
**GUY LENDING SOME GUIDANCE ON
THE CARVING OF THE ELM.
“LETS MAKE THIS AN OLD TREE!!”**

**THIS LITTLE GUY
HAD A GOOD ONCE
OVER
BY
GUY.**

**I THINK THIS TREE
HAS A FUTURE
AS A
SUMO
BALD CYPRESS!!**

SHORT AND STOUT!





"If I ever catch up with the bastard who sold us that Bonsai tree ..."

I HAD ONE LIKE THIS ONCE—
I THINK ITS OUT IN THE YARD SOMEWHERE.

PRUNE ON BONSAI BUDDIES,
PRUNE ON



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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