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# SA Bonsai News

## Upcoming Bonsai Events

### August

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Board Meeting,  
Lions Field, 5:00pm  
(all members may  
attend)

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Club Meeting – Club  
Exhibition, Lions  
Field, 6:30pm

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
BYOT Workshop &  
Progressive Bonsai  
Study, Lions Field,  
6:30pm

**Additional events  
listed on Page 5**

Meetings held at the  
Lions Field Center 2809  
Broadway, SATX 78209



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## President's Message by Kevin P., [hattie1@gvtc.com](mailto:hattie1@gvtc.com)

Howdy Bonsai Family!

Welcome to August, one of our milder (check that) one of our more consistent months.

I want to thank Jay for his impressive and informative lecture on how to properly display your Bonsai and accent.

We took what he taught us to the Botanical Gardens for a VERY impressive exhibit a couple of weeks ago. We had 50 trees using 21 tables.

It was well attended both Saturday and Sunday. We sold over \$3,100 of trees, books, aprons, shirts, and pots in just two days as well as defoliated and pruned the large Ficus Paul T. donated to the Botanical Gardens several years ago in SABS name.

Don B. and I held two very up informative and hands-on workshops Saturday and Sunday. We had fun and even picked up a new member who attended the workshop! We also picked up four additional members from the crowd who were wowed by our exhibit and knowledge. Check out all the new members that joined SABS this past month on page 2.

The six exhibitors were Don B., Jay N., Vicky A., Carl D., Francis R., and Hattie P. (plus me). We had help at the sales table with help from Nunzio and Penny P., Gabe H., Irvin R. plus a host of others. Jay walked us through the exhibit Sunday and made a few suggestions on what we should do next time to improve the display. Thanks to all of you for a successful exhibit. They even want us back!

I will be asking at the August meeting to have three SABS members who want to be on the nominating committee to poll members if they want to be on the Board beginning in 2026.

They will be accepting names for those members who will want to be on the Board for a two-year term. We will need five new Board members.

*President's message continued on page 6.*



## Please Welcome our Newest Member(s)

Becky D.  
Rene D.  
Blanca M.  
Linsey L.  
Marie D.  
Lydia A.  
Iris S.  
Jim S.  
Zach S.  
David H.  
David W.  
Prachet M.

*Those considering  
joining SABS may attend  
a free meeting.  
Membership forms  
available at each meeting  
and on website.*

## Congratulate these Members on their Membership Anniversary in 2025

5 years

Debbie & Dan

10 years

Steve B., Jim, &  
Ester

20+ years

Jay (24), Kevin  
(25), Hattie (25),  
Donna (26), Chuck  
(29), Pat (29),  
Alfred (34), David  
(43), Paul (44),  
Dawn (44), & Jack  
(45)



## Vice-President's Message

by Richard M.,  
[millermillerlaw@aol.com](mailto:millermillerlaw@aol.com)

August is here and as usual it is hot and dry. There is not much to say when it comes to August and Bonsai. Just follow the advice given in last month's newsletter. Watch your bonsai and don't let them burn in the heat. Most importantly, keep up with your watering. Also, you can continue to repot tropical bonsai until the middle of August. Do not repot after that as the roots may not have time to take hold before cool weather moves in.

Good luck!

### Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>

This month we will be exhibiting trees but have only 10 with tables to work with (1-3 trees per table unless shohin). Please use the following link to acquire a spot or two for displaying tree(s). When asked for a "Quantity" enter the number of spots wanted.

[Exhibit Sign Up](#)

Ryan O. has many Rainbow Garden Nursery discount cards printed for active SABS members that we have not seen in a while. Stop back in and attend a meeting to pick up your card before our discounted promotion ends.



Ryan also has name tags for those that ordered them.





# Monthly Food/Bev. Host(s)

August

Rob M. & Richard M.

September

Irene V. & Louie C.

## Soil/Book Sale

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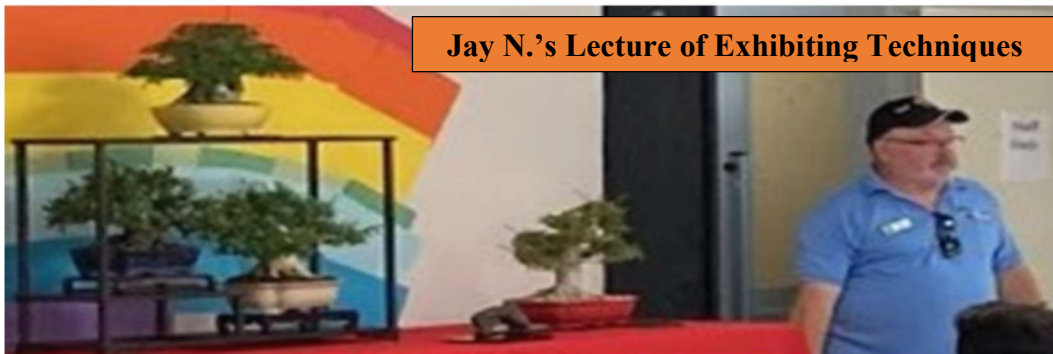
Care Book \$30

Email Ryan O. at [bonsaiode@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaiode@gmail.com) for details or delivery to meetings



## Photos/Recognitions

Ryan O. lent 3 bonsai for display at the reception in honor of the conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon for Mr. Henry Cisneros, Former Mayor of San Antonio and President of the Naoko Mitsui Shirane Foundation, in July.



Jay N.'s Lecture of Exhibiting Techniques

## A Bonsai Technique in Short – Hitting the Reset Button



If you're not happy with a tree's structure, you can always hit the reset button and remove any branches you're unhappy with. This process looks different for different species, but the basic idea is the same: remove any portion of the tree that lacks "good structure." Pictured: Yaupon Holly

Pictures from [Bonsai Tonight](https://bonsaitonight.com/2025/05/25/hitting-the-reset-button/), by Jonas Dupuich at <https://bonsaitonight.com/2025/05/25/hitting-the-reset-button/>

## Monthly Tips from Ryan O.

### Do trees go to sleep at night?

by Juan Jovel, Frontiersin.org

It may sound like something from a fantasy book, but scientists have found that trees seem to go to sleep at night.

One hour after sunset, tree branches start dangling and continue doing so throughout the night, reaching their lowest point about 9-11 hours after sunset, new research published in the journal Frontiers in Plant Science has found.

When morning comes, they start to return to their normal position, which takes another three hours.

The daily position of the branches and leaves allows trees to maximize their capture of sunlight, which fuels their biomass-producing processes, while the drooping position probably reduces the loss of heat during the night.

Circadian rhythms refer to biological processes that cycle roughly every 24 hours and explain, for instance, patterns of sleeping and feeding in animals. The scientists from Finland, Austria and Hungary, setup to investigate whether silver birch trees experience movement patterns in a circadian fashion.

They used a sophisticated technique called Terrestrial Laser Scanning (TLS), which allows monitoring the movement of objects, including trees or parts thereof, during day or nighttime.

Dr. Eetu Puttonen, from the National Land Survey of Finland, and his international collaborators, used TLS to monitor the movement of birch trees' leaves and stems, from dusk to sunrise, in fields of Finland and Austria.

He explained: "Movements are likely correlated with water balance of the plant and are therefore important for taking decisions concerning irrigation or when studying how tree species affect their specific microenvironments. Moreover, it can help to improve planning and optimizing commercial use of forest resources by providing better guides for timber extraction or sap collection."

The team determined that, close to sunrise, the branches of the trees were droopier than at twilight. Some of the branches displaced as much as 10cm from their position at dusk. Such movement includes only systematic positional variations observed along several hours and therefore exclude sudden wiggles caused by wind.

Although movement patterns of small plants under controlled conditions of laboratory have been known for centuries, this is the first time that a high-resolution digital

## Bonsai Term(s) of the Month

### Suiseki

- Japanese term for stones admired for their beauty & for their power to suggest a scene from nature or an object associated with nature.
- Chinese Imperial Court gifted Japan's Empress Regent Suiko bonsai and Suiseki between years 592-628.
- Most common Suiseki display distant mountains, waterfalls, islands, thatched hut, or animals.
- Traditionally displayed on carved wooden bases (daiza) or shallow trays (dai)
- Stones are classified by shape, color, surface pattern.
- The 4 classifications listed above are further divided among a total of over 85 sub-categories.



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## Upcoming Bonsai Events

### September

#### September 11<sup>th</sup>

Club Auction, Lions  
Field, 6:30pm

#### September 13<sup>th</sup>

Austin Bonsai  
Society Auction,  
13974 FM 2769,  
Leander, TX, 10am-  
1pm

#### September 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

CCBC/SABS/LSBF  
Bonsai Convention,  
Holiday Inn Corpus  
Christi Downtown  
Marina

#### September 24<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
BYOT Workshop &  
Progressive Bonsai  
Study, Lions Field,  
6:30pm

### Current Membership Standings

Club Members: 94

Facebook: 1,700+

Instagram: 1,300+



## Monthly Tips, cont.

technology is adapted to monitor movement of whole trees under field conditions.

[Read the full article in Frontiers in Plant Science](#)

Source: <https://www.frontiersin.org/news/2016/08/01/trees-go-to-sleep-at-night/>

## July's Exhibition & Lectures at the SA Botanical Gardens through the Lens of Gabe H.





## President's Message (cont.)

**Convention Update:** At our meeting July 19th, we decided to extend our Exhibit submittals to August 19<sup>th</sup>. A **MONTH FROM NOW!!!!** In addition, we will accept trees into the exhibit for those who will be arriving on Friday (the start of the convention). Hopefully, you will get your trees in by noon, 12pm. We ask that you let us know by August 19th if possible that you will be arriving on Friday. Don't worry, we will have space for you, but your members must send in their exhibit registration forms by the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

We are also doing something different this year at the auction Saturday night. Exhibited trees can be removed Saturday after the exhibit closes and brought in to be auctioned off. If you participate, there will be an 80/20 split of the sale price (if your tree sells for \$100.00, you will receive \$80.00) The trees must be returned to the exhibit room Saturday night after the auction.

We will be charging \$10.00 for non-registered guests to eat Thursday night (Vendor Night). Friday dinner and Saturday dinner will cost \$40.00 per person (non-registered guests only). If you've registered for the convention, your food for those dates is a part of your registration package.

Please let me know who or how many will be participating so I can inform the hotel. They lock in the meal minimum 14 days before the convention. I can add a few 5-7 at the convention, but it would be better to let me know beforehand. Also, I need to know about any food concerns, Vegetarian, etc. for those additional meals.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for the committee chairpersons as well as any helpers who want to attend in order to "get acquainted" with the facilities. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for people who want to volunteer for everything. I will be renting a U-Haul Tuesday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup> to start loading up for a Wednesday departure. Items to include 130 workshop and raffle trees, club tables, risers, raffle items, rice paper screens, tablecloths, backdrop stands and backdrops. I will also need help at the convention selling tickets, helping to move raffle items from the hotel storage area to the raffle tables, Friday morning (7am), Friday afternoon (12pm), Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. I will need 3 people to help with moving raffle items those days. I will be there, but I'll be very busy and may not be there when I should. (I promised Hattie she would not be doing this by herself. #Save my marriage!)

Attached to the newsletter is the Lone Start Bonsai need a SABS Team to conquer this context.

Use the following link to register:

[REGISTER HERE](#)



A CORPUS CHRISTI & SAN ANTONIO BONSAI EVENT

LSBF 2025  
**BONSAI**  
on the BAY  
FROM THE RIVER WALK TO THE BEACH

**SAVE the DATE**

September 18th–21st, 2025  
Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina  
707 N. Shoreline Blvd  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401



2025 BONSAI CONVENTION FEATURED ARTISTS

Jennifer Price Mike Lane Jonas Dupuich

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The emblem was adopted as the official logo in September 1977.

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