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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 for locations. <http://sanantoniobonsai.org>

May Mini-show – No mini-show

May Food and Beverage Hosts – Larry A. and Tammy B.

May 10th – **Austin Bonsai Society** is hosting Robert Pressler, 7:30 pm

May 11th – Guy Guidry; 2 Workshops, 9:30 and 2 pm

May 11th – Club Meeting featuring Guy Guidry, 7 pm

May 13th – No Bonsai Workshop this weekend

May 13th – Lecture/Demo at **Shades of Green Nursery**, 9:45 am

May 20th & 21st – **Austin Bonsai Society** Show and Exhibit, 10 am – 5 pm

May 20th – SABS Convention Meeting, 11:30 am

May 27th – Lecture/Demo at **Rainbow Gardens-Bandera**, 10 am – 2 pm



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

President's Message

By Ryan O.

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If you haven't made bonsai your "life-long mission" you will with the many events going on this month. We begin with a pair of workshops hosted by our guest artist Guy Guidry (David captures his bio page 3). Then during our monthly lecture/demo, Guy is working on 2 trees and both will be raffled off to lucky winners. There is no Saturday workshop as **SABS** is presenting at Shades of Green Nursery. All are welcome to attend the SABS Convention meeting on the 20th at Donna's studio. The convention committee is looking for volunteers, workshop topics, vendor list, themes, etc. May ends with a lecture/demo at **Rainbow Gardens-Bandera hwy** on the 27th. BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!!!

Austin Bonsai Society (ABS) is hosting two special events this month of which **SABS** has been invited to; 1) **ABS** is hosting Robert Pressler from Los Angeles on May 10th at **Zilker Garden Center** (7:30 pm - 9:00 pm). He will work on a Blue Alps Juniper to be raffled off afterwards, 2) Show and Exhibit on May 20th and 21st, 10 am-5 pm both days at the **Zilker Garden Center**.

Let me know if you need any soil. I will gladly bring it to May's meeting. **SABS** recommends one final sift using your 5/8" screen before using. It takes about only 4 minutes to get through a 5 gallon bucket. I will bring a bunch of buckets to May's meeting for you to purchase. Cost is \$25 per 5 gallon.

A huge thank you to all Kevin, Andrew, and John for assisting me with the lecture/demo at **Rainbow Gardens-Thousand Oaks** on the April 22nd. Also a thank you goes out to Steve Y. and Vivian and Harold for attending as audience members. I greatly appreciate the support received from all these members.

On a side note, temps are rising as summer is coming, so be sure you are checking on your bonsai that your current watering methods/patterns are sufficient. Begin to consider watering twice a day when temps are over 90. Also be aware of windy days as they can dry out soil quickly as well. While you're watering, be sure to be checking that you have proper drainage. Make sure your screens are not clogged. If you feel you're not getting good water penetration, jab the soil with chopsticks and fill the holes with very loose gravel. This will help ensure water in penetrating all parts of the soil.

RYAN

MAY 2017
Program Corner

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May 2017: First, I'd like to give a huge round of applause and "Thank You!" to all the members {Donna, Gentry, Tiece, Al, Leydana, Klaus, Diane, Steve and Cheri} that assisted with our display at the San Antonio Botanical Garden's "Viva Botanica"! We were able to show a large variety of trees and styles, along with several Suiseki and Kusumono. They had a great turnout at the event and we had loads of people stopping by. We also received several compliments passed on to the directors of the event regarding our display. The directors at **SA Botanical Gardens** have indicated that they would love to have us back for other events, we have 2 in the works now, and I'll get back to y'all on that. – Great job **SABS!**

May 11 – Guy Guidry is coming!! Guy is an international bonsai artist, very enthusiastic and great fun to observe. We have two workshops scheduled for May 11 – one in the morning focusing on bald cypress (but not mandatory), and one in the afternoon for any trees.

You may bring up to 3 trees to the workshops for Guy to critique, make suggestions and help you work on them (also bring your own tools!). Workshops are \$25 each, if you haven't signed up for a workshop; contact Ryan to see if any spots are still available. In the evening we will have a Lecture-Demo with Guy styling TWO different trees.

All May 11 events will be held at Donna's studio at 927 N. Alamo 78215 – **not at Lion's Field**. We will probably bring in pizzas for lunch break during the day and we will have a Pot Luck supper that evening.

DAVID

GUY GUIDRY BIO

Bonsai Master and Louisiana native, Guy Guidry has been practicing the art of Bonsai for over 35 years. Guidry has earned national and international acclaim with his thought-provoking and controversial techniques and bonsai creations. Best known for his work with bald cypress, Guidry has pushed the boundaries of classical bonsai with his massive and visually powerful designs. Try googling "Guy Guidry Twister" cypress to get an idea about "boundary pushing"! In 1986, Guy became the youngest artist to display bonsai in the permanent collection of the national Arboretum in Washington, DC. He also has his bonsai trees on display in some the most prominent Bonsai collections in the country and around the world, including the Weyerhaeuser Collection in Washington State.

Guidry has traveled extensively throughout his career to give lectures and demonstrations all throughout the US and abroad including Great Britain, British Columbia, South and Central America, Africa and India. Currently, Guy is the owner and operator of two local businesses: **Bonsai Northshore**, in Covington which houses his nursery, and **Nola Bonsai**, a bonsai retail store in New Orleans.

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FUKAMIZU HODO SHIZUKA NARI

*Deep water is quiet,
This proverb is likely a direct translation
from the English, "still waters run deep"
It is also similar in meaning to:*

Who knows most says least"

*From
John Naka's book:
Monkey's fall out of trees"*

May 2017 Monthly Tips

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May 2017 Monthly tips: As I have mentioned "know your species". You should know the information of each and every type of plant you have! What it needs are as far as water, light (full sun exposure, shaded, morning only) placement through-out the seasons, is it tropical, is it deciduous, its max low and high temp it should be exposed to, when to & not to trim, when to repot, can it be defoliated, does it back bud, are the buds near the trunk or at the end of the branch, fertilizing, trimming, clipping, pinching, wiring... *getting the picture??* We can find most of the information we need from our very own published **SABS' "Bonsai Tree Care"** book, this little green book has the low down on over 86 species and covers most of our well known species we use here! You can purchase this awesome bonsai book from our club; see Ryan to get your own edition.

Well you can sure tell that the growing season is here, I've had to do a lot of pruning and pinching, it is a challenge to keep up with it. Everything is awake and growing, growing, growing! Keep on potting **semi-tropicals** like Ficus and figs (as temps stay above 65) but we still need to wait a few more weeks before repot Texas Ebony and other South Texas natives. A good rule to remember is when you know that the **lowest** temperature of the day/night stays above 70 degrees then it's a good time to root prune and repot our Southern Natives like Ebony, Colima, Kidneywood, Fiddlewood and Anacua. It's too early in the season to repot your tropicals. Tropicals need to be repotted in mid-summer (Ficus, Fukien tea, Bahamas Black Olive, Buttonwood, Jaboticaba, Wrightia and Nea Buxifolia). When repotting, be sure to wire the tree securely in the pot to give it good stability against the winds. Putting rocks on top of the soil for a few days can also help brace the tree.

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Everybody's bonsai should be growing 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 desired direction. Be sure to alternate the direction you pinch (or trim) on different branches so all the branches don't end up growing into each other. Maples have opposing leaves and should be pinched (or trim) to the second node. As the two buds emerge, pinch back the one you don't want or is growing in the wrong direction.

If you see yellowing on the leaves.....I remember **Terry Ward** owner of **Persimmon Hill Bonsai** (retired) told us that ***if the yellow is on all leaves*** it's a lack of nutrients, on the edges it is a lack of magnesium and potassium, between the veins it's iron and manganese deficiency, on older leaves it's low on nitrogen or potassium and on young leaves it is lack of iron or manganese. Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) and/or **Ladybug Magic sand (5% iron)** can be used to help replace missing minerals and bring some color back to your leaves.

Watch your soils every day so they do not dry out. With the rains and spring time effect our trees are growing fast so do not forget to watch out for the insects that will be running everywhere. 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. Watch your training wires, ***"too tight"*** ***use your wire cutters to remove so the wire doesn't cut into the branches.***

Please note that the information and repotting schedules are suggested guidelines for the Hill country down through South Texas.

DAVID

FIRST DEMO READY FOR MORE VISITORS



VIVA!

DUELING CASCADES

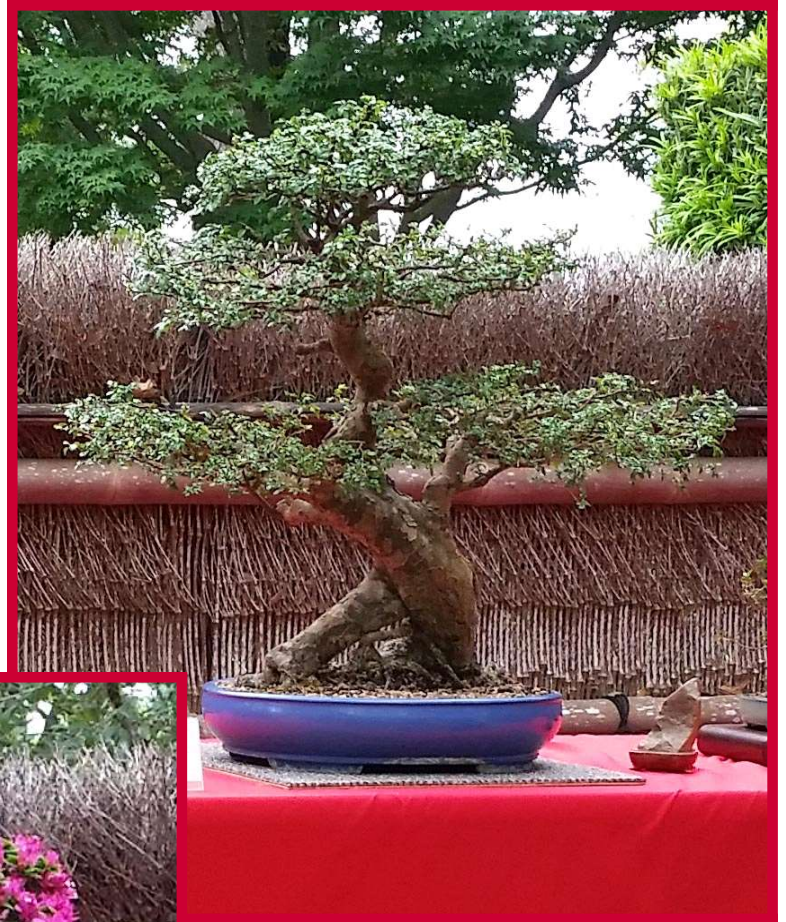


FIRST VISITOR!!

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS
FOR THIS EVENT. WE
HAD A BIT OF HILL TO
CLIMB TO BRING OUR
GREAT EXHIBIT TO
"VIVA
BOTANICA"

36"
CHINESE
ELM

WE HAD LOTS OF
COMPLIMENTS AND
INTERESTED
VIEWERS.
THANKS AGAIN TO ALL
WHO
HELPED!!



LARGE, LARGE, BOUGAINVILLEA



BOTANICA!

12" TALL
CONTEMPORARY
BALD CYPRESS





**A
SUCCESSFUL
EVENT AT RAINBOW
GARDENS.**

**RYAN, JOHN, AND
KEVIN
MADE THE DAY
WORTH
WHILE FOR
ATTENDEES!!**

**SABS IS GETTING
OUT THERE
CONTINUING OUR
MISSION.**



**OK,
THIS IS WHERE
YOU WRITE YOUR
OWN CAPTION FOR
OUR WONDERFUL
PRESIDENT!!
(what is he doing?)**





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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