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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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**December Mini-show** – Bonsai Decorating Contest.

**December Food and Beverage Hosts** – All member pot luck.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting, 7 pm, Lion's Field, Annual Holiday Party.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – No Workshop this weekend.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>** – No Workshop due to holiday.



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER  
IS NOW COMING TO A  
CLOSE➤

## President's Message

By Ryan O.

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*"Deck the Bonsai with pretty lights  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
'Tis the season to share some bites  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Bring your trees in for some prizes  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Then eat lots of pies  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la..."*  
Happy Bonsai Holidays!!!!!!!

With Thanksgiving behind us, I took the time to discover what I am thankful for. My list includes: **1)** all Club members who have supported me as president, over the past three years; **2)** all my board members that have supported, encouraged, and educated me, over the past three years; **3)** all those that have volunteered for board positions, assisted during events/club meetings, and those that offered advice along the way; **4)** David W. for providing his monthly articles and advice columns, Donna D. for her commitment to our newsletter, and Hattie P. for her commitment to the monthly raffle; **5)** for all our new, current, and long term members for helping to keep the legacy of **SABS** going for the next 40+ years; **6)** to all Club members that laughed at my weird humor; and **7)** to my wife and kids who understand my passion for bonsai and was a "bonsai widow" on many weekends.

With December's meeting comes the celebration of the holidays and the celebration of another great year filled with tons of education; an outstanding convention; A. traveling artists full of information, experiences, and suggestions; and B. informative lectures from Club members; and best of all knowledge and stories passed from club member to club member. It also provided us with very successful auctions and numerous new members. Take a moment and think back to all you have learned and experienced over the past year.

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**Program / MONTHLY TIPS**

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December's meeting will consist of a pot luck social affair. I encourage all to bring a dish to share with everyone. The club will provide sodas and waters.

We will also celebrate the holidays in fashion with a bonsai decorating contest. Please bring in a bonsai tree that shows off your best holiday decorating techniques. Winners will be chosen by club members dropping tickets in bags (similar to our raffle). The three bonsai with the most tickets win prizes.

*Please continue to donate raffle items as we will also have a raffle this month.*

*Lastly, happy holidays and a happy new year to all!!!!!!*

RYAN

the frozen breaths  
of the carolers disappearing  
among the stars

..... by George  
Swede from Almost Unseen

*A Christmas Haiku*

Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday party with all the fixings that we all will provide, email Ryan what you would like to bring. We are having our annual "decorated bonsai tree" contest, so bring out the mini lights and decorations from the garage and get started with some new ideas to decorate in miniature. Also we having a gift exchange, if you want to participate bring a wrapped gift.

With winter moving in, small or temporary greenhouses are frequently used to keep bonsai safe. These snug quarters with little ventilation can be a pest paradise! Before moving your plants into the shelter, take a good look all over each one for unwanted critters and treat if necessary. Once inside, pests can move around quickly in your toasty shelter to other plants, better to stop them at the door! Also, when weather permits, give as much circulation and fresh air as can be provided into the greenhouse to help prevent powdery mildew or fungus from becoming a problem.

When inspecting for insects on trees, check all around the foliage or leaves. 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 (ugh) the specks with your finger, then they need to be eradicated. 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. The spider mites in particular don't care for damp environments and the spray will help knock some bugs off.

**THE TEXAS STATE BONSAI EXHIBIT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2000. IF YOU HAVE NOT OPENED YOUR TTSBE NEWSLETTER PLEASE TAKE THE TIME, IT IS OF UP MOST IMPORTANCE THAT EVERY BONSAI MEMBER GET BEHIND THE EXHIBIT THROUGH DONATIONS AND/OR VOLUNTEERING !!!**



HAVE A VERY JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A GREAT NEW YEAR!!!

# BE READY FOR WINTER

FIRST FREEZE CAN HAPPEN AROUND NOVEMBER 28

## PROTECT FROM COLD

ARALIAS– all varieties)  
BARBADOS CHERRY  
BOUGAINVILLEA  
BRUSH CHERRY  
FURCERA FAGAROIDES  
BUCIDA SPINOSA (Black Olive)  
BUCIDIA BUCERA (Black Olive)  
BUTTONWOOD  
CALLIANDRA (Powder Puff)  
CARISSA (Natal/African Plum)  
Cardboard palm  
FICUS- all varieties  
GREWIA  
IVIES- all varieties  
JACARANDA  
INDOOR OAK (Nicodemia)  
IXORA  
JASMINE– Duke  
JABOTICABA  
MALPIGHIAS- Cocigera and Glabra  
ORANGE– all citrus  
PAPYRUS  
SATINWOOD  
SEA GRAPE  
SAGERETIA  
SERISSA (Snow Rose)  
TEXAS EBONY  
ZAMIA FLORIDANA  
FUKIEN TEA (never below 45°

## SEMI—HARDY

BAMBOO —in pot  
AZALEA  
BLOOD GRASS  
CAMELLIA  
HOKKAIDO / SEIJU &  
CATLIN ELMS  
GARDENIA  
OLIVE– European  
PYRACANTHA —above 25°  
YAUPON HOLLY—above 25°

## NEED 6-8 WEEK COLD PERIOD

ABELIA  
ALTHEA  
APPLE/CRABAPPLE  
ARBORVITAE  
AZALEA (Satsuki may be indoors)  
BALD CYPRESS  
BARBERRY  
CAMELLIA  
CHAMECYPARIS  
COTONEASTER  
CRYPTOMERIA  
CYPRESS  
ELMS– Chinese/  
American  
FORSYTHIA  
GINKGO  
GRAPE  
HOLLY– most  
HONEYSUCKLE  
JASMINE– confed.  
JUNIPER—most  
LIGUSTRUM/Privet

## 6-8 WEEK COLD PERIOD CONT'D

MAPLES– all  
MYRTLE– all  
NANDINA  
OAKS  
OSMANTHUS  
OKINAWA HOLLY (indoors)  
PEACH  
PERSIMMON  
PINE  
PYRUS KAWAKAMI/Callery  
PITTOSPORUM  
PLUM  
PODOCARPUS (indoors)  
PISTACHIO  
QUINCE  
RAPHIOL EPSIS: Redbud  
ROSEMARY: Spirea  
SPRUCE; Sweet Gum  
TALLOW; Viburnum  
WILLOW; Wisteria  
ZELKOVA

THE ABOVE LIST COURTESY OF EDITH SORGE, "THE BONSAI FARM"  
THE BONSAI FARM WAS IN SAN ANTONIO FOR MANY YEARS.  
NO LONGER IN BUSINESS BUT  
LOOK TO "JADE GARDENS" IN WIMBERLEY FOR YOUR BONSAI NEEDS.



# After the leaves drop

*Pruning before the dormant season for deciduous trees*



Text and photography: Kinbon magazine, Japan  
Skills: Mr Hiroki Miura (Miura Baijyuen)

According to Hiroki Miura, 'Once all the leaves have changed colour is the ideal time to start pruning. If performed at this time, the buds will not start to move, nor will the tree bleed from open wounds'



**My husband knows not to ask me that question.  
DD**

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**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES  
FOR  
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI  
SOCIETY**  
\$30 individual  
\$50 family  
\$25 senior 60+  
\$40 senior family



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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