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BONSAI CALENDAR

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Sept. 14th: Club Meeting; Lion's Field; 6:30pm; Live Auction, bring in bonsai related items. A fun time for all. Volunteers needed.

Sept. 16th: Bonsai Kai, 10am. Mathis, TX. Competition for best landscape design completed that day.

Sept. 23rd: Rainbow Gardens-Bandera Bonsai Exhibit by Ryan O. 10am-2pm.

Sept. 27th: Bonsai Workshop at Lions Field, 6pm.

OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 12th: Club Meeting; Lion's Field; 6:30pm; Joey McCoy presenting TX Natives;



President's Message

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Happy September everyone! Just think, only 2 months to go until we finally cool off (I hope).

I want to thank Ryan for covering for me and sending in the Presidents message last month, well done Ryan!

This month is our fall auction, please bring cash, checkbook, credit card or any other acceptable form of payment to buy your goodies. Those selling can keep up to 80% of the selling price, though 50/50 would work or event contributing all to SABS! We will need 3-4 volunteers to help with the auction, so please step up to assist!

The Nominating committee of Evelyn, Ester, and Virgie will be announcing names of members who want to be on the 2024-2026 board. I want to thank all of you for allowing them to submit your names to be on the Board, ensuring SABS has strong leadership into the future (remember we will be planning our joint 2027 convention with Corpus and will need your guidance).

September 16th at 10am is David Whitaker's 18th annual Bonsai Kai at his digs in Mathis, TX. We need San Antonio to be well represented since there will be a "friendly" competition to see who can design the best tray landscape with cash prizes! There will also be items to purchase, look for the link in this months newsletter.

On Saturday September 23rd Ryan is hosting an exhibit and sale at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera from 10am to 2pm. Ryan is looking for 2-3 additional exhibitors He does this to bring more members into SABS which ensures our club (we've all worked hard on for the past 50 years) to be around for another 50.

Jim Doyle is unable to attend as our TX Touring Artist due to medical concerns. In his place, we have Texas' very own Joey McCoy from Austin who will provide an in-depth presentation on TX Natives and provide a few examples.

September 2023 Meeting

Thursday 14th: Can you say LIVE AUCTION? Bring your donations of plants, garden or any related bonsai items that you might have grown tired of or uncertain of what to do with, to our auction, I'm sure someone will love it. You can bring items that you would like to auction at a 80%/20% (Seller/SABS) split. Bring your fat wallets, cash and cards accepted. Come in early to help us setup and get your lucky bidding paddle number. **PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ATTACHED AUCTION TICKETS FOR ANYTHING BROUGHT TO THE AUCTION. PLEASE FILL OUT THE TICKETS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO ENSURE AN ON-TIME START. ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT THE AUCTION.**

Saturday 16th: 18th Annual South Texas Bonsai Kai, if you haven't been, send me a text 361.688.0109 and I'll send you easy directions and address.

Saturday 23rd: Ryan continues his pursuit of introducing bonsai to SATX folks through his relentless dedication to exhibiting bonsai trees. Please volunteer to exhibit alongside Ryan or show support to SABS by stopping by their booth.

Wednesday 27th: Bonsai Workshop at Lions Field; 6pm



September Monthly Tips

David Whitaker

September is supposed to be the start of fall, but in our area it's just like summer, we can get the hottest and wettest weather this time of the year. When your trees get excess watering during extended rain periods, the water can sit in the bottom of the pot for a long time and start to cause rotting problems. Try putting a small board (1x2) under one side as to tip the pot the other direction to help drain out the excess water.

Sub/Semi-tropical can be *safely* be repotted with still having close to 2 months of warm weather we can still repot them. We want at least 4 to 6 weeks of good warm weather GROWTH (roots, leaves and branches) after potting before the cooler weather starts rolling down from the north. We have a long growing season around here that can last till around Thanksgiving or even longer further south. Remember to protect your tropicals from any cooler weather that we might get, it's El Nino time and any extreme weather change can happen.

Deciduous plants - crape myrtles, bald cypress, maples and elms etc - this is the time they start storing nutrients for winter. Light fertilizing, but do not overfeed with nitrogen. Remember if it's growing its ok to lightly fertilize. We want to start slowing down the growth of our bonsai so that they are prepared for winter, so these will be the last feedings of the season.

Watering Challenge. Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. With the intense summer we've had, some trees might still be in their summer dormancy and may not be taking up as much water as you would expect. Be careful not to over water these. Check the soil on these plants before water-ing; instead of daily watering they may only need it every day and a half or two days. On the other hand, some are still taking as much water as you'll give them and more. If you're having problems with the pots overheating in our brutal summer sunlight, try covering the pot edges with some small boards or draping a cloth around the pot to create shade. Also try putting blocks under the pots to lift them off the hot stands and it'll allow some air to blow underneath. Small dark glazed pots are especially susceptible to overheating as they quickly soak up the heat from the sun.

Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for ANY insects/pest and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Scale and aphids seem to be the biggest nuisance right now. And of course, nothing slows down the bougainvillea looper worms from their annual flight through our yards. A note when using a water soluble insecticides make sure you spray the plant thoroughly and drench the soil well until you see it coming out the drain holes.

Check your training wires so they aren't cutting into the branches. If they are cutting in, remove them. If the branch did not hold, re-wire in a different locale, as not to put the wire in the same place.

In you missed last month's lecture and/or kusamono workshop with Young Choe, here are a few pictures of her amazing work.





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

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