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BONSAI CALENDAR

JUNE

- 06/04 – L/D at Rainbow Gardens-Bandera 10am-2pm
- 06/09 – Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Lion's Field
- 06/22 – Bonsai Workshop, 6:30pm, Lion's Field
- 06/27 – Special BYOT Workshop with Mike Lane, 6:30pm, Lion's Field
- 06/29 – Special Meeting with Mike Lane, 6:30pm, Lion's Field

JULY

- 07/14 – Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Lion's Field
- 07/27 – Bonsai Workshop, 6:30pm, Lion's Field



President's Message

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Bonsai-Jay

Wasn't the May meeting fun? The 'Bring Your Own Tree' (BYOT) styling and trimming session was a blast. I would like to thank everyone who helped me defoliate my Brazilian Raintree. You will be happy to know that it has broken out all over with new leaves and will be looking better than ever.

There are several opportunities this month to learn more about styling and repotting. Ryan has more on this in his article below.

I've just returned from the American Bonsai Society 'Rendezvous on the River' at Brussel's Bonsai in Olive Branch, Mississippi. There were workshops with Bjorn Bjorholm, Marc Noelanders, Mauro Stemberger, Suthin Sukosolvisit, Rodney Clemons, Kathy Shaner, Martin Schmalenberg, and Robert Steven. Each night there were lecture/demos starring a different set of three of the artists. From workshops I learned about styling junipers from Maruo Stemberger, and Satsuki Azaleas from Kathy Shaner.

On several occasions, people came up to me to tell me that SABS had put on a fantastic convention. You should all be proud of our accomplishment.

Vice President/Program Director's Message

We have loaded up the month of June with tons of opportunities to learn more about bonsai. In fact, we have 5 events going on, WOW!!!!!!

On Saturday June 4th, I will be at Rainbow Gardens Nursery – Bandera showcasing a small exhibit of bonsai trees as well as conducting a L/D on the art and history of bonsai. The exhibit is on display from 10am-2pm and the L/D is from 10am-11:30am. Any volunteers is much appreciated.

Our normal second Thursday meeting will be all about repotting tropical trees. Now is the best time to repot all tropicals so why not host a meeting on it, right!!!! Experts will be on hand to assist. I will take orders for Club soil (\$25) or APL soil (\$75) both in approx. 5 gallons and APL Shohin (\$25) 1 gallon. Bring all necessary tools, wire, and soil.

We will host our Fourth Wednesday meeting on June 22. This is open to all members and guests should you need expert advice on your tree including styling, maintenance, health, and a 5-10 year look-ahead plan.

At the end of June, we have the honor of seeing Mike Lane again. SABS is hosting a BYOT Workshop with Mike Lane on June 27th from 6:30pm-8:30pm, at the Lion's Field. This workshop is limited to 10 participants. Each participant is limited to one bonsai tree. Cost is \$25pp, paid through a credit card over the phone or cash, check, credit card in-person on June 9th or 22nd. Email Ryan O. to sign up on a first come first serve basis.

Lastly, we will host a special L/D meeting on June 29th (6:30pm-8:30pm), at the Lion's Field, where Mike will discuss more on bonsai and his techniques while working on a collected Anaqua tree. After the meeting, the Anaqua will be raffled off for \$5/ticket.

For our newer members asking what bonsai are considered Sub- or Tropical, here is a partial list of species (in no particular order): Ficus (many varieties), Fukien Tea, Jade, Schefflera, Chinese Sweat Plum, Brazilian Rain Tree, Bougainvillea, Sea Grape, Buttonwood, Parrots-beak, Campeche, Hibiscus, Tropical Mimosa, Tropical Mahogany, Barbados Cherry, Tamarind, Wrightia religiosa, Cypress, Brush Cherry, Podocarpus, Acacia, Black Olive, Serissa, Neea Buxifolia, Premna, etc.

Here is David W.'s information for June that was published a few years ago, but still relevant: Now that our temperature (night time lows) is consistently staying above 70 degrees, it's safe to repotting your Texas Ebony, Anacua, Fiddlewood, Kidneywood, Colima 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 60 degrees, you will need to protect your newly repotted tropicals (Bahamas Black Olive, Buttonwood, Campeche, Fukien tea, Neea Buxifolia, Wrightia). 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 several days can also help brace the tree.

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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 (9" here, 23" to date) 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.

This year we set out praying mantis egg sacks that are full with up to 200 babies in it. I'll let you know how that turns out as it takes up 8 weeks before they emerge and they are undetectable until they are almost full size or you just happen to look right at them. A regular fertilization schedule should be continued at this time of year.

Don't forget, SABS has an outstanding resources page on our website. Please visit <http://www.sanantoniobonsai.org/resources> for more information.

To All

Anyone in need of bonsai tools and wire and wants to purchase them from Hurley Johnson of ***Timeless Trees*** may do so and save on shipping as Kevin and Hattie will be at Timeless Trees from June 10-12 and are willing to bring back purchases.

All purchases must be made directly through Hurley prior to delivery. Hurley can be reached at the cc'ed email or via [\(832\) 526-5962](tel:8325265962).

If you buy something, text Kevin to let him know at 210.669.1566



Just a few pics from our show at the Botanical Center in May.

Very nice display of Bonsai from our members.

At lower left is a bonsai that Paul T. presented to the Botanical Center a few years ago.

In the natural settings in the garden we have our most favorite Texas Blue Bonnets!!





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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