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Calendar of Events

August 10

- ◆ Scroll selection with Bonsai display

August 13

- ◆ Scroll workshop

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Tree Hosts
N/A

Food/Refreshment hosts
Brandon B

President's Message

By Roland Lopez

Hello my sweaty, dehydrated friends.

I hope this onslaught of heat isn't keeping you down. I think we're breaking records here! Wowza! Stay safe out there in the sun and remember, the summer doesn't last forever.

It was great to introduce y'all to a new face last month. We had Mr. Evan Pardue with ABS and I think he'll be back in the future. What a great guy and those trees he brought, whoa! Very nice stuff. Be sure to check out Underhill Bonsai's website. And if you're ever in Louisiana, be sure to pay them a visit. Evan also has a great podcast, Bonsai Southeast. I encourage you to check it out.

For the month of August, we are having the talented and kind, Alisan Clarke! Alisan has been a part of ABS for a long while and is a special part of our group. She will be educating us about scrolls and I can't wait! Scrolls are an important part of bonsai display and we have our very own expert to lay it all out for us. Hope to see you there!

Until we meet again, please take care of yourself.

Warmly smiling,

Roland

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7:10 meeting begins

Attendees: Roland, Gerrit, Gloria, Jacob, and Simon

Good feedback from Evan Purdue

Reiterate procedures for workshops going forward. The only thing that guarantees a spot in the workshop is payment.

Must be a member to take a workshop. Observation allowed but only for members and only if space is available.

Commercial activity is prohibited at any meeting. Only in situations where it has been approved by the board.

During workshops, we should all focus on the teacher doing work on the tree being worked on, this allows for us to all learn from each tree.

Club calendar and By Laws are available on the website.

8:15 meeting adjourned

Reminder for club membership

2022 membership fee

Individual	\$32.50
Family	\$37.50
Newsletter monthly advertisements:	\$37.50
Directory advertisement:	\$11

You may contact payments.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com for convenient electronic payment options (processing fee included).

ABS Board Announcement

Austin Bonsai Society proposed membership dues increase as of January 1, 2023.

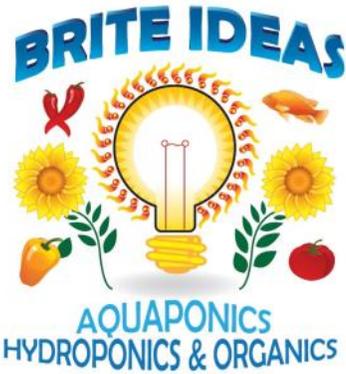
Regarding dues, the By Laws of the Austin Bonsai Society state at Article IX, Section 3. A. "Dues for members shall be determined by a quorum of the membership present at any authorized meeting and are not refundable."

At the Austin Bonsai Society Board meeting on May 17, 2022, the board voted to present to the membership a motion that dues be increased to \$35 for individuals and \$40 for families beginning January, 2023 because of increased costs, in particular, an increase in AAGC fees (\$12 instead of \$10 and a 15% fee imposed on raffles that occur at the Zilker Garden Center), increased cost of demo trees, and increase cost of web site hosting fees.

A discussion of this proposal will occur on June 22 and a vote will occur on July 13 at the Regular Meetings of the Society.

At the general meeting on July 13, two votes were taken. The first vote was to increase membership fees by \$5 beginning January 1, 2023 and a quorum of members voted "yes", i.e., 16 members attended and there were no "no" votes. The second vote to pay the application fee to apply for an IRS 501(c)3 IRS tax status which is a change from the current (c)4 status passed with 17 members voting "yes", also a quorum. There were no "no" votes.

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New/Renewed Members

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Judith G.

Carissa L. & Colleen B.

Anthony (Tony) C.

Recruiting Authors

With a nod of respect to John Miller, who has been diligently writing monthly columns for our newsletter, we would also like to take this time to invite interested members with knowledge and experiences of local Austin conditions to write articles for beginners and potential aspirants keen on raising bonsai. The Bonsai Notebook is looking for a new voice to author a column providing helpful reminders and tips dedicated to caring for bonsai. Be it a monthly routine or winter procedures, we'd like to welcome new perspectives and experiences to be shared in this newsletter. If interested, please contact: webmaster.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com.

A warm thank you to John Miller for writing the latest columns. Even I, as the editor, may have taken these last months for granted and have been reminded that life is a charming companion that deserves to be appreciated every day. Thank you for your helpful words!

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About Us

The Austin Bonsai Society is a nonprofit organization which exists to help in providing guidance and education for individuals in their desire to learn and expand their knowledge and skill in the arts of bonsai.

The Society holds regular meetings, twelve months a year, on the second Wednesday of each month. Our social period begins at 7:00 pm, followed by our program at 7:30 pm. Normally, unless announced otherwise, these meetings are held in the Zilker Garden Center building, located on Barton Springs Road in Zilker Park, Austin, Texas. We offer a monthly program of interest to the general membership.

The cost of membership is presently only \$32.50 for an individual and \$37.50 for a family membership. For additional information, contact the Austin Bonsai Society at P.O. Box 340474, Austin, TX 78734.