

Bonsai Notebook

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Calendar of Events

- *December - No meetings - Happy Holidays!*
- *Jan. 11 - Pests & Disease in Bonsai with Mike Hansen*
- *Jan. 17th - ABS Member Workshop - Ailing Trees*
- *Jan 13th - 16th - Kathy Shaner Seminar and Volunteer Days*
- *Apr. 6-9 - LSBF Convention in Dallas*

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A year to remember!

A look back on all the amazing accomplishments from 2016 with the Austin Bonsai Society.
by Jonathan Wood

What a great year we have had at Austin Bonsai Society! Record-setting annual show attendance, high participation at Zilker Garden Festival this past spring, a 2nd place styling competition win for Team Austin at the LSBF Corpus Convention, excellent presenters throughout the year, and an eager group of new club members joining in on the adventure! 2016 has been on the up and up for our Bonsai Club! Couldn't have done it without such a dedicated board and active club membership!

Special thanks to the board members rotating off with me: Zerita for her time as Secretary this past year, Angie for her years of service, and to May for bringing warmth to our board meetings as well as her outstanding photography! I will miss my time as ABS President -- goodness I have learned so much! ... but there are so many ways to contribute as a club member! Can't wait to see what the 2017 Board has planned for our club! Simon Tse is going to be a great President! We are in good hands!

RECORD SETTING ANNUAL SHOW ATTENDANCE!

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Thank you to everyone who brought pot-luck dishes to our scrumptious holiday party! The food was excellent and quite a selection for vegetarians and the gluten-free crowd! Also, so much fun with the gift exchange! Thank you, Zachary, for taking the lead to help us exchange around 25 gifts! Our holiday party got me thinking about Christmas festivities ahead and inspired me to get some shopping done early this year so I can enjoy the holiday a bit more.

Kathy Shaner will be leading an intensive bonsai workshop in Buda the weekend of January 14th and 15th 2017. The basic registration cost is \$150 and details are available in a registration packet that was emailed to members last week.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS!

There is also a separate cost of \$130 for a bring your own tree workshop available on Monday, January 16th.

Happy Styling!

Jonathan Wood,

Austin Bonsai Society President 2016

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Bonsai Quote:

“For the past few years, the subject of ‘naturalistic’ bonsai has been discussed in bonsai circles... So what is the concept? It comes from something John Naka said: ‘Don’t make your tree look like a bonsai. Rather, try to make your bonsai look like a tree.’ ... look at some natural trees. A traditional bonsai is ideal; it is abstract. A naturalistic bonsai is realistic, but never totally realistic. There is always a certain degree of abstraction. But never going as far as many modern bonsai, which are very groomed, very refined, and often look almost unreal...’Naturalistic’ means that the end result, the finished tree in a pot, conveys the feeling of an



impressive natural tree that has not been touched by man. It does not matter how this is achieved, but in most cases it is done very artificially - not by nature!... Naturalistic is not an excuse for lazy people. It is not about untidy looking trees. It is not a shortcut. I think it is even more labor intensive than traditional styling....Try making a decision based on what the material tells you...Naturalistic

styling is just another styling option. It is perfectly okay not to like the whole idea or the end result presented here.” -- Walter Pall, pgs. 44-45 *Bonsai Today* #104

New Members Corner

There are no new members for November to mention at this time. Let's shoot for a few new people in January!

Fall Holiday Party 2016



We had a terrific holiday party with amazing food and amazing company. Everyone had a terrific time and I can't wait for next year! Here are the minutes for the event, brought to you by Secretary Zerita Rogers.

- Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by President, Jonathan Wood.
- It was suggested that we start the pre Thanksgiving meal as all the delicious food was hot. The grace was a moment of silence for reflections.
- All members of the Bonsai Group brought many delicious dishes for all to enjoy. At the conclusion of our meal, Jonathan commenced with the meeting.
- At 7:52PM Jonathan called our meeting to order again to complete the business for this evening.
- Jonathan thanked all the volunteers who helped with setting up all the tables for the Annual Party.
- Jonathan thanked the Board Members and Lizzie for a job well done. He presented a gift for each one of us.

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS:

FOOD: N/A
TREES: N/A

- Next, he set up a time (9:00 PM), that we should start cleaning up to be out of the building by 9:30PM.
- Joey, announced nominations for next years Board of Directors. Nominations are: Simon Tse, President; Zackary Rabalais, Vice President; Pat Ware, Treasurer; Robert Nowicki, Secretary; Members at

Large, Ruby Chaing, Kevin Patureau, and Daniel «Retana» Lim. They were voted by acclamation all nominees.

- Jonathan passed out survey cards for each table. It gives members an opportunity to give their ideas as to what programs they would like having in the coming year.
- We had three lovely Bonsai trees for our Annual Party. They were Weeping Yaupon, Texas Persimmon, Japanese Hornbeam, and a beautiful drawing by our talented Jim Baumann of a Campeche.
- The Photo Contest was canceled by Jonathan. This was necessary due to equipment failure at the service provider. The contest is now scheduled for January 2017.
- Pat Ware, passed out the budget to all members. Terry Ward made a motion to approve the budget and Nan Jenkins second. No one opposed.
- Next, Pat passed out the sign-up sheet for Refreshments and bringing a tree monthly for 2017. Zachary, did a great job with Gift Exchange and it was enjoyed by all.
- There will be no Meetings or Members Workshop in December.
- January 11,2017 when meetings will resume. Hostess will be Alisan Clarke and Pat Ware.
- Mike Hansen will be doing the program on Pests and Disease on Bonsai.
- Members were happy to relieve Alisan of putting up the Christmas Tree this year, in the Green Room. She has been doing this for 20 years.
- Jonathan adjourned meeting at 8:52 PM..



Beautiful silhouette
from Bonsai
Bark.

Vice President's Message

Enjoy the winter silhouette of your trees!
by Zach Rabalais

I'll make this entry short because as everyone knows, we will not have a meeting for the month of December. We also normally don't send out a newsletter for December, but this year we decided to. We wanted to showcase the winners of the photo contest since we were unable to get all of the entries printed prior to the November meeting. Make sure to check out some of the great photos that our members sent in. Normal club meeting will resume on January 11th. Until then, I hope that everyone has a happy holiday season, and that everyone has a great time enjoying the winter silhouette of their trees. It's one of my favorite times of the year. I really enjoy the contrast of my pines and deciduous trees sitting next to each other in the winter.

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Terrific place for us to gather, chat, and talk Bonsai!

DUES DUES DUES!!

DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST, 2017!!!!

\$30.00 INDIVIDUAL

\$35.00 FAMILY

PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK TO JANUARY MEETING

OR MAIL TO PAT WARE



ABS Board Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 2016 by Secretary, Zerita Rogers

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Jonathan Wood.
- Present were: Jonathan Wood, Zachary Rabalais, Pat Ware, Zerita Rogers. Our visitor was Chuck Ware.
- The Board voted to accept the minutes for our last meeting.
- The Treasurers Report was accepted by the board. Income of over expenses was \$4,473.93.
- It is the proposed that ABS set up an account called the Audrey Lanier Memorial Gate Fund. The amount that has been donated to ABS in memory of Audrey Lanier of \$555.00 plus \$4,445.00 from Retained Earnings of ABS would be used to open this account. The purpose would be to provide a Handicapped Entrance Gate to the proposed state bonsai exhibit at the Zilker Botanical Gardens. This money would be reserved contingent upon The Texas Bonsai Exhibit receiving approval from the city of Austin. On this Gate we propose that there would be a plaque stating 'Austin Bonsai Society Memorial Gate in Memory of Audrey Lanier & past members.'
- The Board voted and approved the disbursement of funds for the for the Memorial Gate.
- Also discussed was the use of some funds for the benefit of the Bonsai Society in buying more equipment or learning material for classes.
- We discussed the Austin Convention in 2020, partnering with the American Bonsai Society brought up by LSBF. LSBF wants an answer by early January 2017, but there are a few questions that need to be answered which Jonathan will take care of. This decision was left to the new Board Members of 2017.
- Pat Ware will not attend the January Meeting but will be at the board meeting.
- Jonathan Wood, adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM



Big weekend with Kathy Shaner coming up at the end of January!

Kathy Shaner Seminars

Enjoy the winter silhouette of your trees!

by Collin Murphy and Joey McCoy

Kathy Shaner Seminar
January 13th - 16th

Please join us in a seminar with one of the most exciting, knowledgeable and personable bonsai masters - Kathy Shaner. Kathy completed a full five year apprenticeship in Japan under bonsai master Yasuo Mitsuya and is the first non-Japanese and first woman ever certified by the Nippon Bonsai Association. She is the curator of the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in California and advisor to The Texas State Bonsai Collection. Kathy is a fantastic teacher with the ability to make you part of everything, not just a note taker. Her seminars increase bonsai knowledge, raise skill levels and make the wonderful world of bonsai even more enjoyable. Kathy's seminars are ideal for beginning and veteran bonsaists alike and are informal from beginning to end.

Kathy's theme for this seminar is: Repotting and Root

Grafting

This seminar will be partly hands-on, in addition to the usual seminar format. If you bring a tree in need of repotting, you will repot it during the seminar, with help and guidance from Kathy. This is also an opportunity for root-grafting if appropriate for your tree. Maples, ficus and pines are ideal for root-grafting, elms are not. Most species that can be thread-grafted or approach-grafted can be root-grafted.

This year we will again have an all-day, bring - your - own - tree workshop on Monday. This optional workshop is limited to six participants on a first come basis. Work on any size material you like...styled or rough. Kathy asks participants in a prior workshop to bring a tree she has worked on to continue its development. Silent observation of the workshop is included in registration. Please register early. Space is limited.

Questions? Contact Collin Murphy at ckmurphy2000@gmail.com or at (512) 905-9364.

Kathy Shaner TTSBE
Volunteer Days
January 12 and 13, 2017

As an addition to her wonderful seminar here in Austin, Kathy Shaner very generously carves out time to work on the collection trees of The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit with the assistance of local volunteers. It's a wonderful opportunity to help improve and upkeep the Exhibit trees under the guidance of a true artist. These are part of our "Foster Care" days where we often have a person who signs up to work on a specific tree several times a year, keeping its care consistent. We can all take the techniques learned on these collaborative days and use them on our trees, improving our own collection. If you are interested in attending this FREE event, helping out and learning new techniques, send an RSVP to Joey McCoy at jvmccoy@gmail.com

Thursday January 12th 9:30am-4:00pm at Persimmon Hill Bonsai

Friday January 13th 9:30am-4:00pm at Lakeview Bonsai

San Antonio Autumn Auction

Auctions are a great way to support other Bonsai societies and find some great bargains!

by Joey McCoy



Ryan Odegaard as auctioneer.

Quite the turnout! All photos by Joey McCoy.



Triple trunk Bald Cypress

How much fun are our Bonsai auctions? I look forward to them all year! Auctions are a great way to find some deals on bonsai and supplies and support the local non-profit clubs. On Thursday November 11th, several of us in the Austin club attended the San Antonio autumn auction and, as usual, had a blast. I carpoled with Simon and Daniel and we then visited with Chuck and Pat once we arrived. The San Antonio club always welcomes visitors, and we've always shared members, programs, club digs and even Conventions together. Our sister clubs have a long history and it always feels like family whenever we get the opportunity to gather. Back to the Auction – deals were flying fast with Ryan Odegaard (auctioneer and club President) leading the way. Some of the great items offered were collec-

ted native bonsai material, pre-bonsai to finished trees, stones for suiseki, Japanese and Chinese pots, unused Masakuni bonsai tools, collections of books and magazines, twisted wire bonsai sculptures, and much more. At the end of the night, everything went to new homes and the San Antonio club earned some funds for next year's programs. Our vehicle held many treasures on the way back: triple trunk Bald Cypress, Flame Leaf Sumac, Deodar Cedar, and a beautiful collection of shohin bonsai pots.

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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 \$30.00 for an individual and \$35.00 for a family membership. For additional info contact the address above.

