



Bonsai Notebook



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President's Message

by Pete Quisenberry

First, I would like to wish all a Happy New Year and hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Thanks to Alisan, Del, Erin, and Audrey who helped organize and do a lot of cooking, for our 2004 Christmas party and to Pat and the club members who set up, kept things running smoothly during the party and cleaned up after. The food prepared by everyone was excellent! The beautiful trees by Elaine White and the gifts shared, helped make this a memorable gathering.

We owe many thanks to the outgoing board members, for all their hard work, as they step down. Glenda Konopka, President, Terry Ward, Vice-President, Del De Los Santos, Secretary, Pat Ware, Treasurer, James Allen, Stephanie Quisenberry and David Cmerck, Members-at-Large.

Our new Board of Directors for this year is: Jim Trahan, Vice President, new member with many years doing Bonsai, with some great new ideas, Charlotte Cranberg, Secretary, past President and our representative to the Zilker Garden Council, Pat Ware, Treasurer, Alisan Clark, Member at Large and past President, Chuck Ware, Member at Large and past President, Tyrone Sanders, Member at Large, and Glenda Konopka, past President. Elaine White has agreed to continue as Chairman of Publicity. Darryl Konopka is doing a wonderful job as editor for our Bonsai Notebook, and will continue in that roll. We will be working to plan a great year and encourage each member to let one

Calendar of Events



January

12th

Monthly Meeting at Zilker Garden Center

7-7:30 pm

Socialize and "Ask A Member"

7:30 pm

Monthly program with Bill Cody

Refreshments by

Pat Ware and Alisan Clark

19th

Monthly Board Meeting at Zilker Garden Center

7:00 pm

26th

Clasping Stone Trident Maple workshop

7:00 pm

February

19th

Shohin Society of Texas

Persimmon Hill Bonsai

(See Details inside)

May

13th-15th

LSBF Convention

Fort Worth

28th-31st

5th World Bonsai Convention

Washington D.C.



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2005 Calender of Events for the Shohin Society of Texas:

Meetings start at 10:30 a.m. Brown bag or join chili dog lunch with all the trimmings.

Saturday, February 19th:

Refinement techniques discussion plus hands-on workshop.

Saturday, April 23rd: Choose LSBF convention exhibit trees plus a sale and swap.

Saturday, June 25th: Tropical bonsai show and tell plus hands-on workshop.

Saturday, September 17th: Panel critique of bonsai and material plus annual business meeting.

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of the board members know, if there is a program topic you are interested in. I am looking forward to learning a lot in the role of President. Please don't hesitate to help me with advice and counsel.

I encourage each member to share our love of Bonsai with our friends and neighbors and encourage them to come and see what we do. This thought occurred as I was talking to one of my neighbors who diligently works in his yard and garden. He saw my Bonsai on a recent visit and said he has always been interested in Bonsai but didn't realize Austin had a club. So, if my neighbor is curious, you may also know someone who would like to come, visit and perhaps become one of our members. Here is to a year of learning, participating, organizing, stepping up when asked, and wishing everyone the very best 2005.



JANUARY PROGRAM NOTES

By Terry Ward



Happy New Year!!

Our programs and workshops for 2005 are getting off to a flying start with **Bill Cody's** program at the General Meeting on Wednesday, January 12th and the Study Group workshop on Wednesday, January 26th.



GENERAL MEETING

Bill's program will be *How To Collect Native Trees*. Bill has been collecting and developing native trees for many, many years. He will be sharing his secrets and tips...from locating, selecting, digging, packing for transporting to keeping them alive once home. This will be a rare opportunity to learn collecting how-tos from an expert.

You might want to review Bill's excellent two part article *How To Collect Ashe Junipers In Central Texas* as a primer. You'll find it in the Fall 2002 and Winter 2003 editions of *Texas Bonsai*.

This will be an exciting evening of revealing 'secret' tips and probably a collecting story or three. Don't miss being there for the great beginning of a New Year of bonsai and camaraderie.

STUDY GROUP

The *Fourth Wednesday Study Group* is on the 26th and will be a full-blown, hands-on and how-to workshop. You will be creating a trident maple clasping a stone style planting. Several items will be needed in the workshop and you'll have to hustle to get them together if you haven't already gotten started. A trident maple will be supplied at no cost to each participant. The trident supply is limited and on a first come basis.

Everyone wanting to take part in the workshop will be given a list of items to bring and photos of stone clasping tridents, pots, etc to use as planning guides. There is, however, a catch. To receive the list and photos you must let me know in advance that you want to be part of the workshop. There are already a number of sign-ups.

If you want to be part of the workshop, email your name to phbonsai@aol.com or see me at the January 12th meeting. Please do not delay getting the materials list. You will need to bring every one of the items to the workshop. Remember, only the trident maple will be supplied.



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Every club member is welcome to observe the workshop. But why just be a bystander? Get involved — sign up today!

Don't forget, the Fourth Wednesday Study Group meetings start at 7:00 p.m. It's a great place to learn and improve bonsai skills in a very informal atmosphere. Plan on attending every Study Group in 2005. You and your bonsai will be happy you did.



Garden Council Report

Charlotte M. Cranberg

New volunteer hour program

We are now being asked to save 2 different sets of volunteer hours. One will be, as we've done in the past, the hours that you expend for the good of the AAGC or any public effort like talking to a school group. The other will be a total of all the hours you put in for the club. That could be preparing for meetings, writing the minutes, board or club meetings, shows, preparing and bringing refreshments etc. Add up all those hours and if you have more than anyone else in the club you will get a free appreciation dinner at the end of the year at the garden center, along with a winner from each of the other clubs, So give me your hours (for the past month only, I can't take old hours) and list what you did for those hours. Give me 2 different sets of hours and I will add the AAGC hours to your club hours for the total. I am sooo thrilled with this and I know you will be very excited too. I think I'm going to have more hours than anyone else just keeping up with this (if I survive all this competitiveness). The hours for the AAGC are really important, though, as the city looks at volunteer involvement in judging us and we do come up for contract renewal in 05.

The plant mobile will be discussed again at the January meeting. It is causing some controversy. 13 of the clubs voted to sell, 6 to donate, 4 to sell or donate, 2 to rent or lend and 3 other ideas. Now some members are challenging this "vote" and think we should give it to the Wildflower Center. Because the overwhelming majority voted to sell, we will continue to try to find a buyer and I believe if that doesn't happen they will have to give it away and decide whom to give it to, which will cause more agitation. As it is, it's costing several thousand a year to maintain. I'll probably have more to say at the next meeting and perhaps some new insights.

The Christmas Bazaar netted, after expenses, over three thousand dollars, which is very good considering they started planning it about 2 months before the event. It should grow into a good moneymaker. Our Christmas party in 05 will be on the 10th of December, so we will no longer be on the same day as the bazaar and will have more time to set up.

If you'd like to volunteer for anything at the garden center please call me.



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The board needs officers, the garden center needs workers, gardeners, office help etc. Please help if you can. We don't want the city taking us over because we're not able to support the garden center to their satisfaction anymore. Losing the plantmobile is a sign we are not getting enough docents to run the plantmobile program. *So get involved for our sake as well as for the citizens of Austin.*



Bits and Pieces

From Pat Ware:

2005 membership renewals are due NOW!

Please give your dues to Pat Ware at the January Monthly Meeting or mail to her as soon as possible so you won't be left out of the Membership Directory for this year. Individual memberships are \$25, family memberships are \$35 (two adults), and students under the age of 18 are \$12.50 - *what better deal can you find for what you get in return?*

From the Notebook Editors:

The Notebook is actively soliciting materials from our members for publication. Digital photographs, stories, anecdotes, drawings, and any other things interesting should be submitted to Glenda Konopka at glendak@sbcglobal.net.

All members with *e-mail* addresses not already in the current Membership Directory are requested to send them to Glenda Konopka (e-mail above) so you can **get the color version of the Notebook** and save our club printing and postage expenses. As you **renew your memberships for 2005**,



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Remember - input from our members is everything!



The Austin Bonsai Society is a non-profit 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 7:30PM. 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 nominal, presently only \$25.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a family membership.



Please contact the Austin Bonsai Society at P. O. Box 340474, Austin, Tx. 78734 for more information.

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