



# Bonsai Notebook

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## Calendar of Events

### July 13

- ◆ Winged elm

### July 14

- ◆ Workshop

## 2022 Board of Directors

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## Volunteers

Tree Hosts  
Mike G

Food/Refreshment hosts  
Eric B  
John H

# President's Message

*By Roland Lopez*

Hi my friends!

I hope you're keeping cool this summer and staying active. As I continue on in my bonsai journey, I realize more and more that there is always work to do in the garden. This fact used to overwhelm me. Now it brings me tremendous joy! Anytime I get to work on my trees is a good day. If you ever feel overwhelmed with your collection and your to-do's, remember, take little steps and enjoy the process. Practice getting into what you're doing. Become the activity and by the time you know it, your work is done.

I was so pleased to see that our community welcomed Mike with open arms. I could tell he was positively received and I think he really enjoyed his time here as well. Mike is one of the best teachers I've come across. For me personally, he broke down processes in an easy-to-digest way and that made things click in my brain. I'm a slow learner sometimes so that was very good for me. I hope you found him helpful too. I'm looking forward to having him back as soon as possible!

Let's keep the fun going with Evan Pardue this month! Evan will be discussing and executing a design on a winged elm for us. Evan is the nursery manager at Underhill Bonsai and a traveling educator from Louisiana. I had the pleasure of vending right next to him at the San Antonio convention and I got to know him a little bit. He is a great guy and I'm looking forward to you all meeting him. Elms are one of my favorite subjects for bonsai, especially our native elms. I'm looking forward to this one!

There will be a workshop the following day with Evan after our meeting, so stay tuned for that.

We are meeting at our regular time, the second Wednesday of the month from now until September. October is the last club meeting that we will be meeting on a different day. I just wanted to remind everyone.

Please take care and I'll see y'all soon!

Warmly smiling,

Roland

# ABS Board Meeting Minutes

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## ABS Library

<https://abslibrary.libib.com/>

## YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSkNkBNld3EOYwjkjNIneA>

7:01 meeting begins

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

Recap of May show and Will Baddeley's Presentation.

Request made to purchase new boxes to store sheets/cloths for the annual show.

No objections from board, going forward with vote to increase fees for club membership dues. Also going forward with vote for change to move from C4 to C3 tax status.

Discussed "what to expect" when bringing your tree to the show next year.

13 new members from our annual show.

Artists discussions for upcoming year.

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](mailto: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.

Your 2022 ABS Board Members



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### New/Renewed Members

Luke P.

Josh S.

Tia D.

Judy L.

## 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](mailto: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.