



Bonsai Notebook

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Calendar of Events

May 11 - Carving

- ◆ Guest: Will Baddeley
- ◆ Our May meeting will take place at the Austin Water Center for Environmental Research

May 21-22

- ◆ Austin Bonsai Society's Formal Bonsai Exhibit at Zilker Gardens
- ◆ Set up: May 20, 1:00 - 5:00pm
- ◆ Take down: May 22, 5:00 - 6:30pm

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President's Message

By Roland Lopez

Howdy ABS!

I hope you and your trees are doing well. April was quite a month for us. The reunion of our club was a success thanks to you. Members brought wonderful trees to show. We had many raffle items and our tummies were full! Most importantly, we got to see one another again. It warmed my heart to see people greeting each other with hugs and smiles. I'm so happy we get to continue this way.

The SABS convention was a hit! I applaud San Antonio Bonsai Society for their hard work. Everything was on point. I was able to get some great containers from Andrew Sankowski and I also got a very old and beautiful scroll painting from Kristy Majeske. I'll have to show y'all sometime soon. I hope that everyone that went had a great time too and enjoyed being in my hometown.

This month, get ready for some carving creativity with Will Baddeley! Will of Wildwood Bonsai is known worldwide for his beautiful and detailed carving skills. We have the opportunity to have him here as he travels across Texas.

Carving is a skill I advise you not overlook. Often, our collected material is riddled with dead branches or sections of trunk, flat man-made cuts, and natural features like reverse taper that we wish to mitigate. The answer to all these problems is carving. Let's not forget about trees in bonsai containers that are constantly changing. Sometimes a part of a tree dies. Not to worry! Carving is a skill you can employ to turn your lost design into another magnificent tree.

This month we are NOT meeting at Zilker Botanical Gardens due to another event taking place there. Instead we will meet at the Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (address is below). There will still be food and drinks with restrooms close by. The auditorium here is wonderful and spacious. Please plan ahead of time to make sure you make it on time. Google Maps has a great feature where you can set a departure/arrival time for any day and time. I find it very helpful to figure out what time I should leave from home to my destination.

There is a security guard at the entrance. They should let you right in as they are aware of our meeting. Please study the attached map of the facility. The entrance you will want to go through is the Main entrance.

Address -
Austin Water Center for Environmental Research
(512) 972-1960
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UnkFkwdZCee7KCur6>

Our annual May show is just around the corner. Get ready everyone! We need volunteers and trees to make this a special and successful event. Please read Joey's message and please consider helping us out. Donations for some raffles at the event are welcome too.

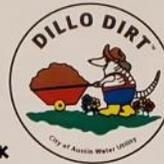
Thank you all so much! Please let me know if you have any questions. Take care.

Warmly smiling,

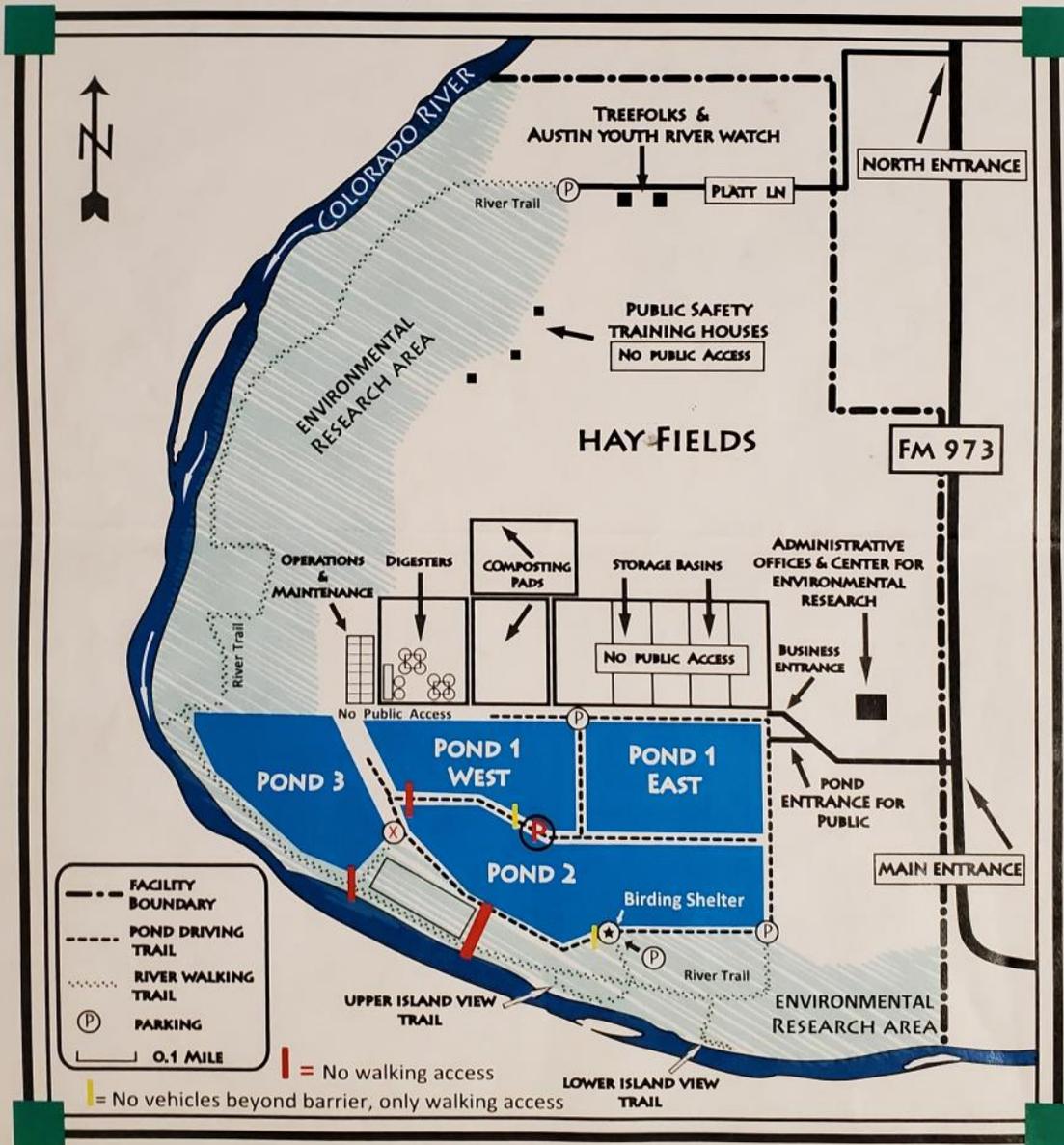
Roland

Austin Water Center for Environmental Research

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51st Annual

Austin Bonsai Society 2022 BONSAI SHOW & SALE

May 21-22 | 10am-5pm

Bonsai displays & demonstrations
Bonsai vending area
Saturday and Sunday raffles!

FREE
Admission!

Zilker Botanical Garden

2220 Barton Springs Rd
Austin, TX 78746



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 Show and Sale May 21-22 10am-5pm

Hello club members – we have our Austin Bonsai Show coming up this month and it is time to get ready. This is our first show to the public since 2019 and I hope we get a great turnout. I talked at the last meeting about prepping your trees, stands and accessories to create an artistic display, but I'll cover a few of the ideas here too:

- **CLEAN:** Trim and remove heavy wire or obstructions from your Bonsai. Cut away or reduce the largest leaves. Make sure your tree is Insect and Bug Free before bringing it. Wipe down the pot, cleaning underneath as well (no mud & no bugs please) and if it's unglazed, rubbing a cloth with some oil will bring out a nice clean shine. Clean the soil surface of clutter and apply moss if you have it, otherwise just make sure soil is neat. Wire on a bonsai is just fine, but try not to show a tree with heavy wire, it should not be distracting.
- **DISPLAY:** We want Bonsai shown by everyone in the club if possible. They can be from all levels from beginner to advanced, but all should be in a Bonsai container and have had some training. Having an appropriate sized accent plant or accessory can often tie the “story” of the bonsai together. Accent plants also should be clean of bugs, mud and dead leaves or clutter. Bring some kind of stand for your Bonsai and accent planting. Bonsai should never be displayed without some sort of stand or delineation of space. We will be there to help place your trees and make sure it all has a smooth look.

VOLUNTEER: We need and must have volunteers for the show! The minimum is 3 volunteers at each “shift” but we can have more as well. At all times we need:

Door Greeter and Counter
Raffle Sales
Watcher

Each of these positions is important and we can always have multiple people at each place. Those who Walk and Watch keep an eye to make sure people don't touch, break or harm the trees. All positions are emissaries of the club and the public loves asking questions about Bonsai. Do not feel like you cannot do this.. I guarantee even as a brand new club member, you know 4X more than the average person walking in. A friendly person goes a long way to helping people feel welcome!

VOLUNTEERS+ for setup and take-down: We need help both putting the show together on Friday May 20 from 1-5pm at Zilker and taking it all back down again from 5-6:30pm on Sunday May 22. For set up, we must first set all the tables in position, put the risers on the legs, assemble the backdrop scaffolding and drape and clip the backdrops, cover the tables with the white cloths and pin the sides back and put the Tatami mat runners along the top. This is before we place any trees. All of this goes so much faster with more hands, your club needs you! Also if you have a truck or van or want to help us load up the supplies from storage, we could use some strong people there as well. We also need items for the RAFFLE, so please consider a donation. Contact a Board Member for more info.

Our Club show is only as good as the trees and the volunteers we get at any given year. YOU make the club and you also make the show! It is the single biggest opportunity of the year for us to get new members and meet with the public about our art. Please support your club by volunteering and helping make this “comeback” show one to remember.

-Joey McCoy, Show Chair



New/Renewed Members

Andrew Brunner



[Http://www.bihydro.com](http://www.bihydro.com)

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Austin, TX 78748
(512)444-2100

2521 Rutland Dr. #475
Austin, TX 78758
(512)459-4353

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.