



# SNIPS 'N CLIPS

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## BONSAI CALENDAR

**All meetings are held on the second Thursday, 7 pm, at Lions Field Adult Community Center, Broadway at Mulberry St., SA, TX. 78209**

**NEW...Each month** will have a "mini-show" of bonsai that anyone can bring in to talk about. Due to the auction this month no special showing of bonsai.

**JULY 10: SABS AUCTION!!!** Members bring your extra bonsai, items of interest and garden stuff and support the club activities..

**HOSTS:** Chris & Donna L , Donnie B

**JULY 23: RICHARD HAYES BONSAI 101:** Beginners Workshop in Bonsai, everyone is welcome, Newbies and members, 7 pm at Lions Field.

**SABS CLUB PICNIC:** Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm at the Koehler Pavilion in Brackenridge Park.

**AUGUST 14: Program:** Tropical tree re-potting.

**SEPTEMBER 10-11: LSBF Special guest artist, Peter Tea is presenting to SABS.**

**DECEMBER 11: Special guest artist from Europe Walter Pall presenting to SABS. AND** the Annual Christmas Party, please bring a covered dish and a contribution of canned goods for the San Antonio Food Bank

## President's Message

By Ryan O

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Aloha, from the shores of Kauai, Hawaii. While enjoying the sun and relaxing at the pool and ocean, I have also been admiring the local/native vegetation including ferns, Birds of Paradise, Plumeria trees, fruit trees, and flat-topped trees similar to a Brazilian rain tree. One tree that caught my attention was an evergreen growing within lava rocks forming the coast.

Two aspects of the tree intrigued me, 1) I thought it was unusual for an evergreen to grow near the coast and 2) the longer than average needles. Doing some research and visiting a nearby nursery, I found out the evergreen is a hearty tree called *Beach Ironwood* or *Casuarina equisetifolia*. *Equisetum* is Latin for "horse hair", thus the long needles. I was told Ironwoods love the salt water which got me thinking it might do well in SATX with our sodium rich water. Since Ironwoods are widely used as bonsai in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean, I brought home a few seeds to try since I couldn't bring home a tree due to agricultural regulations. Wish me luck.

In Kauai, it rained nearly every day; sometimes for 5 minutes, sometimes for 20 minutes. These short bursts of rain cooled the family off after being in the sun all day. Relating this experience to Bonsai, reminded me of the importance to not let your trees overheat during our hot summer months. Be sure to water your trees on a daily basis. Better yet, water twice a day (if the tree is tolerant of multiple waters) such that you water once to "feed" the tree and a second time to "cool down" the roots and soil. Just remember to not shock the tree, roots, and soil by pouring ice cold water and drastically changing the temperature.

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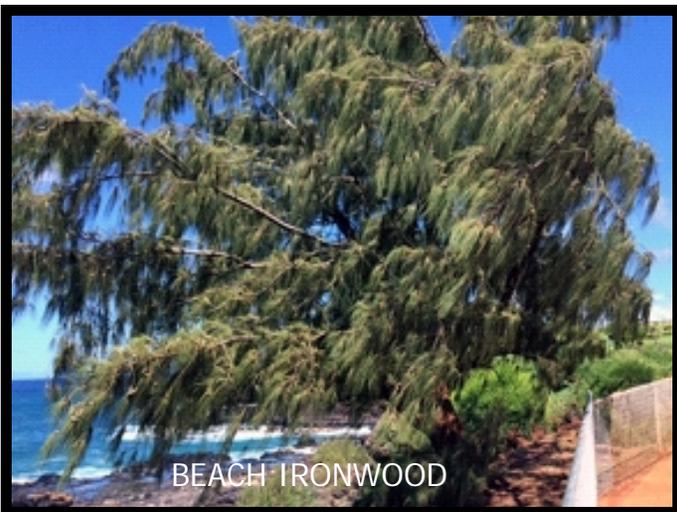
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During our July meeting, I will be passing around the sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring various food and beverage items for our August picnic. SABS will provide the main course (generally BBQ) and ice for the drinks while the Club asks for members to bring appetizers, side dishes, desserts, etc. The Club will also provide extension cords for any items requiring electricity, including a few fans to keep us cool. Members' spouses and young kids are welcome too.

I kindly ask that ALL sellers have their selling tags filled out and attached to their items prior to arriving to the meeting. I want to get started right away as it takes nearly the full two hours to get through all the items. I kindly ask ALL buyers to arrive early to receive your bidding paddle. No paddle = no bidding.

The Club has a full library of books, magazines, videos, and pictures all related to bonsai and all donated by past and present members. Check out the list within your handbook. If you email me a head of time, I can bring the items to the next meeting.

Lastly, please remember all club members are welcome to attend the **Richard Hayes Bonsai 101** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month starting at 7 pm. If your weekend schedules are busy or it becomes too hot to work on the weekends, you may bring in your trees to work on them during this period. Kevin and I gladly welcome a full house of newbies and existing members.



## PROGRAM CORNER

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July is the month that we get to find **diamonds in the rough**, so to speak. We have our annual auction. I have found some very good pre-bonsai at auctions and at very reasonable prices. Sometime the auction goes so fast that not everybody gets the chance to see what is in front of them **so**, get there early to check out everything before the auction starts. Bring your check book or a stuffed wallet. **I'm going to challenge** everyone to bring in 5 or more items related to bonsai or even gardening items too. I'll bring in 10 or so items myself as I need to downsize to make room for the new goodies that I will take home.

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual  
\$50 family  
\$25 senior  
\$40 senior family

We are at the summer solstice as I'm writing this or as I like to call it "Tropical Time". We can now start root pruning/repotting our tropicals, if you haven't started already. Its safe to root prune our tropicals (*Bahamas Black Olive*, *Buttonwood*, *Fukien Tea*, etc) now through Aug/Sept, we want **at least 4 to 6 weeks of very warm weather after we prune** the roots to give them time to establish. You can start on your *Texas Ebony* and other South Texas natives if you haven't already. It's also safe to keep on re-potting semi-tropicals like *Ficus* and *figs*.

**OK I'm gonna repeat myself over again and again**, kinda like when we have fire drills in school, we will be so use to it, it will become second nature.....Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. In these dog days of summer the soil can sometimes dry out quicker than 24 hours. I have several plants that need watering 2 times a day and a few that need 3 times. Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. If your soil is not drying out daily, there might be something wrong and you should investigate why.

Insects are always on the move during the summer. Inspect for ANY and all insects and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Be sure to know if its friend or foe.

Watch out for the heat of the sun cooking your pots, soil and roots. The week before the Summer Solstice we had a major heat wave.

The highs during the day were near 105° and the heat index during the day stayed around 118°. I lost a few trees due to not watching closely. Also a few trees got scorched. Covering the edges of your pots with anything to keep off the direct sun, I use 1x2s and 1x4s cut to the length of the pots. Also check your stands during the heat of the day with your hand to see how hot it is. If it's hot to the touch then it is probably too hot for your bonsai. When this happens then try raising your pots off the benches, here again I use 1x2s under the feet to keep them cooler and it allows for better air circulation under the pots too.

When inspecting for insects on trees, check all around the foliage or leaves, in-between twigs and in/or under the pot. Spider mites are very tiny bugs (about this size > . <) and will kill your trees before you know that they are there! The best way to find the smallest of the attacking insects (Spider mites) is put you tree over a piece of white paper and tap on all the branches, this will knock off some of the little critters, if you can mash/smear the specks, then they need to be eradicated.

1. Continue to pinch and clip according to species, to develop new branching.

2. Apply a fungicide and insecticide at least once every 4 weeks.

3. A fertilization schedule should be continued at this time of year.

Watch your training wires, so they will not cut into the branches. If you need to re-wire after you removed it (**because the branch not staying in place**) do not put the wire over the same "line" , place it over another area of the branch as not to scar the previous wire line.

I try to use a preventive insecticide and fungicide treatment every 4 weeks during the growing season here in *Corpus Christi* that can be up to 10 months. With indoor growing, insect inspection and prevention is an on-going job year around.

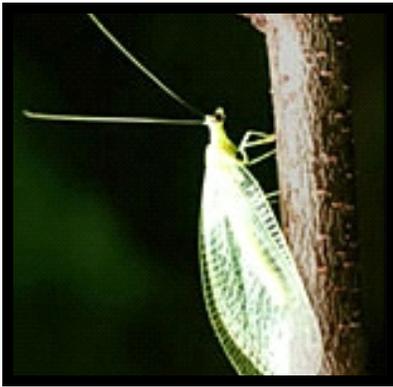
We all have our own methods of treating for insects. Regular spraying of the foliage with water, especially on junipers, can help prevent the little critters from taking up residence on your trees.

#### REMEMBER:

- 1) Do not use Neem oil on any type of elms, it will defoliate them and can kill t h e m ! ! ! ! !
- 2) Do not use Kelthane on any type of elms, it will defoliate them and can kill t h e m ! ! ! ! !
- 3) Do not use Malathion on Buttonwoods, it can kill them.
- 4) Do not use Neem oil on Boxwoods, it can kill them.
- 5) Do not use Disyston on Fukien Tea, it can kill them.

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Here's a beneficial insect to watch for in your garden – most likely you've seen these at one time or another. The insect, larvae, and eggs of the lacewing. The larvae are voracious eaters and will dine on aphids, mites, thrips, insect eggs, small worms and other pesky insects.



**ADULT**



**LARVAE**



**EGGS-SUSPENDED IN THE AIR ON AN INVISIBLE SPIKE**

 University of Nebraska  
Department of Entomology

**Tuesday, July 22, 7 pm, Lions Field : Good Bugs Eat Bad Bugs, *NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY***

Debbie Reid will discuss the use of natural gardening solutions, including beneficial insects, to control insect pests. Who are the natural enemies that we can rely on in San Antonio? How do we attract them? How do we create habitats to maintain their presence in our gardens? Can native plants be used?

**South Texas Native plants** (some are found throughout Texas)

Anacua, Bald Cypress, Barbados Cherry, Catclaw (una de gato), Cedar Elm, Cenizo, Colima, Coma, Desert Willow, Elbow bush, Fiddlewood (Berlandier and Boxthorn/ Mission), Granjeno (spiny hackberry) Huisache, Texas Kidneywood, Lantana, Mexican Olive, Mustang Grape, Oaks, Salt Cedar, Texas Persimmon, Texas Ebony, Yaupon Holly, White Brush Acacia.

**Subtropical plants**

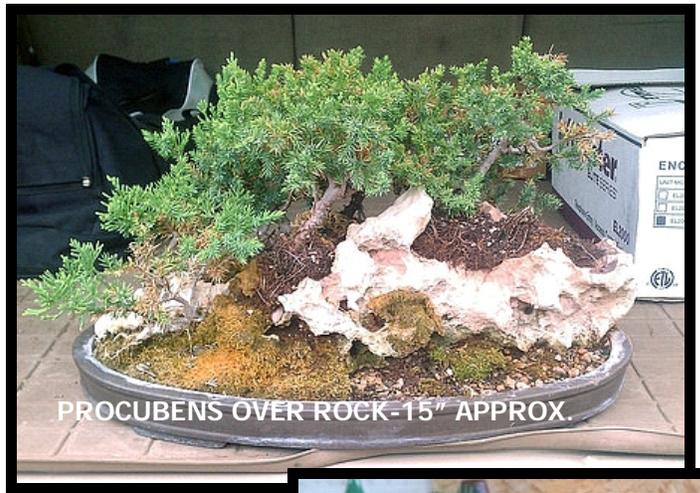
Bougainvillea, Chinese Sweet plum, Citrus (dwarfs), Ficus, Gardenia (dwarfs), Hibiscus, Lavender Star Flower, Natal Plum, Pomegranate, Portulacaria afra, Schefflera arboricola (dwarf), Snow Rose, Surinam Cherry.

**Tropicals plants**

Bahama Berry, Bahama Black Olive, Brazilian Raintree, Buttonwood, Fukien Tea, Neea Buxifolia, Dwarf Powder puff, Tamarind, Wrightii Religiosa.



NARROW-LEAF FICUS-3" BASE



PROCUBENS OVER ROCK-15" APPROX.



BUNJIN PINE-BACKSIDE



TRIDENT MAPLE GROUP-24" STONE

SOME OF THE  
ITEMS AVAILABLE  
AT THE  
CLUB  
AUCTION THIS  
JULY 10TH  
AT 7 PM



SIMILAR IN SIZE  
TO OTHER STAND



18" LONG X 7" TALL



SHOHIN STAND-1 OF 3 DIFFERENT STYLES

## UPDATES TO THE MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2014

**July:** Auction during regular club meeting, July 10th and **CLUB PICNIC** at THE KOEHLER PRAVILION Brackenridge Park. Sunday, August 3rd, 11 am to 2 pm.

**August:** Tropical re-potting. Bring your own tree, tools, wire and soil.

**September:** Visiting Artist 2. Join **Peter Tea**, the LSBF visiting artist for a lecture-demo and maybe be lucky enough to walk out with a Spectacular tree! The following Friday, there will be a BYOT (Bring in your own Tree) workshop at Donna's Studio Friday from 5 pm till 9 pm. Space is limited to 10 participants. Observers are welcome but no questions from the gallery.

**October:** BYOT (Bring in your own Tree) Bring your tree in for styling and wiring

**November:** Preparing your bonsai for the winter by Ryan O and pot swap to gather pots for repotting in the spring.

**December: Special Guest Artist: Walter Pall** from Europe, he will be doing a program for the Houston Bonsai Society so we get to share. This is a very special opportunity. Walter was to attend the New Braunfels Convention last year but had to cancel. Many of us were very disappointed-he is a phenomenal bonsai artist.

**December:** Christmas Party. Besides **bring some canned food that will be those less fortunate.**



your party food contribution—**Please given to the SA Food Bank to help**

## BONSAI CALENDAR AROUND THE WORLD

**July 19-20, 2014:** Wildwood Gardens BBQ, Chardon, Ohio [www.wildwoodgardens.com](http://www.wildwoodgardens.com)

**July 22, 7 pm, Lions Field :** **Good Bugs Eat Bad Bugs, NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**

**August 15-17, 2014:** Chicago Bonsai Society Show, Highland Park, IL [www.midwestbonsai.org](http://www.midwestbonsai.org)

**August 22-25 2014:** BCI 201: BCI will be held at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.  
Details: <http://bonsai-bci.com>.

**August 30-31, 2014:** Redwood Empire Bonsai Show, Santa Rosa, California [www.rebsbonsai.org](http://www.rebsbonsai.org)

**September 13-14, 2014:** The 4th US NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION, in Rochester, New York. More info contact: [www.Internationalbonsai.com](http://www.Internationalbonsai.com)

**Oct 30- Nov 2, 2014:** Golden State Bonsai Federation, Sacramento, California [www.gsbf-bonsai.org](http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org)

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**TAGS FOR THE JULY AUCTION—COPY OR CUT-OUT AND PLACE  
WITH EACH AUCTION ITEM  
BEFORE THE MEETING JULY 10TH**



The informal upright style (Moyogi) is considered the most popular shape in all bonsai, especially suited to our native Ashe Juniper.

Our logo, represented by this informal style stands for the informal nature of the San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc. This popular, interesting style depicts the objectives of the Society—promoting participation and enjoyment of Bonsai. The emblem was adopted as the official logo in September, 1977.

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