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## BONSAI CALENDAR

### January

01/13 - Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Lion's Field

01/22 - Convention Meeting,  
9:30am, Donna's Studio

01/26 - Bonsai Workshop,  
6:30pm, Lion's Field

01/29 - Club Dig in Boerne - Sign-  
up sheet forthcoming

### February

02/03 - Club Meeting, 6:30pm,  
Lion's Field, Andrew Robson

02/05 - Raffle Item Collection for  
Con-vention, 9:00am Kevin P.'s Office

02/10 - Club Meeting, 6:30pm

02/12 - Soil Mixer, 9:30am Ryan o.'s  
house

02/19 - Club Dig in Leaky, TX - Sign-  
up sheet forthcoming

02/23 - Bonsai Workshop,  
6:30pm, Lion's Field

**Say goodbye to the Ox, In the Tiger Feb.**



## President's Message

Jay N. [bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com](mailto:bonsai-jay@satx.rr.com)

Hello and Welcome to a New Year. I hope this message finds you and yours happy and healthy. February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 marks the beginning of the Asian year of the Tiger. Let's hope the all years get better from now on.

Your Board of Directors this year is as follows:

President - Jay N.

Vice President - Ryan O.

Treasurer - Kevin P.

Secretary - Vicki A.

Members at Large - Chancey B., Conrad G., Steve Y.,  
Don B., & Sally C.

Special Thanks to outgoing board members Steve B., Jim H., and David R. for their service to our Bonsai Society.

The City of San Antonio has reopened the Lions Field Adult and Senior Center to letting us have our meetings in-person again. So mark your calendars for those second Thursdays of the months starting @ 6:30 PM. I hope to see you there. This means that club dues are re-instated and are due prior to the end of January to continue to receive this newsletter.

Our Bonsai 101 workshops are available again at the Lions Field Adult and Senior Center on the fourth Wednesday of the month also starting @ 6:30 PM. Bring a tree or two and get advice and answers to your questions on styling and horticulture.

We have an exciting year ahead of the Society with club soil mixers, club digs, a LSBF State Convention (the first in two years), Botanical Garden Exhibits and several guest artists through the year to teach and impart their knowledge of this art.

**THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS FEB. 3rd. FOR A VISITING BONSAI ARTIST ANDREW ROBSON.**

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## Vice President/Program Director's Message

Happy New Year to all!!!!

As Jay mentioned above, we have packed our Club calendar to get back into the depths of bonsai. The Board met in December and planned wonderful and exciting discussion topics and events throughout 2022, to fulfill your bonsai needs. 2022 is the year we are going to get back together and have fun learning bonsai!!!

As you can see from the calendar, January is full of events. Our first gathering will include an in-depth lecture on the various components we may use in our soil "recipe". Members Don B. and Jay N. are discussing the various materials that may be used in a soil composition. Their lecture includes the pros and cons of substrates and various substrates to use for various growth techniques, species of trees, and due to the age of a tree.

The lecture on soils doesn't stop at the end of Don's and Jay's discussion, as we continue the discussion with our annual soil mixer at my house (SATX 78255) beginning at 9:00am WEATHER PERMITTING. Please bring sifters, gloves, large buckets/bins to collect sifted material, empty chlorine or red buckets soil buckets from 2021. We will once again Doordash a luncheon.

Speaking of Soil!!!! Our traditional soil mixture is changing this year. The Board has been working on finding new substrates to include in our Club soil mixture. I am still working on finding the necessary substrates, so I do not have the final composition yet, but our new Club soil is based on those wanting to add any additional "ingredients" to the Club mixture or use it directly for newly collected trees or very young bonsai trees.

With that said, our Board is also working on bringing in a higher quality of bonsai soil components for those to use with more advanced/developed bonsai and older bonsai. We are working on bringing in Akadama, Pumice, and Lava in separate bags as well as already mixed. We hope to bring a small batch in by late January and the rest in by early March. Our national shipping bottleneck is causing many suppliers to be out of stock of materials. We will offer components separately or mixed. Price to be determined.

We have scheduled two digs for this year 1) Boerne and 2) Leaky TX. The Boerne location is the same location we have been to about 3-4 times. The new Leaky, TX location consists of 500 acres to search for trees. The owner is newly interested in bonsai so we will be able to collect and teach him new techniques. An electronic sign-up page with addresses will be created and sent out soon.

Don B. has invited Andrew Robson back in February. Those that worked with Andrew at Don's house in November will have a second chance to work with him again. Andrew will also provide the Club an update to the Chinese Elm he worked on in November. The update to the Chinese Elm will happen at our **February Club Meeting on February 3rd 6:30pm, Lion's Field.**

All those with convention raffle and auction items wanting to clean out your garage or storage room can bring all items on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will sort, catalog, box, label, and palletize all items to make it easier during the convention. Location to be announced in early February.

Don't forget to register for the 2022 Bonsai Convention at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/san-antonio-bonsai-society-and-lone-star-bonsai-federation-27761752397>

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR  
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY  
\$30 individual  
\$50 family \$25 senior 60+  
\$40 senior family



WELL IT IS THAT TIME  
AGAIN!!!

BE SURE AND WATCH FOR  
THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE  
NEXT COLLECTING TRIP.

IT IS SO MUCH FUN AND  
WHAT BETTER WAY TO  
SPEND THE DAY THAN OUT  
WITH MOTHER NATURE AND  
BONSAI BUDDIES!





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

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