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Upcoming Bonsai Events

December

December 8th

Board Meeting,
Ryan's House,
11am

December 12th

Club Meeting –
Holiday Party,
Lions Field,
6:30pm

December 25th

**NO BYOT
WORKSHOP DUE
TO HOLIDAY**

January

January 9th

Club Meeting –
TBD, Lions Field,
6:30pm

January 29th

BYOT Workshop,
Lions Field,
6:30pm

Meetings held at the
Lion's Field Center 2809
Broadway, SATX 78209
and/or Café College 131
El Paso Street, SATX
78204



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President's Message by Conrad Gamboa, cgamboa013@gmail.com

Dear Members of the San Antonio Bonsai Society,

As 2024 draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible year it has been for our Club. Together, we have fostered an environment where learning, creativity, and camaraderie thrive - thanks to the contributions of each and every one of you.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Board members. Your hard work behind the scenes has been the foundation of our success. From organizing meetings to ensuring our events run smoothly, your efforts do not go unnoticed. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a talented and passionate team.

To our exceptional presenters - thank you for sharing your expertise and enthusiasm with us. The lectures, demonstrations, and workshops have been nothing short of magnificent, enriching our understanding of bonsai and inspiring us to elevate our practice. Your willingness to share your knowledge has truly been a gift to our Club.

Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to our members. Throughout the year, I've reminded you that the grass is not greener on the other side, but rather, the grass is greener where you water it. Today, our Club is a vibrant green and lush and a beautiful sight to behold. Your dedication to learning, participation in our events, and genuine love for bonsai are what make our society special. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or new to the art, your passion and engagement have made this year unforgettable.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. Let's continue to nurture this community, support one another, and grow together - just like the bonsai trees we love.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



Please
Welcome our
Newest
Member(s)

Those considering joining SABS may attend a free meeting. Membership forms available at each meeting and on website.

Congratulate
these Members
on their
Membership
Anniversary in
2024

5 years

Conrad, Joe,
Gloria, &
Veronica

10 years

Leydana

15 years

Evelyn, Roberto,
Alberto, & Virgie

20+ years

Jay, Kevin,
Hattie, Donna,
Chuck, Pat,
Alfred, David,
Dawn, Paul, &
Jack



Vice-President's Message

by Gabe Hernandez,
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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our deciduous trees start to change their leaf color if they haven't already. The green will change to nice reds, yellows, and oranges. Once your trees go naked, take advantage of wiring and styling your trees. Since they are dormant, they need less water, but do not let the roots dry out.

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank our 2024 Board for doing an awesome job! Conrad did a great job by keeping us in line! Keeping all the members up to date with workshop reminders during our meetings and helping SABS push forward!

Ryan did an impressive job keeping track of our finances. Ricky a great job keeping notes during our meetings. Bruce and Joe were amazing with keeping track and signing up members to bring food and snacks to the meetings. Many, many, many thanks to Diane, David, and Bryan for their support!

I hope you, the members, enjoyed this year. I hope you learned a lot and your bonsai knowledge grew! Don't be afraid to ask questions! I hope everyone has a great rest of the year and I'll see you in 2025!

And don't forget to turn your trees so they get even sunlight, don't forget to water and have fun!

Please welcome our 2025 Board members: **Bryan B., Cheryl B., Penny B., Diane C., Carl D., Richard M., Ryan O., Kevin P., and Ricky R.**

Thursday, Dec. 12th

Ready to celebrate the holidays! This is our last meeting of the year! We will be gathering and feasting on tamales, turkey, and brisket at Lions Field. SABS members are asked to bring a covered dish to share with others. There will also be a tree decorating competition for any members who want to participate.

There will also be a white elephant gift swap. Everyone who brings a gift (max value \$25) will be able to participate. Those participating will be given a number. The first person will select a gift, the next person has an option to select another gift or steal from the first person. The person whose gift gets stolen can get another gift from the table. The third person can steal or select a gift. After that, anything goes! Good luck!

Vice-President's Message (cont.)

Photos from November's Clay Workshop



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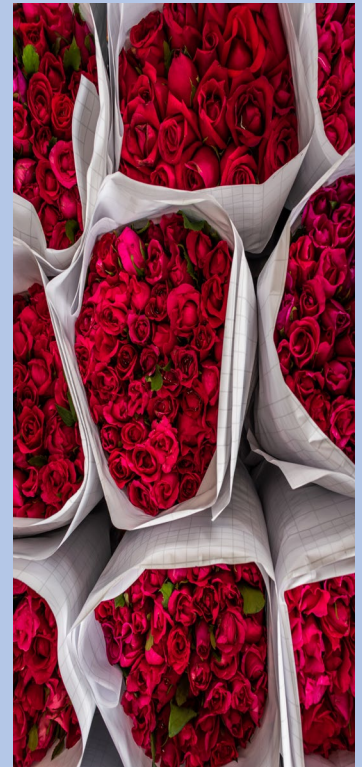
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Lone Star Bonsai Federation Artist
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South Texas Bonsai Kai Founder
3rd Saturday of September

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Bonsai Funnies

“Tis the season
to adopt more
bonsai”





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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.

For additional information please visit SABS at

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Annual Membership Due:

Individual	\$30
Family	\$50
Senior (65+) Individual:	\$25
Senior (65+) Family:	\$40
Individual Nametag:	\$15

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