



Bonsai Notebook

A Publication of the Austin Bonsai Society

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President's Message

by

Carl Quisenberry

May is the busiest month for the Austin Bonsai Society. We have several club members who deserve our thanks for their club support and the promotion of Bonsai. First, Marty Klajnowski gave an excellent lecture at our May meeting on preparing trees for showing and how to best display them. Not only was it very informative, but timely as well. Our Zilker show was the following weekend. Jim's creative idea to redo the set up and display of the many members Bonsai made it more open and inviting. Thanks to Charlotte and Joey for providing pictures of the show.

In addition to our regular club meeting, board meeting, members workshop, annual Bonsai show and LSBF state convention in Fort Worth, we were asked to provide a Bonsai display at the Japan American Society of Greater Austin's annual show, the same weekend as the convention. Again, our member's rose to the occasion. George Brown took four trees, including two beautiful Azaleas whose petals danced to the beat of the big Kyoto drums, Jim took an excellent cascade Chinese Elm and we had several members volunteer time to answer visitor's questions.

Glenda and Darryl Konopka have been publishing the Bonsai Notebook for some time. Unfortunately their jobs are demanding and it was not always possible for them to commit the time required to publish the newsletter. They both spent the entire month of April out of town. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank them for their dedication. Charlotte Cranberg has volunteered to give it a try when she gets her computer set up for desktop publishing. In the meantime, while I've been using MS Publisher for ten years, Adobe PageMaker is all new. Pat Ware provided great help with some PageMaker insights and quirks.

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Calendar of Events

- June 8 Monthly Meeting
New Life for Neglected Trees
7:30 PM
Zilker Garden Center
Refreshments by:
Sheila Setter
Liz Cody**
- June 11 LSBF Meeting
1:00 PM
Zilker Garden Center**
- June 15 Board Meeting
7:00 PM
Zilker Garden Center**
- June 18 Shohin Society Meeting**
- June 22 Members workshop
Watering Systems
7:30 PM
Zilker Garden Center**
- July 13 Monthly meeting
Photographing Bonsai Workshop
with Jim Trahan**



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**July 14-16 LSBF Convention in
Corpus Christi**

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General Meeting Minutes

by

Charlotte Cranberg

Austin Bonsai Society May Meeting 2005

The meeting of the Austin Bonsai Society was called to order at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 by President Carl Quisenberry.

Charles Dominey and Joey McCoy were thanked for refreshments. George Brown brought 2 magnificent azalea bonsai to the meeting. He was invited to bring them to the Japanese Festival coming up in 2 days at the Zilker Botanical Gardens. They had asked for the Bonsai Society to display some bonsai at their festival. George agreed if they were still looking good by Saturday.

The meeting was turned over to Jim Trahan who introduced the speaker, Marty Klajnowski. She spoke on display and getting plants ready for showing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Terry setting up for show

Board Meeting Minutes

by

Charlotte Cranberg

The Austin Bonsai Society Board was called to order at 7:20 PM on Wed., May 18, 2005 at the Austin Area Garden Center by President Carl Quisenberry. Present were Carl Quisenberry, Joey McCoy, Pat and Chuck Ware, Jim Trahan, Alisan Clarke and Charlotte Cranberg.

Joey was welcomed as a new member to the board.

This weekend's bonsai show was discussed. Sign up sheets will be put out on Friday night.

The Japan-American Society of Greater Austin, Festival last weekend was a great success. Our bonsai display was impressive and much admired. The two wonderful azaleas that were displayed at our meeting were still in excellent shape and were displayed with a cascade Chinese elm, a trident maple over stone and a female ginko as well as several nice accent plants. There was a lot of interest in the Bonsai Society and they were very pleased and grateful for our contribution. We were delighted to make many good contacts, as were they.

It was voted to send \$100 to the Ft. Worth Bonsai Society for our contribution to the convention. There was great dismay and embarrassment that there was an oversight in getting the contribution to them in a timely manner. They will get our humblest apologies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.



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If you are interested in taking this opportunity on, please talk to Jim, Charlotte, Alisan, Joey, Chuck, Pat or me. In closing, I apologize to everyone in advance for not having enough information to label the show pictures.



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Japanese Maple



Mike giving Boxwood workshop

June Programs

By Jim Trahan

Thank you to everyone that helped with the show last month. We had an excellent display of trees and it appears that we have attracted visitors to join the club. This was one of the most generous experiences I've witnessed in the club thus far. Whether you just dropped by to leave a tree, transported trees for other members, watched the door, spoke with visitors, or helped with the setup and breakdown-- thank you! Every member made a difference.

Sheila's kusamono workshop was a lot of fun, and I think quite a few beautiful kusamono were created that night. I look forward to seeing these develop through the year. Sheila made the pots for this workshop. I'm always amazed at what a diverse and capable bunch of people we have in the club!

You saw something in that tree when you bought it. But now it's a disaster and you don't know what to do with it. What were you thinking?! Now it just sits on the bench waiting for your inspiration. If it seems like I'm talking to you, then our next program will help. For our General Meeting this month, we will have a hands-on workshop on restoring neglected trees. The workshop will be divided into two areas, with one table assisting with horticulture and the other table assisting with styling. This has the potential to be a very fun workshop. Please bring an ugly or otherwise neglected tree and your tools. Present your tree at each table and receive advice on how to proceed turning your neglected tree into beautiful and healthy trees. With some direction from our panel of senior members, we will be able to give new life to these diamonds in the rough.

Due to extraordinary circumstances, the 4th Wednesday Study Group, as written, has been changed. I hope to announce a replacement by the General Meeting on the 8th.



You might be hooked on bonsai IF:
...your backyard has more trees than a national forest
...you have more copper wire laying around than an electrician
...you make your own dirt
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Boxwood Landscape



Satsuki Azalea





Shimpaku Juniper



Juniper Over Stone



Japanese White Pine



Satsuki Azalea



Shohin Display



Ficus

Ten Commandments of Bonsai

by
Bill Wilie

Thou shalt devise thine own potting mix. Thou mayest seek advice and help from others but must formulate thine own mix according to thine own microenvironment and watering and fertilizing regiment.

Thou shalt determine the ph of thine own water and adjust it to slightly acidic.

Thou shalt immediately, or as soon as possible, remove any new plant from its original potting mix and place it in thine own.

Thou shalt abhor, despise, detest and hate all such vermin as squirrels and mayest not go to the local feed store and buy the 50 lb. bags of corn to feed them because "they are so cute".

Thou shalt take care of thy bonsai as though they were thine own children - for indeed, they art. Thou shalt water them, feed them, groom them, love them and keep them from all harm.

Thou shalt do thine own repotting and trimming. Thou mayest seek advice and assistance but must do the actual work thine own self.

Thou shalt not bow down and worship "The Rules" of bonsai and shalt recognize that they are naught but "guidelines" - albeit excellent guidelines. Thou shouldst learn them and abide by them - when applicable and possible.

Thou shalt seek diligently for potential bonsai, they being available whence and where found.

Thou shalt not covet they neighbor's bonsai, nor his pots, nor his tools - lest ye be willing to pay him at least 10 times its maximum true value.

Thou shalt do everything in they power to promote the art of Bonsai.

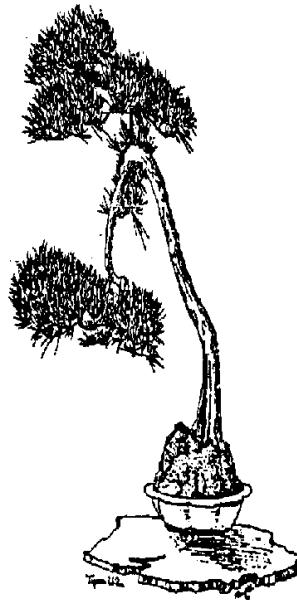
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The Austin Bonsai Society is a non-profit organization which exists to help in providing guidance and education for individuals in their desire to learn and expand their knowledge and skill in the arts of bonsai.

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 nominal, presently only \$25.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a



Please contact the Austin Bonsai Society at P. O. Box 340474, Austin, Tx. 78734 for more information.

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