

## **Bonsai Notebook**

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### **Calendar of Events**

#### June 22 (4th Wednesday)

Shohin Juniper – LSBF artist

#### June 23

BYOT Workshop with LSBF artist at MBP

## 2022 Board of Directors

Roland Lopez President

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Jacob Keller Member-At-Large

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## **Volunteers**

Tree Hosts Jonathan W Chuck W

Food/Refreshment hosts Roland L Mike G

## President's Message

By Roland Lopez

Hello ABS!

It is June so you know what that means! More hot weather coming our way. But, with all this sun, your trees are getting all the energy they need. It's a good time to start airlayering if you have some material that needs it. It also might be a good time to move things around in the garden. Shohin should be protected by the hot afternoon sun, for example. If you keep your plants hydrated, then you're good to go for this summer. Don't forget to fertilize!

It was a pleasure having Will Baddeley here last month! I don't know about you, but he sure gave me the confidence and a desire to start carving more. Will was such a great person to work with too. Congratulations to Eric Benson who won the Texas ebony that Will worked on! We look forward to seeing the progression of your new tree, Eric.

This month, we finally get to meet Mr. Mike Lane in person! Mike made his debut with ABS in 2020 and then did another virtual program for us in 2021. I'm so excited we can finally interact with Mike in an in-person format. He will be styling a shohin juniper for us. Mike is a shohin and tropical expert, so we thought it would be fun for him to do something a little different for us this time with a conifer. Mike will also be here for a Bring Your Own Tree workshop the following day so mark your calendars for that if you're thinking about attending.

The meeting this month will take place back at the Zilker Botanical Gardens auditorium. We are meeting on June 22 this month. That is the fourth Wednesday of June. NOT on June 8. Please remind yourself of this so you don't go to an empty auditorium on the wrong day.

Alright everyone. Please take care and we'll see you on June 22!

Warmly smiling,

Roland

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## **ABS Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting began 7:00 pm

Attendees: Roland, Gloria, Morgan, and Gerrit

Directories - Gerrit will attempt to create a digital copy for our members. Board discussed digital copies moving forward for all members.

LSBF Update: ABS board voted to share the cost of Mike Lane's flight with Houston and San Antonio.

LSBF board voted to let Dallas hold the convention before Austin. We are now being delayed to 2026. Our club convention chair will meet with other key chairs to address concerns.

Club to change c4 tax status to c3 with the help of member, Charlie Gibson. \$600 filing fee. Charlie will file and get changes done for us if club votes to do so. Board voted yes to move forward and announce at next club meetings. Club will vote together to change status.

Increase membership dues - Roland will announce membership dues increase at June and July meetings. The membership will vote on it. There was a vote amend Gloria's previous motion regarding dues.

Mike Lane - board discussed Mike's visit, fees, and material for demonstration. Workshop to take place at MBP.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm

#### Reminder for club membership

#### 2022 membership fee

Individual \$32.50 Family \$37.50 Newsletter monthly advertisements: \$37.50 Directory advertisement: \$11

You may contact <u>payments.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com</u> for convenient electronic payment options (processing fee included).

#### **ABS Board Announcement**

Austin Bonsai Society proposed membership dues increase as of January 1, 2023.

Regarding dues, the By Laws of the Austin Bonsai Society state at Article IX, Section 3. A. "Dues for members shall be determined by a quorum of the membership present at any authorized meeting and are not refundable."

At the Austin Bonsai Society Board meeting on May 17, 2022, the board voted to present to the membership a motion that dues be increased to \$35 for individuals and \$40 for families beginning January, 2023 because of increased costs, in particular, an increase in AAGC fees (\$12 instead of \$10 and a 15% fee imposed on raffles that occur at the Zilker Garden Center), increased cost of demo trees, and increase cost of web site hosting fees.

A discussion of this proposal will occur on June 22 and a vote will occur on July 13 at the Regular Meetings of the Society.

Your 2022 ABS Board Members



### New/Renewed Members

Brin B.

CIZ.

Emmanuel & Catherine R.

Mike & Gail Q.

Anna & Andy M.

## **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.