



Bonsai Notebook

www.austinbonsaisociety.com

A Publication of the Austin Bonsai Society

May 2023 vol 152

Our News

President's and Vice President's Message
page 2 - 3

ABS Board Meeting Minutes
page 4 - 5

Bonsai Calendar - Looking ahead
page 6

ABS Show and Sale
page 7 - 8

May Bonsai
page 9 - 10

LSBF Convention (Ft. Worth)
page 11 - 21

New Members/Recruiting Authors/
Advertisements
page 22 - 24

Calendar of Events

May 10, 2023

- ◆ Topic: Harlandii Boxwood Forest
- ◆ Presenter: Mike Lane
- ◆ Location: Zilker Botanical Garden
- ◆ Meeting begins at 7 pm
- ◆ Social starts at 6:30 pm

May 19, 2023

- ◆ Annual Bonsai Show Setup (2pm - 8:45pm)

May 20 - 21, 2023

- ◆ Annual Bonsai Show at Zilker Botanical Garden (10am - 5pm)
- ◆ Take Down after 5pm

June 10 - 11, 2023

- ◆ LSBF Shohin/Mame Convention at Fort Worth

2023 Board of Directors

Jonathan W.
President

Roland L.
Vice President

Eric B.
Secretary

Gloria N.
Treasurer

Simon T.
Member-At-Large

Jacob K.
Member-At-Large

Ever V.
Member-At-Large

Volunteers

Refreshments
Roland L.
Ever V.

Tree Host
Jake G.
Quoc H.

President's Message

By Jonathan W.

It's showtime!

Our May show weekend (May 20th-21st 2023) is just around the corner... One of my favorite times of the Austin Bonsai Society annual programming calendar. *Our annual show is an "all hands on deck" event* and is a shared service each and every available club member plays a part in. Special thanks to show Chairperson Joey McCoy and the volunteers who are coming together to assemble this year's show!

Can't wait to see what our members bring in to display. Also looking forward to time spent having fun and getting to know more volunteer members. Reminder: please drop off plants at Zilker Friday evening May 15th at 5:00 PM and help set up table risers, show screens, and displays of approximately 50+ trees. Following past tradition, a celebratory pizza party will take place at Zilker as volunteers finalize setting up the show Friday evening so don't miss out on good times! Then, come by Saturday and Sunday, bringing friends and family to enjoy the show. In years past we have had approximately 600 to 1,200 people tour our show, enjoying demonstrations, vendor and raffle tables. Then, come pick up your wonderful little trees and help us disassemble the show on Sunday evening at 5:00PM.

Parking reminder: on the Saturday and Sunday of the show, club members ideally park in the volunteer lot down the gravel path at the far end of the parking lot (so the public has more parking spaces to come in and see our show). Also, we will have overflow parking at 2228 Stratford Dr, Austin, TX 78746 , with volunteer and public entrance through the "Rose Gate" @ the Hartman Prehistoric Garden in addition to the regular Botanical Garden entrance @ 2220 Barton Springs Road .

Display Reminder: any bonsai tree you would like to have displayed (or any items you loan for club use like stands, accent plants, scrolls, mosses, etc) must arrive on Friday late afternoon/ evening and remain in the show until Sunday evening @ 5:00PM. Also, Picking up trees early is not allowed because it would leave holes in the show and take away from the hard work that goes into meticulously setting up and balancing the exhibit for the public.

Sharing Reminder: if you have accent plants, display stands, accent stands, mosses etc that you can loan for the show, simply label them on the bottom and we are quite sure to find a perfect pairing for your accessories. Sometimes our accessories save the day!

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our new members! Reach out and say hi! Keep coming to 2nd Wednesday meetings and bonsai events around Texas to get to know future friends and mentors in the bonsai art. Maybe even bring a friend or two who takes interest in bonsai to Wednesday meetings from time to time. Also, it's good to read each month's newsletter as soon as it comes out as it will have important dates and events listed.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Wood, ABS President

Bonsai quote:

" Bonsai is not the result : that comes after. Your enjoyment is what is important."

"The Bonsai is not you working on the tree; you have to have the tree work on you"

--- John Naka, Master Bonsai Cultivator

Vice President's Message

By Roland L.

Hello Everyone,

I hope y'all are ready to awe and inspire our city with your trees this month! This is a special time of year when we all work together to put on a wonderful show for the public. If you haven't been to our show, I highly encourage you to be present for it! Witnessing people's reactions to bonsai is a lot of fun. It's a time when we can finally display these trees that we work so hard on and seldomly get to share with others.

Please, if you can, volunteer to help setup and breakdown. We need your help and your trees to make this a successful event!

Our guest artist this month is Mike Lane of Kitsune Bonsai! Mike will be creating a Harlandii boxwood forest that will be raffled off at the end of our meeting. These special subtropical shrubs are full of character with wonderful bark and small leaves.

Mike is one of my favorite professionals to learn from. His style of teaching along with his extensive knowledge of bonsai always leaves me feeling more confident about building my trees. I hope you all can meet him again this month at our meeting.

Please take care, all of you, and we'll see you soon,

Roland

Reminder for club membership and advertisement

2023 membership fee

Individual	\$35.00
Family	\$40.00
Newsletter monthly advertisements:	\$35.00
Directory advertisement:	\$11.00

You may contact payments.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com for convenient electronic payment options (processing fee will be added).

Get Connected!

Join our online
discussion



Official Website

Visit our website at
austinbonsaisociety.com

Facebook



Like our Facebook page
AustinBonsaiSociety

Twitter



Follow us on Twitter
@ATXBonsai

Instagram



Follow us on Instagram
@austinbonsaisociety

ABS Library

<https://abslibrary.libib.com/>

YouTube



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSkNbNLd3EOYwjNlneA>

ABS Board Meeting Minutes

Austin Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Jonathan W.
Roland L.
Gloria N.
Eric B.
Simon T.
Jacob K.
Everardo V.

Secretary's Report

No amendments offered to the Secretary's report.
Motion to accept minutes made.
Minutes accepted by vote of 6-0

Treasurer's Report

A spreadsheet was provided showing a small net to date for the month of April, and a small negative balance for this year, to date.
May Show Financials were discussed
2023 AAGC dues have been paid.
2023 LSBF dues have been paid.
Treasurer's report approved by unanimous vote of all present

Preparation for May 10, 2023 Club Meeting

Harlandii Boxwood forest with Mike Lane.
Overview of program and artist's needs.
Club wire? Supplies? Who is transporting the artist, etc.?
\$350.47 flight reimbursement from here to New Orleans.
Refreshment Hosts: Roland and Ever
Tree Hosts: Jake G and Quoc
Speaker/Artist Assistants: Roland/Eric

ADDITIONAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LSBF Delegate Report: No LSBF board meeting or activity, so nothing to report.
TTSBE Announcements: Per Simon: TTSBE will have a table at ABS show in May. Also a summer or fall sale 2023 is tentatively in the works.
Zilker Garden Council: Voting on AACG Board: 6 Board members vote to approve the 4 AAGC candidates

ABS Board Meeting Minutes (Continue)

New Business

Show Preparation: Discussion of show preparation, including items needed, logistics, staffing, parking, and promotion.

FUTURE ITEM: ROLAND - Visiting Artist ideas for 2024 program were discussed

FUTURE ITEM: ABS Member quick survey for workshop topics and presenters etc.

Meeting closed by President, following motion by Eric B. and unanimous vote of Board members present, at 8:53 PM.

Bonsai Calendar – Looking Ahead

Date	Day of Week	Event Type	Artist	Topic	Location	Approx Member Cost
5/10/23	WED	Club Night - Demo/ Presentation	Mike Lane - https://mikelanesshohinstudio.wordpress.com/	Harlandii Boxwood Forest Creation	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	tickets for demo tree / donation table items welcome
5/19/23	FRI	Volunteer Set-up of Show	ABS Club Members	Volunteers Set-up room and drop off bonsai for display in Public Show - (approx 2:00PM - 8:45PM ** see Newsletter for timeline details**)	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	\$0 - Pizza Provided by club
5/20/23	SAT	Public Bonsai Show	ABS Club Members - trees on public display	Day 1: Austin Bonsai Society Annual Show --Volunteers needed approx 9:30AM to 5:15PM	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	donation table items welcome
5/21/23	SUN	Public Bonsai Show	ABS Club Members - trees on public display	Day 2: Austin Bonsai Society Annual Show --Volunteers needed approx 9:30AM to 5:00PM and 5:00pm-8:30PM	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	donation table items welcome
6/10/23	SAT	Bonsai Convention / Seminar	Club Members and Various Artists bring Shohin/Mame Size Trees to Display	Day 1: LSBF Texas Bonsai Seminar : Shohin / Mame Focus - "Tiny Trees on the Trinity" approx 8:00AM - 8:30PM https://www.lonestarbonsai.org/2023-lsbf-seminar/	Botanical Research Institute of TX Building @ Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Fort Worth, TX	\$100+ Early; \$125+ Late. Workshop trees extra cost
6/11/23	SUN	Bonsai Convention / Seminar	(same as above)	Day 2: LSBF Texas Bonsai Seminar : Shohin / Mame Focus "Tiny Trees on the Trinity" - Approx 8:00AM - 12:30PM	(same as above, Ft Worth, TX)	(see above)
6/14/23	WED	Club Night - Demo/ Presentation	David Whittaker	How to create Saikei Plantings (on a Slab or in a Bonsai Tray) - Interactive styling – audience participation encouraged.	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	tickets for saikei demo / donation table items
7/12/23	WED	Lecture	Joey McCoy http://hotbonsai.blogspot.com/	Bonsai with Native Trees of Texas	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	donation table items welcome
8/9/23	WED	Presentation	Gilbert Cantu	Portulacaria afra	Zilker Botanical Garden Center	donation table items welcome

ABS Show and Sale – May 20-21 2023

Hello Bonsai friends! Our 2023 Austin Bonsai Show, celebrating our 52nd year is coming up so quickly, I hope everyone is planning on lending a hand and showing up to make this a great experience. This is the single biggest opportunity we have to make connections with the public to grow our membership, all the while showing and sharing our passion for this art. So here is the run-down of the volunteers opportunities we need:

Friday May 19: Set up day

- 2:00pm we need a few people to set up the tables in the main room as well as the Greene Room, getting the layout ready for the supplies which will come next
- 3:00pm Several of us will pick up the supplies from storage and drive them to Zilker
- 4:00pm (approx) unloading the vehicles and begin to set up the risers, backdrops, table covers, mats, and pin it all in ready for the display
- 5:00pm Bonsai, stands, accent plants, displays elements will be arranged and organized, the formal displays will be created. Also we need to set up the raffle tables (please bring raffle items!) and get the demo area all set up as well.
- 7:00pm pizza for our hard workers. Short break and enjoy the camaraderie
- 8:45pm everything is finished and we leave the building, ready for the show to begin tomorrow morning

Saturday May 20: Day 1

- 9:00am Doors open for volunteers for any last minute needs.
- 10:00am Doors open to the public. I have a signup sheet for volunteers during our open hours, please find time to be an ambassador for the club, to help us to keep watch and to answer questions.
- 2:00pm Demo begins (May Lau)
- 4:00pm Raffle winners for day 1 are drawn
- 5:00pm Doors close to the public. We do a quick check to see if any plants need water
- 5:30pm out of the building.

Sunday May 20: Day 2

- 9:30am doors open to volunteers
- 10:00am doors open to the public. Again, we need a good turnout of helpers during the day, so please consider spending some time. It's a great opportunity to also be able to take your time and carefully view all our Bonsai
- 2:00pm Demo begins (Gerrit Clemence)
- 4:00pm Raffle winners for day 2 are drawn

5:00pm Show is over, the public leaves and the doors are closed. We need workers to carefully take down the displays and gently fold and box up all the components so they can be driven back to storage by our Volunteers. Usually out of the building by about 6pm

52nd Annual **Austin Bonsai Society** **Show and Sale**

Saturday May 20th – Sunday May 21st 10am-5pm

**Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs
Rd.
Austin, Tx 78746**



Bonsai Display, Q&A with members
Demonstrations each day
Vendor Room Sales
Raffles on Sat and Sun

May Bonsai

by John Miller

In the Dallas area, May is usually the time you do the leaf pruning job if you have to do it. If you have kept the new growth pinched properly, you have been getting the ramification usually attributed to leaf pruning. The only good reason for leaf pruning is to replace foliage that has been damaged by wind or insects. On some individual plants that have large foliage, the new foliage will usually be smaller. Leaf pruning is done only on very healthy trees. Leaf pruning should be done after the spring foliage has matured and supplied the tree with enough nutrients to produce a good crop of new foliage. It must be done well before the summer heat causes the plant growth to slow or stop. I consider the very latest time to be Memorial Day. The tree should be fertilized 7 - 10 days before the operation. Cut the stems of those leaves that have them (maples) or cutting across the leaf about 1/16 inch from the twig if leaves are attached direction on the twig (elms). The tree will not need as much water until the new foliage has developed.

If your azaleas have not bloomed yet consider removing a few buds where they would result in crowded blooms. When the azaleas finish bloom remove all seed pods and do any reshaping that is necessary. You have 2-2 1/2 months (that is to mid-July) to work on them. They will start setting buds for next years blooms at that time.

When the nighttime temp stays above 60 degrees it is time to start repotting the tropical material. Since there are so many different requirements for tropicals I will not try to cover their individual needs here. But in general, I like to put them in shade and mist them until the new growth starts.

Warm humid days are favorable for fungal growth. Watch for mildew, black leaf spot on elms and yaupons, among other. As an organic control you can use baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) or better Potassium bicarbonate that you can get at a nursery. Hydrogen peroxide in a 1% solution (mix 1 part of the normal 3% commercial product with 2 parts water) can be used on mature foliage. It may burn tender foliage but its only by-product is water when it breaks down.

If you have insect problems you will need to apply your control, whatever you use, several times. For example, spider mites may go thru the cycle from egg to adult to egg in as little as 5 days. Therefore you should spray 4 times 5 days apart since there may be a few eggs or bugs you miss. Other insects will have a different cycle but that schedule should take care of almost everything.

Aphids, spider mites, and scale continue to be the most prevalent insects. The foliar feeding of fish emulsion, liquid kelp, molasses, and apple cider vinegar (1 tablespoon of each per gallon of water) is all the control I use for them. Scale is the most difficult because it is usually covered with a waxy coating (the scale). You may need to use a horticultural oil mixed as directed on the label. Be sure that the direction you read is for summer use as some have two dosages given, one for dormancy (usually the first and strongest) and one for summer. Do not use oil on buttonwood or any other plant not included on the label. You might try a neem oil spray which is supposed to be an organic systemic.

Please note: the commercial variation of my spray that is sold as Garret Juice does not do the same as the above mixture. It is erroneously labeled as the original formula Garret Juice.

If you see damage to the foliage or the plant is not doing well, look for other problems and if you do not recognize the culprit ask your favorite nurseryman for help.

Start checking your pots to see if the sun is heating them up. Our summer sun shining on dark pots can make the soil temperature soar and kill the roots. Try putting your hand on the pot. Roots are living organisms and cannot take high temperatures any more than you can. Heating also dries out the soil making you water more often. Any number of ways of keeping the pots cool will work, the requirement being to prevent the sun from shining on them and letting some air circulate around them. I do not care for the aluminum foil methods because I don't care to have the light reflected into my eyes and it is usually applied to tightly around the pot. A simple cloth with a slit to go around the trunk works fine. A good use for old rags.

Remember all the work that you did in the spring? Keep the new growth trimmed so that you haven't wasted your time. While trimming or watering check the wiring periodically and remove it before it damages the branch. If the branch springs back some rewire it.

If you are not on a regular organic foliar/drench feed schedule be sure to use fertilizer cakes with supplemental feeding with a good liquid fertilizer, one that includes the minor elements. Most bonsai I see are malnourished. The liquid water soluble fertilizer gets washed out with the next watering and the tree starves until the next infrequent feeding. There are a number of fertilizers in pellet or cake form on the market or you can make your own.

Potting season will soon be on us. The tropics this time. You can start repotting them when the nights stay warm. One nice thing about tropics, they give you a long repotting season by starting with those that take cooler weather and going into summer with some of the ficus and buttonwoods.

Its time to consider becoming more proficient at your hobby. The LSBF convention in Fort Worth will give you several classes plus associating with bonsai people. And you can learn all the rules but without practice you will not be able to perform. You need practice to learn to recognize the line of the raw material you are starting with. You get this practice and experience by taking part in your clubs various study groups, beginners classes, and workshops. If you are not a beginner, try teaching some beginners. The teacher always learns as much as his students by trying to verbalize what he is attempting to teach. Visit conventions especially the local state convention and discuss trees with others who share your like for a particular style or species.

TINY TREES ON THE TRINITY

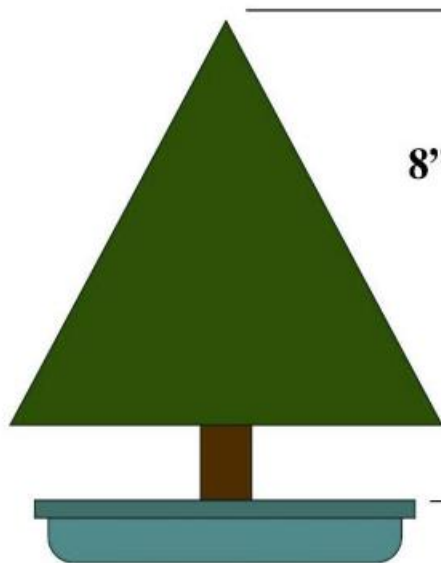
**A Lone Star Bonsai Federation Exhibition & Seminar
On Shohin & Mame Bonsai Trees in Fort Worth, Texas**

Guest Artist: Suthin Sukosolvisit

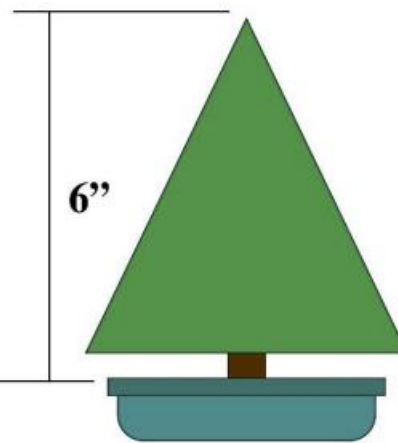
'Best in Show' winner at the 2021 US National Bonsai Exhibition

LSBF SEMINAR

JUNE 10-11 2023 Fort Worth



Shohin



Mame

TINY TREES ON THE TRINITY

Welcome

The Lone Star Bonsai Federation (LSBF) invites you to attend the 2023 Seminar & Exhibition on Shohin and Mame Bonsai, held in Fort Worth, Texas, on Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, 2023 at the beautiful Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

The Seminar will feature a judged Exhibition of Shohin and Mame Bonsai open to the public. Vendors, a variety of workshops, self-sale table, tool sharpening, and an Awards Dinner on Saturday evening are most of the activities. Our guest Master Bonsai Artist Suthin Sukosolvisit will give a lecture/demo for all registrants and conduct a workshop. Always a favorite of experienced bonsai enthusiasts, he will critique the Exhibit Trees on Sunday morning. To top this off, your registration will include a ticket to the Botanic Garden grounds good thru the end of the year. We will conduct 4 guided tours of the Japanese Garden and give you a sneak preview of "The Bonsai Collection at the Japanese Garden", a permanent Bonsai Exhibit to be completed in 2025.

Hope we have you interested! Read on for many more details and how to register.

Seminar Location- "Tiny Trees on the Trinity"

The Seminar will be held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden in the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) building, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76107. The building is at the north side of the main parking lot on the Botanic Garden grounds. There is a circular drive available for dropping off people and materials before parking. Parking is free and close in. The Welcome table is just inside the front door.



"Tiny Trees on the Trinity" is named for the Trinity River where Fort Worth was first settled. Trinity Park and the Trinity River are just across University Drive and is an easy walk or short drive from the Seminar parking lot.

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is an ideal location for a Bonsai Seminar and is a first for LSBF. Take a self-guided stroll along the well designed and beautiful walks and gardens of the historic Botanic

Garden. The Rose Garden and the overlook Pavilion were built by the WPA during the Depression in the early 1930's. Several other themed gardens are available to the visitor including the Japanese Garden, a top 10 garden in the country. For more information and pictures, use this link: <https://fwbg.org/> then click 'Explore The Campus'. **Don't buy a ticket! A Pass is included** with every Seminar registration! The pass is good in Fort Worth for the rest of the year. Come anytime.

We hope you will take advantage of your visit to the Botanic Garden, before, during, or after the Seminar. It is really quite nice!

Hotel Accommodations

The Official Hotel of the Seminar will be:

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek

2540 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76106

Room Rate: \$109 w/breakfast coupons included.

Free parking. Within 12 minutes of Seminar. Use the quick link below for Seminar room reservations.

This is the same hotel where the 2010 LSBF Convention was held (*for those of you who were around back then*).

The Hotel features all the amenities of a 3-star hotel including a restaurant, pool, exercise room, business center, a beautiful lobby, free WIFI and, of course, a lobby bar. Our PUB Committee meetings will be held in the lobby bar both Friday and Saturday nights at 9pm.

There is a McDonalds directly across the street and a Cracker Barrel Restaurant within walking distance. Easy, all highway, access to DFW Airport.

This same room rate will apply to rooms 3 days in advance of the Seminar and 3 days after. Transform your visit to the Bonsai Seminar into a mini-vacation and come early or stay late to explore all the wonders of Fort Worth. **Book before May 10** to guarantee special rates.

Here is a direct link to the special Hotel rates, code Bonsai. [Click Here to Book!](#)

(To book earlier or later days for the Seminar, book rooms using this link for Friday and Saturday, and then let me know to which dates you would like to extend, and I will set it up with the Hotel. Mark Bynum email: mark.bynum12@att.net cell 817-437-8936, text.)

Yes, folks, **you can find cheaper accommodations**, but we ask you to PLEASE use this official hotel as LSBF will have to pay for room nights not used.

Local Attractions

Fort Worth offers a wealth of attractions, from art and history museums to one of the best zoos in the nation. www.fortworth.com/things-to-do/attractions/



Don't miss these stand outs during your stay:

Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, 3 miles from the hotel

Take a historical walking tour through the Texas Trail of Fame, try your gun-slinging skills at the Stockyards' Gunfighter virtual shooting range, or watch the cowboys drive their herd of longhorns down Exchange Avenue.



Western food restaurants including Risky's BBQ. Visit the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and have a beer at one of the many historic bars, including Billy Bob's Texas, the largest honky-tonk in the world! More information at www.fortworthstockyards.org

Sundance Square, 5 miles from the hotel. Balancing historic architecture and modern convenience, this 37-square-block district in downtown Fort Worth is a mecca for shopping, dining, and entertainment.

Fort Worth Zoo, 7 miles from the hotel and 1 mile from the Botanic Garden

Six Flags Over Texas, the original! 15 miles from the hotel

Kimball Art Museum, a world class art museum

Amon Carter Museum of American Art, known for its collection of original western bronze sculptures and paintings by Russel and Remington.

Our Featured Artist

Suthin Sukosolvisit has been a bonsai artist since 1970. Born in Thailand, Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai. His expertise also includes Japanese Maple, Juniper, Azalea, Black Pine, and many other species.

Suthin has won multiple National Bonsai Awards in Thailand and the United States, recently taking 'Best In Show' honors at the 6th US National Bonsai Exhibition. He lectures all around the world and at some of the most important bonsai conventions in the United States. Suthin shares new information and techniques whenever he teaches. His Bonsai are known for their proportion, refinement, and detail. He is mostly admired for his remarkable shohin bonsai designs. Suthin and his wife operate the Suthin Bonsai Studio in Stoughton, Massachusetts. www.Suthinbonsaistudio.com



- Suthin will give a lecture/demo Saturday morning, 9-noon, as our featured event. We can seat 90 and will have a screen for all to see. The demo tree will be auctioned Saturday night.
- A 'Bring Your Own Tree' workshop in the afternoon will be offered and silent observation is available for all that wish to see. It is a large room. Limit 12. 1:30-4:30pm, \$40
- Sunday morning, a great learning experience is in store as Suthin critiques the displays and 'Excellence In Bonsai' award-winning trees from the Exhibit. We will set up a turntable and mic for the individual trees so that all can see and hear. 8:15-11am.
- After the critique, some time may be available to chat with Suthin.

Excellence In Bonsai Exhibition

The jewel of any bonsai convention or seminar is the Exhibition. This Exhibition will be for Shohin and Mame size bonsai trees only. We have space for 4 large shohin displays, several smaller displays, and spaces for 24-30 individual trees. Partner with someone else for multi-tree displays or enter a display as a club. The Exhibition will be advertised and **open to the public**. We want to thank the Fort Worth Bonsai Society for the use of their backdrops and felt table coverings.



Image from the 5th US National Bonsai Exhibition

Definitions: For the purposes of this Seminar, we are using Suthin's definition of sizes:

- Shohin size is no more than 8" from the top of the pot.
- Mame size is no more than 6" from the top of the pot.
- Cascade trees shall be measured from highest growth to lowest growth.

Excellence In Bonsai Award Categories: Cash awards will be presented by LSBF. Suthin will be the sole judge.

- Best Large Display- 5 or more trees
- Best Small Display- 4 or less trees
- Best Shohin Conifer
- Best Shohin Tropical
- Best Shohin Deciduous
- Best Shohin Broadleaf Evergreen
- Best Mame
- Honorable Mention Mame
- BEST IN SHOW- from above winners

To enter your trees, please use the entry form at the back of this packet. We will have monitors in place for the safety of the trees throughout the Exhibition hours. Doors locked at night. Further details and guidelines for the 'Excellence In Bonsai' program can be found at the LSBF website: www.lonestarbonsai.org



Lectures & Workshops

In addition to Suthin's events, we have 2 lectures and 2 workshops for your educational opportunities:

- Saturday afternoon, Anthony Cutola, current President of the Houston Bonsai Society will give a presentation on bonsai irrigation techniques. He has been practicing the art of bonsai for 20 years and encourages practitioners to utilize automated irrigation to save water, streamline tree care, and allow more time flexibility. *Free Lecture. 1:30-4:30pm.*



- Also on Saturday afternoon, Soon Chuah from the Houston Bonsai Society will conduct a workshop on the art of kusamono. She will start out with a slide show and then all will create their own. Kusamono trays, soil, and small plants will be provided in the workshop cost. *\$30 fee, Limit 12. Free silent observation. 1:30-4:30*
- Sunday morning, David Kreutz, an azalea vendor & importer, will give a program on azaleas as shohin. *\$25 fee + cost of azalea. Limit 10. Free silent observation. 8:30-11:30*
- Also Sunday morning, learn ways to forecast the look of your bonsai art creation or figure out a direction to go through computer technology. Better Bonsai with Technology. *Free Lecture. 8:30-11:30am*

Self-Sale Table

This is a first for a LSBF convention/seminar.

We will have a limited auction only at the Saturday Awards Dinner and no raffle; therefore, we are offering you the opportunity to sell your trees at a "Self-Sale Table" located close to the Exhibit area and Vendors areas. Sell your trees any way you wish: silent auction, vocal auction, negotiation, or a combination of all. Set your own hours and minimum prices. Supply your own signs and signup sheets. There are no fees to pay to LSBF. We will only supply the table and opportunity. Limit your trees to 18" ht. or less but remember that this is primarily a Shohin Seminar.

Monitors for security will be patrolling during Exhibition hours only. You are responsible for your tree's security. Good Luck and Good Fortune!

Vendors

We will have 5 vendors at this seminar. Where the emphasis is on shohin, vendors will have have larger pre-bonsai as well. A potter is featured.



Special Guided Tour of the Japanese Garden



featuring the future site of “The Bonsai Collection at the Japanese Garden”

This specially arranged Guided Tour will begin at the Japanese Garden main front gate pictured here. Your guide is William Winston, a member of the Fort Worth Japanese Cultural Society and a member of the Fort Worth Bonsai Society. He has been a docent volunteer at the Japanese Garden for many years in the past and we have coaxed him out of retirement just for this Seminar. He has honed his presentation to a very interesting 1-hour walk through the Garden. So all can hear, only 15 participants per tour and only 4 tours available. A total of 60 people out of all the registrants will be fortunate enough to enjoy this tour. It will take about 30 minutes to walk to the front gate from the Seminar Building and 30 minutes back (As an alternative to walking, we plan to have a shuttle available from the front door of the Botanic Garden Center to the front gate of the Japanese Garden and back). Check the Seminar schedule carefully to allow enough time for your desired activities. Signup ahead of time on the Registration Form to insure a spot for the tour. A signup sheet, maps, and information will be available at the Welcome Table during the Seminar. Free Event for full registrants only. First Come, First Served.



Tool Sharpening

One of the 5 vendors will be a tool sharpener. Bring in your bonsai tools and have them sharpened, lightly cleaned, and oiled while you enjoy the Seminar. Pick them up on your way out. You negotiate the price with the vendor for the number of tools that you are having sharpened. A very easy way to have your bonsai tools sharpened by a professional. Perhaps have your initials engraved on your tools also. This is a new feature of the LSBF line up and we hope to have a tool sharpener at every convention.

Seminar Schedule

Tiny Trees On The Trinity

FRIDAY, 6/9/2023:	ITEM	WHO	WHERE
Noon-8 pm.	Setup Exhibit props; Vendors move-in		
8:30pm	LSBF Board Meeting	Delegates	Seminar Hotel Lobby Area
<u>SATURDAY, 6/10/2023:</u>			
8am:	Doors Open		
9am-5pm:	Seminar Open		
	Dealers Area Open		Main Atrium
9am-12noon:	Lecture and Demonstration	Suthin	Lecture Room
10am-5pm:	Exhibit Area Open to the Public		Main Atrium
	Self-Sale Table Open		"
10am-2pm:	Hospitality Area Open		Commons
1pm:	★Guided Tour of Japanese Garden #1		Japanese Garden
1:30-4:30pm:	Event #1: Workshop, BYOT	Suthin	Commons
	Event #2: Workshop, Kusamono	Soon Chuah	Lecture Room
	Event #3: Lecture, Irrigation for Bonsai	Anthony Cutola	Lecture Room
3pm:	★Guided Tour of Japanese Garden #2		Japanese Garden
5pm:	Doors Closed to Public		
5-6pm:	Cocktail Hour	Cash Bar	Lecture Room
6-8pm:	Awards Dinner	Full Registrants	Commons
8:30pm	Doors Closed		
<u>SUNDAY, 6/11/2023</u>			
8am:	Doors Open		
8-10am	Hospitality Area Open for donuts, coffee, and beverages		Commons
8-11:30am:	Exhibit Open		Main Atrium
	Dealers Area Open		"
	Self-Sale Table Open		"
8:15-9am:	Critique of Shohin Displays by Suthin		Exhibit Area
9:15-11:00:	Critique of Individual Shohin Trees and winners by Suthin		Welcome Area
8:30-11am	Event #4: Workshop Azaleas for Shohin David Kreutz		Lecture Room
	Event #5: Workshop, Better Bonsai with Technology		"
9am:	★Guided Tour of Japanese Garden #3		Japanese Garden
11:30am	Doors Closed to Public, Seminar Closed		
11:30am:	★Guided Tour of Japanese Garden #4		Japanese Garden
2pm:	Must be out of building , but feel free to enjoy the Garden and Fort Worth!		



Tiny Trees On The Trinity

Seminar Registration Form

June 10-11, 2023

-Complete one form per person and mail with payment to: LSBF, c/o Shannon Gilliland, 25 Stonegate Dr., Longview, TX 75601
 -Or use Eventbrite (extra fee involved): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tiny-trees-on-the-trinity-tickets-556134803167>
 -A confirmation email will be sent after your registration is received.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Bonsai Club: _____

Registration: *(Due to limited space for dinner, we are taking only the first 95 registrations that will include the meal, so it would be to your advantage to register early. After that level is reached, we may offer registrations without the meal for a reduced price. Cash Bar will still be included.)*
 Registration is required to participate in, or observe any demonstration, workshop, or lecture. Hospitality Room, Cash Bar & Saturday Dinner, Guided Tour, and Admission to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden is included for the rest of 2023.

Registration Fee for LSBF member: <i>(non-member, add \$25)</i>	\$100= \$
Meal Choice, check 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Salisbury Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie Plate	
Extra meal for non-registered guest <i>(with a registered guest)</i>	\$ 30= \$
Registration Fee after June 1 and at the door:	\$125= \$
Event #1, Workshop with Suthin, Bring Your Own Tree, limit 12	\$ 40= \$
Event #2, Kusamono Workshop with Soon Chuah, limit 12	\$ 30= \$
Event #4, Azalea Workshop with David Kreutz (+cost of azalea), limit 10	\$ 25= \$

Total	\$
--------------	-----------

Payment Method:

1. Check made out to **Lone Star Bonsai Federation.**

2. Credit or Debit Card: Card #

Expiration:

CVV code (from back):

Billing Zip Code:

If you would like to take the Guided Tour of the Japanese Garden, please circle which tour is your preference. (please refer to the schedule for times and tour number.) 1 2 3 4
First come, first served. 15 per tour. Sign up will be available during the seminar as well.

WAIVER:

for Lone Star Bonsai Federation Seminar

Registrants & Visitors

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. I acknowledge that I voluntarily attend and participate in any or all activities of the Bonsai Seminar being hosted by the Lone Star Bonsai Federation at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden on June 9-11, 2023. I understand that LSBF will make an earnest effort to keep the Seminar activities as safe as possible.
2. I am aware that working bonsai tools and equipment can be hazardous. I am voluntarily observing or participating in workshops with full knowledge of the dangers involved. I agree to accept any and all risk of injury, or loss or damages to personal property and verify this statement by placing my initials here: _____
3. As consideration for being permitted by the Lone Star Bonsai Federation to participate in Seminar activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Lone Star Bonsai Federation, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, workshop instructors, their assistants, or other participants for injuries, or loss or damages to personal property resulting from any activity held by the Seminar.
4. I hereby release and indemnify the Lone Star Bonsai Federation, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, and any contracted workers and employees from all actions, claims, or demands, that I, or my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives may have for injury, or loss or damages to personal property resulting from my participation in any Seminar activity, whether in a building, or on the grounds of the Seminar location.
5. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT.
6. I AM AWARE THAT THIS WAIVER IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE LONE STAR BONSAI FEDERATION AND SIGN OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

*Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Failure to return this Waiver may exclude you from participating in this Seminar.

**Electronic signature acceptable.*



Tiny Trees On The Trinity

Shohin & Mame Exhibition Entry Form

Instructions to Exhibitors:

- Only LSBF members in good standing may enter trees in this Seminar. Shohin=8" or less, Mame=6" or less.
- Please fill out a separate form for each tree, maximum of two individual trees, in the designated space.
- In the case of a multi-tree display by single owner, please list each tree in the space provided.
- Multi-tree Display, Multiple Owners, please list each tree and owner in the space provided. Also think of a group name, such as, "Houston's Tiny Trees Trio". Be creative.
- Since this Seminar has a specific focus on Shohin and Mame sized trees, no pictures will be required for entry, as we are sure there will be last minute substitutions. We will not hold a multi-tree display to exactly the trees listed, but we do want to label all trees and owners correctly.
- Final deadline for entries is June 1, just 9 days before the Seminar, however, we have a limited number of spots for displays and individual trees (even though they are small). It would be wise to send in your entry form as early as possible.
- The Exhibition opens to the public at 10am, Saturday, June 10, 2023. All displays and trees must be in place by 9am, Saturday, so that we have time to label everything. We will begin to accept trees at 5pm, Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Seminar location. Please report to Steven Hendricks upon arrival for check-in. You may use the circular drive for drop off of trees and supplies.
- The **Exhibition Chairman is Steven Hendricks**, Fort Worth Bonsai Society, LSBF Alternate Delegate. What he says GOES! For questions, and completed forms, send to: Steven Hendricks, 1912 Ashland Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107 stevenhendricks@sbcglobal.net

Single Tree: Common and Scientific Name: _____
 Owner, email, phone, Home Club: _____

Multi-Tree Display by Single Owner: Owner, email, phone, Home Club: _____

Common and Scientific Names: _____

Multi-Tree Display, Multiple Owners: Name of Group: _____

Contact for Group, email, Home Club: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

Tree, Sci. Name, Owner: _____

NOTE: All trees and Displays are expected to stay in place throughout the posted duration of any LSBF Exhibition. Please refer to the guidelines under the 'Excellence In Bonsai' tab on the LSBF Website: www.lonestarbonsai.org

Thanks

Reminder: 2023 CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE AMOUNT INCREASE

Beginning in January 2023, ABS will charge an annual membership fee of \$35 for an individual and \$40/couple pursuant to the vote taken by the ABS Board on May 17, 2022, the discussion by attendees at the June 22 ABS meeting, the newsletter announcement dated June and July, 2022 and the regular meeting vote taken on July 13, 2022. Fees for electronic payments will be added to those amounts.

Memberships are annual and need to be renewed each year by the end of February in order to receive a copy of the 2023 Directory.

New/Renewed Members

Ian G. & Dennis N.

Greg S.

Fred W.

Chris & Ashley A.

Gustavo R. & Mariana H.

Gabe H.

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!

Advertisements



BRITE IDEAS

**AQUAPONICS
HYDROPONICS & ORGANICS**

[Http://www.bihydro.com](http://www.bihydro.com)

Owner: Troy Smith

12110 Menchaca Rd. Ste.103 Austin, TX 78748 (512)444-2100	14611 Burnet Rd #110 Austin, TX 78758 (512)459-4353
---	---

MBP Bonsai Studio
Importers, Retail & Wholesale
Your source for:
High quality Yagimitsu & Ryukoh tools
Organic Bonsai Fertilizers
Imported and Domestic Trees
Bonsai Pottery, Soils and supplies
Classes & Seminars
Open Tuesday Through Sunday



ph: 512-202-3403
-mail: mbpbonsai@
suddenlink.net
601 Kay Lane
Pflugerville, TX 78660
(call for directions)



Bonsai Notebook

Austin Bonsai Society
P.O. Box 340474
Austin, Texas 78734



Austin Bonsai Society

P.O. Box 340474
Austin, TX 78734



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.