



# Bonsai Notebook

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## Calendar of Events

### September 14

- ◆ Making Bonsai Containers
- ◆ Meeting begins at 7 pm
- ◆ Social starts at 6:30 pm

### September 17

- ◆ Club Auction - Anderson Mill Garden Club
- ◆ 9:30 - Donations, inventory and social
- ◆ 10:30 - Auction begins

## 2022 Board of Directors

**Roland Lopez**  
President

**Summer Lee**  
Vice President

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Secretary

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Member-At-Large

**Jacob Keller**  
Member-At-Large

**Gerrit Clemence**  
Member-At-Large

## Volunteers

Tree Hosts  
Brandon B.  
Morgan B.

Food/Refreshment hosts  
Trey N.  
Jack V.

# President's Message

*By Roland Lopez*

Hello everybody!

I hope your summer is going great. I've been keeping busy with pruning things back and a little light bonsai work. I've also been experimenting with cuttings and humidity domes. Cuttings are tricky for me. It's a lot of trial and error but that is what is fun about it. If things were easy all the time, I'm not sure I would bother doing anything. I like making an effort and then seeing the fruits of my labor. I think most of us are this way.

I'd like to thank Alisan Clarke again for a wonderful presentation last month! And thank you to everyone who helped her out by bringing things to aid her in her presentation. Alisan works so hard for our club and I was honored that she did another demonstration for us! Ruby also participated by doing sumi-e paintings. That was a great addition! Thanks Ruby!

This month we are pleased to introduce Isabel Glatthorn of Soul Matter Studios! Isabel is a local ceramic artist with years of experience making functional, beautiful vessels. Isabel has begun experimenting with bonsai containers as another avenue in her work. She will be showing us the process of building a container from start to finish in her studio. For this presentation, we will view a video made especially for ABS of her process and then have the opportunity to ask her questions in person. Since making ceramics entails a lot of time and materials, we thought this was the best way to show you what making pottery is all about, by recording Isabel in her studio with all her tools of the trade. I really hope you can join us and welcome her to our bonsai community!

The workshop Isabel will be leading has been postponed. I am currently working with her to nail down another date for this event. Sorry for the change in dates and thank you for your understanding. As soon as we figure out a time and date, I'll be sure to let you all know via email and our Slack channel when this is.

Our annual club auction is quickly approaching! This is a great time to acquire material and supplies for your bonsai endeavors. The auction is taking place at Anderson Mill Garden Club on Saturday September 17. Please arrive at 9:30 am to gander at the items and to eat. We will begin the auction at 10:30 am. The auction is only a success with your participation and help. We are looking for any volunteers to help and of course, any items you are willing to donate for the auction. Please reach out to me if you are free to help setup or to be a runner on that day.

Stay cool out there and see y'all soon.

Warmly smiling,

Roland

# ABS Board Meeting Minutes

## Get Connected!

Join our online  
discussion



No board minutes. :)

## Official Website

Visit our website at  
[austinbonsaisociety.com](http://austinbonsaisociety.com)

## Facebook

Like our Facebook page  
AustinBonsaiSociety

## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter  
@ATXBonsai

## Instagram

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## ABS Library

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

## YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLSkNkBNld3EOYwjkjNlneA>

## Reminder for club membership

### 2022 membership fee

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

You may contact [payments.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com](mailto:payments.austinbonsaisociety@gmail.com) for convenient electronic payment options (processing fee included).

# The Austin Bonsai Society (ABS) Auction

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

Arrive **9:30 AM**; Auction **10:30 AM**

***Bidding: In order to Bid, You need a Bidding Paddle***

Will you pay by **Check/Cash?** See **Gloria** to get your paddle

Will you pay by **Credit Card/PayPal?** See **Simon** to get your paddle

Bids will increase in the following increments:

\$5 - \$50 increase by \$2

\$50 - \$100 increase by \$5

\$100+ increase by \$10

Total your bids and checkout with Simon or Gloria before taking your items

***Donating Items:***

Only members of ABS may donate items

Fill out and attach an auction tag to each item

a set of six tags is printed herein

no reserve is designated

All proceeds go to the Austin Bonsai Society

***Donating Items Having a Value of  $\geq$  \$100 to a (Not-so-) Silent Auction  
(saves time)***

- See the Submission Form on the Next Page

***Thank you for supporting The Austin Bonsai Society!***

**RULES FOR THE ABS NOT-SO-SILENT AUCTION SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

1. The seller/donor must fill out the form below for each item to be offered and submit the completed form to the Treasurer by **September 14** so that silent auction bidding sheets can be prepared. The Treasurer will mark the form as to the date and time received. Up to 6 or 8 (depending on size) items will be accepted. **It is understood that 50% of the winning bid goes to the Club and 50% to the seller/donor** unless the seller/donor states on the form that it is a 100% donation to the club.

**Items must be worth \$100.00 or more;** consequently, the opening bid is \$100.00

2. If there is a reserve price as indicated below by the seller/donor, the bidding sheet will be marked as such. The reason for a not-so-silent auction is to save time and ensure the item is sold at a price that is acceptable to the donor. If the reserve is NOT met, the Treasurer will so announce and the item will be returned to the seller/donor.

3. There will be short breaks throughout the auction so that bids can be checked or added to.

4. At about 12:30 PM, the Treasurer will pick up the sheets and after the tallying, announce the winners. The winners can then pay, or add the amount to the total for whatever else they have won during the auction.

5. Send the completed form by September 14 as an e-mail attachment to gnorberg@austin.rr.com.

**FOR THE ABS SILENT AUCTION - SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

SELLER/DONOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:  50/50 split  DONATION TO CLUB

WILL THERE BE A RESERVE?  YES  NO RESERVED PRICE: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auction Item Tag**

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Item \_\_\_\_\_  
Donor \_\_\_\_\_  
Approx. Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Item \_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer # \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Bid \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

At the general meeting on July 13, two votes were taken. The first vote was to increase membership fees by \$5 beginning January 1, 2023 and a quorum of members voted "yes", i.e., 16 members attended and there were no "no" votes. The second vote to pay the application fee to apply for an IRS 501(c)3 IRS tax status which is a change from the current (c)4 status passed with 17 members voting "yes", also a quorum. There were no "no" votes.

Your 2022 ABS Board Members



**BRITE IDEAS**  
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### New/Renewed Members

Will D.

Mark R. & Shana B.

## 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](mailto: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.