



CORPUS CHRISTI

BONSAI CLUB

EST. 1976

The Corpus Christi Bonsai Club, Inc. was organized in 1976 and is a member of the Lone Star Bonsai Federation, Bonsai Clubs International and The Corpus Christi Area Garden Council Inc. Our club members are passionate about the art of bonsai and we strive to share our knowledge and skills with others. We organize regular meetings, workshops, and exhibitions to foster the love of bonsai in our community.

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, January through October, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens. 8545 S. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX 78413.

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Individual Membership is \$15.00 per year (students \$5.00). Membership for couples is \$20 per year. Dues are pro-rated for persons joining after May. Early payment of dues is appreciated.

SUBMISSIONS

Contact Gilbert Cantu at can2creative@gmail.com or call 361-946-4851 for submissions, articles, comments or suggestions.

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH - 6PM

Lecture: Saikei tray landscapes (Juan Contreras)

South Texas Botanical Gardens. 8545 S. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX 78413





**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

AUGUST

Thursday, 29th

Membership Meeting at STBG
6:00 p.m. Lecture: wiring bonsai
(Jorge Mendizabal).

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 21st

9am - South Texas Bonsai Kai at
David Whitaker's house.
"Preparing Bonsai for Future
Display"

Thursday, 26th

Membership Meeting at STBG
6:00 p.m. Lecture: Portulacaria
afra "dwarf jade" (Gilbert).

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We had an outstanding day with Mike Lane on Saturday! The workshop was overflowing (awesome!); everyone had a great time and learned lots. We had great eats at the pot luck lunch - thank you everyone for contributing. Mike gave a wonderful lecture-demo on a parrot's beak (named from its flower not the leaf shape) that AJ won in the raffle - congrats!



Thank you to Andy Graham for providing the very fine *Gmelina Philippensis*! I hope everyone enjoyed his visit, remember Mike will be one of the featured artists at our convention next year! Also thank you very much goes out to the Texas State

Museum of Asian Culture for allowing us to use their museum for our bonsai event!

Our next meeting, July 25th, at the Botanical Gardens, Juan will be giving a lecture-demo on tray landscapes. There's different types of tray landscapes, Saikei, Bonkei, Bonseki, Vietnamese hon non bo, Chinese Penjing. While some only use sand and stones of various sizes, others allow use of figurines to enhance the artistic scene. All of which can be planted on a slab or shallow pot. Juan has created some beautiful tray landscapes, I'm looking forward to seeing the lecture. Please bring your Saikei for our display. Remember these meetings and workshops are where you learn about tips, tricks and techniques!

We have been asked to park in the new parking place behind the Ed. Bldgs. on S. Oso Pkwy. Raffle afterwards!!

The workshop on Sunday, July 28th has been cancelled.

CCBC President
David Whitaker | 361-688-0109

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VP'S MESSAGE

Hello members,

Mike Lane's event was a great success, thank to everyone that showed up. I felt like there was lots to learn from Mike and his approach and techniques. Thank you to all who contributed to the potluck lunch, there was delicious food, snacks and deserts and the mango juice! It was great to see Mike and what he is about as he will be one of our headline artists for next year's convention here in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Our next meeting is this week on the 25th at our normal spot this time, STBG at 6pm. Juan will be conducting a lecture-demo on tray landscapes, which he is very good at! Look forward

to seeing how he puts it together and his approach. As always we will have a raffle afterwards!

I will be selling bonsai soil at every meeting as I normally do if interested. I know bonsai soil is hard to come by and can be a daunting task to make. Feel free to look for me if you need any for your tree's.

See everyone on Thursday!

CCBC President
AJ



AUGUST MONTHLY TIPS

AUGUST 2024 MONTHLY CARE

Dog Days of summer are definitely here
"When it's hot, protect the pot!"

Bonsai pots are small and often dark colors, with the relentless South Texas sun they can overheat quickly. Cooking your roots is never a good thing, if you've got some trees that are not looking very happy right now, that could be the problem. One solution is to elevate the pots from what they are sitting on to promote better airflow under the pot, you can use some cut pieces of lumber, one-by-ones or two-by-twos, to raise the pot up. Using cut boards, such as old fence boards, to cover the edges of the pot to keep some of the sunlight off. Also, consider relocating trees to a shadier spot for the height of summer, some relief from the midday sun can help. SABS' long time sensei, Marty, had a very cool device that allows her to bring up a "curtain" to shade just the pots and the shelves they are sitting on without shading the trees.

With the Dog Days, also comes summer dormancy. To some trees, extreme heat is just as taxing as extreme cold, they will "shut down", so to speak. They won't be putting out any fresh growth and will quite likely, despite the heat, will take up less water. Be very careful not to overwater these trees that are showing signs of summer dormancy and do not fertilize right now. Elms are one of the trees I have that go summer dormant, sometimes even native species will go dormant due to extreme heat and confined roots.

High humidity is usually a problem in summer too, even when temperatures are hitting triple-digits. Notice no one ever says "but it's a dry heat" around here?! The heavy humidity can cause fungus or root rot trouble. Using a fungicide; such as Maneb, Benomyl or any systemic fungicide; on a monthly basis is a good preventive maintenance during the summer.

Unfortunately, insects *don't* slow down during the Dog Days, frequently take a real close look at your trees. Pests can move in overnight! Not only look for the actual pests but also look for signs of activity from unseen pests – such as half-gone leaves, webbing, and frass, fused together or curled up leaves. Don't confuse spider webs with spider mite webbing. Daily vigorous spraying of the foliage when you water the plants prone to spider mites (junipers, cedars, and similar species) can greatly deter spider mites from moving in. Numerous summer insects are nocturnal, during their damage in the darkness of night and most excellent at hiding during the day. If something does get an insect problem that's getting out of hand, spot treat that tree with the appropriate pesticide.





SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

Mike Lane Workshop & Lecture/Demonstration







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2024 CALENDAR of EVENTS



JANUARY

Thursday, 25th - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: Tools, care and use, collecting methods.

Saturday, 27th - 9am - Collection dig/field trip Juan Contreras' place in Rockport, TX.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 10th - 9am - Formal display of bonsai at Museum of Asian Cultures.

Thursday, 22nd - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: defoliating, trunk chopping, shaping techniques. (Gilbert and A.J.)

Saturday, 24th - 9am - Bald Cypress lecture/demo/workshop at David Whitaker's place.

MARCH

Saturday, 9th - 9am - Sponsored workshop at the Museum of Asian Cultures.

Thursday, 28th - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: Soils and Bonsai 101 (David and Gilbert).

APRIL

Saturday, 6th - 8am - Big Bloom at South Texas Botanical Gardens

Thursday – Sunday, 25-28th - Lone Star Bonsai Federation Show and Demo in Houston.

No meeting this month

MAY

Thursday 23rd - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: Bougainvillea Bonsai (David).

Sunday, 26th - 1pm - Workshop Bougainvillea Bonsai STBG.

JUNE

Thursday, 27th - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Club Fundraising Auction.

JULY

Saturday, 13th - Guest Artist **Mike Lane**.
Texas Museum of Asian Culture

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Lecture: Saikei tray landscapes (Juan).

AUGUST

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Lecture: wiring bonsai (Jorge Mendizabal).

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 21st - 9am - South Texas Bonsai Kai at David Whitaker's house. "Preparing Bonsai for Future Display"

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Lecture: Portulacaria afra "dwarf jade" (Gilbert).

OCTOBER

Friday, 4th - Moonlight "LUAU in the GARDENS,"
South Texas Botanical Gardens

Thursday, 24th - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: Bonsai styles showcase. (A.J.).

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 2nd - Backyard Tour of member's gardens.
Locations to be determined.

DECEMBER

Friday, 6th - CC Bonsai Club Christmas Party at Museum of Asian Cultures.

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