



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.

2024 Club Officers

President

David Whitaker

1st Vice President

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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.

MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH - 6PM

Lecture: Wiring Bonsai by Jorge Mendizabal

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





**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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).

OCTOBER

Friday, 4th

Moonlight "LUAU in the GARDENS," South Texas Botanical Gardens

Thursday, 24th

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NOVEMBER

Saturday, 2nd

Backyard Tour of member's gardens. Locations to be determined.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Members, it's been pretty hot summer for us along the coastal bend area, we had all that rain in June (10" here), and not enough since to keep yards and landscape wet and green, until this Monday it rained pretty hard at noon time out here in San Pat. Hopefully we get more rain in our water shed area real soon, we do need levels to rise or the whole area will go into more water restrictions.

August 29th, the 5th Thursday this month, is our monthly membership meeting. Our very own Jorge Mendizabal M.D. will be giving a lecture demonstration on all things wiring, He will start off with a very informative lecture and afterward we will have a hands-on wiring demonstration and workshop. Please plan on attending this meeting, as learning and understanding wiring is

an important part of bonsai cultivation.

September 21st is the 19th annual South Texas Bonsai Kai, the theme is "Preparing Trees for Display", for next year's LSBF State convention that we are co-hosting with San Antonio Bonsai Society here on the Bayfront in 12 months. Please plan on attending, as this will be very informative and educational experience. We host this in San Pat every year at our house during the annual fall hummingbird migration. If you need directions text me 361-688-0109, please.

September 26th is our monthly membership meeting, featuring Gilbert Cantu giving Lecture on Portulacaria afra.

**CCBC President
David Whitaker | 361-688-0109**

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DAVID WHITAKER

*Lone Star Bonsai Federation Artist
Lecture-Demos & Workshops*

*South Texas Bonsai Kai Founder
3rd Saturday of September*

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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY CARE

September is supposed to be the start of fall, but in our area it's just like summer, we can get the hottest and sometimes (hurricane season) the wettest weather this time of the year. When your trees get excess watering during extended rain periods, the water can sit in the bottom of the pot for a long time and start to cause rotting problems. Try putting a small board (1x2) under one side as to tip the pot the other direction to help drain out the excess water.

Sub/ Semi-tropical can be *safely* be repotted, since we still having close to 2 months of warm weather we can root prune and repot them. We want at least 4 to 6 weeks of good warm weather GROWTH (roots, leaves and branches) after potting before the cooler weather starts rolling down from the north. We have a long growing season around here that can last sometimes past Thanksgiving or even longer further south. Remember to protect your tropicals from any cooler weather that we might get, any extreme weather change can happen.

Hardy deciduous plants - bald cypress, maples and elms etc – in a few weeks the growth will start to slow, as some of the cool fronts start to roll in, the days shorten and the sun starts to be lower in the sky. These trees start storing nutrients for winter. Light fertilizing, but do not overfeed with nitrogen. Remember if it's growing its ok to lightly fertilize. We want to start slowing down the growth on these bonsai so that they are prepared for winter, so these will be the last few

weeks for feedings of the season.

Watering challenge

Watch the soils every day so they do not dry out. With the intense summer we've had, some trees might still be in their summer dormancy and may not be taking up as much water as you would expect. Be careful not to over water these. Check the soil on these plants before watering; instead of daily watering they may only need it every day and a half or two days. On the other hand, some are still taking as much water as you'll give them and more. If you're having problems with the pots overheating in our brutal summer sunlight, try covering the pot edges with some small boards or draping a cloth around the pot to create shade. Also try putting blocks under the pots to lift them off the hot stands and it'll allow some air to blow underneath. Small dark glazed pots are especially susceptible to overheating as they quickly soak up the heat from the sun.

Inspect your bonsai from top to bottom, also inspect the drain holes. Inspect for ANY insects/pest and treat accordingly. If you discover an infestation, treat according to the label of the pesticide. Scale and aphids seem to be the biggest nuisance right now. And of course, nothing slows down the bougainvillea looper worms from their annual flight through our yards. A note when using a water soluble insecticides make sure you spray the plant thoroughly and drench the soil well until you see it coming out the drain holes.

Check your training wires so they aren't cutting into the branches. If they are cutting in, remove them. If the branch did not hold, re-wire in a different locale, as not to put the wire in the same place.

Be careful when trimming; hold back if the tree is not showing any signs of growth. If the tree is growing it's probably ok to trim, but keep in mind depending on the species, you could be trimming off next year's blooms and fruit.





6 MONTH PROGRESS AFTER TRIMMING AND WIRING

FEBRUARY 2024

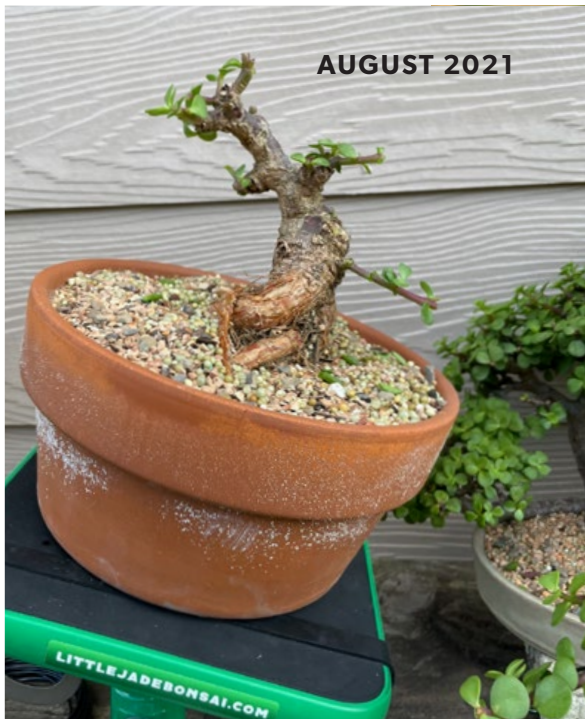


AUGUST 2024



3 YEAR PROGRESS AFTER TRIMMING AND WIRING

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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

Thursday, 25th - Membership Meeting at STBG 6:00 p.m.
Lecture: Saikei tray landscapes (Juan).

AUGUST

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DECEMBER

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

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