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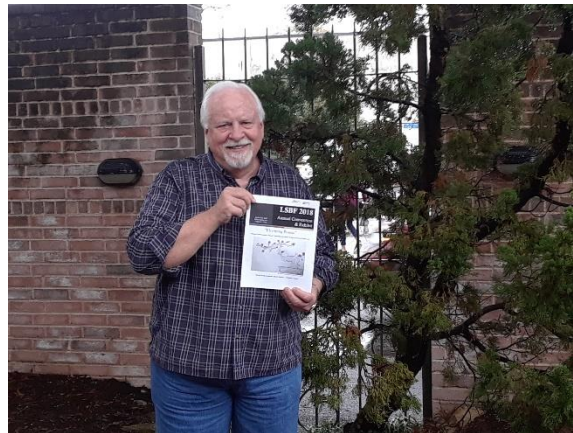
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**Next LSBF Bonsai
Convention-April 11-14,
2019**

“Bonsai on the Bayou”

Hosted by the
American Bonsai Society
& Houston Bonsai Society

Hosting Club's Special Category:
Shohin Display



Pete Parker, LSBF President
Houston Bonsai Society

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It's hard to believe that it has been 11 months since we held our LSBF convention in Longview. While it was one of our more intimate conventions, it certainly didn't lack for bonsai fellowship, good workshops, a killer auction, and massive attendance at the Pub Committee meetings. I personally want to thank Shannon Gilliland and Hunter Hilburn for all of their efforts to put that convention together.

And speaking of conventions, as I write this, we have only 14 days until our Houston club will host the annual American Bonsai Society (ABS) learning seminars. The headliners include Ryan Neil, Bonsai Boon, and Enrique Castano, but we also have other artists coming in to be part of the program including Danny Coffey, Will Baddeley and others. The event features 15 workshops and 13 seminars, so there is almost always something going on that you will want to attend. Many of the seminars feature Texas artists speaking on how to do bonsai here in our home state. As one example, Joey McCoy of the Austin club will be talking about using Texas native species as bonsai.

The exhibit space has been expanded for this convention to over 4000 square feet and we will have room for what I believe will be the largest exhibit of bonsai ever in Texas along with a kusamono exhibit and a viewing stone exhibit. There will be cash prizes associated with the Excellence in Bonsai awards this year. The host club for the convention designates a special category for awards each year. This year the special category is Shohin Display to emphasize the overall composition of a shohin presentation. I'm happy to report that one of the ABS officers will be exhibiting a shohin display that was in the national exhibition last year.

Since this is also an ABS convention, Mark Fields, the President of ABS, will present the prestigious John Naka award and the ABS medallion to trees that are exhibited at the convention.

The vendor space has also been increased for this event and we have 20 vendors signed up for 60 tables at this point. So, what I'm saying is that this convention is an event that you don't want to miss. To sign up to attend, just go to the Houston Bonsai Society website and look for Bonsai on the Bayou.

Even though this year's convention has yet to happen, the San Antonio club has been planning the 2020 convention for over a year now. The headliners next year will be Bonsai Boon, Roy Nogatoshi, and Arthur Joura and the workshops will feature some really good looking collected

material among other things. The convention will be held May 15-17 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio.

Tyler Sherrod was the LSBF Touring Artist this past Fall. I really enjoyed Tyler's easy-going attitude and down-to-earth approach to bonsai. During his demo here he emphasized that you should get the health of the tree and roots right first, then set the structure or "bones" of the tree, and worry about more detailed styling on down the road. Tyler exhibited an excellent eye as he advised workshop participants on their trees and convinced me to make a drastic trunk angle change that really improved the design of my tree.

Kevin Preston has scheduled Andrew Robson as our touring artist this year. Andrew is a Yale graduate who is currently living and working in Portland, Oregon. This will be a bit of a first as Andrew served his apprenticeship under Michael Hagedorn, so he is the first artist formally apprenticed in the US to make the tour. Andrew works on all varieties of trees, but his specialty is deciduous trees, so this will be a great opportunity for us to have an expert help us with our maples, elms, ...

Your Board of Directors continues to manage LSBF's current activities in a way that maintains a solid financial base for the organization. As we experience success in doing this, we return portions of our treasury to the member clubs to help defray the costs of having visiting artists. We also seek opportunities to further the practice of bonsai in our member clubs and surrounding areas. If you have ideas on these topics, please feel free to talk with your LSBF representative or to me when you see me at the Houston convention.

Pete Parker

**2018 LSBF Convention
In Review
April 19-22
Hilton Garden Inn
Longview, Texas**

80+ Registrants gathered in Longview for the LSBF Bonsai Convention in April of 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn. It was a compact and therefore a very friendly atmosphere for all aspects of the convention.



Boon Manakitivipart, guest artist



Shannon Gilliland, Convention Chair, Longview Bonsai Society, welcomes all to Longview. Pete Parker, LSBF President and 2019 Convention Chair.



Rodney Clemons, guest artist



Michael Lane, guest artist



*Best Broadleaf Evergreen, Azalea
Mark Copeland, Bonsai Society of Dallas*



Winner of new Shohin category introduced at the Longview Convention, Ficus salicaria, Nandita D'Souza, Houston Bonsai Society



The Saturday night Auction went very well. L-R: Howard Smith, auctioneer, Bonsai Society of Dallas; Hunter Hilburn, president Longview Bonsai Society; Mark Bynum, Fort Worth Bonsai Society, auctioneer.



Best Tropical, Green Island Ficus Hurley Johnson, Houston Bonsai Society



Convention special category: Best Forest Planting; Best Texas Native; Best of Show; American Elm Forest, Dawn Koetting, Louisiana Bonsai Society



John Miller was honored with a surprise plaque for being an outstanding member of the Bonsai Society of Dallas, by Sylvia Smith.

Award winners not shown: Best Conifer, Redwood, Howard Smith; Best Deciduous, Trident Maple, Sylvia Smith; Both from the Bonsai Society of Dallas.

Bonsai on the Bayou
An American Bonsai Summit
2019 LSBF/ABS
Bonsai Convention

Hosted by the
Houston Bonsai Society

April 11-14, 2019

Because this is a dual convention with the American Bonsai Society (ABS) The format is a much more open style with many free seminars. See full Convention Information at the website below.

Registration Information

Can be found under
Houstonbonsaisociety.com/abs-convention/

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE
ENTIRE CONVENTION....

**CONSIDER A
DAY PASS!**

Hotel Information:

Marriott Houston Westchase
2900 Briarpark Drive
Houston, TX 77042
800-452-5110

**HEADLINE
ARTISTS**

The headline artists will conduct a number of workshops, 2-spotlight demonstrations, exhibit critiques, and a Friday night round table demonstration.



Boon Manakitivipart



Ryan Neil



Enrique Castano

Workshops=14

More than the usual number,
From Junipers to Red Pine to Pot
making. A large variety to choose.
See the Convention Information for
the whole schedule.

Seminars=12

With the open format, Seminars are free but with limited seating.

From Care of Tools to Texas Native trees to Irrigation systems to the future of American Bonsai. There will be a subject to interest anyone.

Bonsai Exhibit

The star of any bonsai convention is the Exhibit. This Exhibit promises to be the largest ever in Texas, and will be open throughout the convention, featuring separate critiques by the guest artists.

The Lone Star Bonsai Federation sponsors the "Excellence in Bonsai" Awards Program. The American Bonsai Society sponsors The John Naka Award and the ABS Medallion.

For this special joint bonsai Convention, substantial Cash Awards are offered. This will be sure to bring out the best bonsai trees.

Awards Banquet on Saturday Night.

Vendor Area

20 vendors, 60 tables, will be displaying their wares. Thursday night features an "early-bird" opportunity for full registrants to buy before anyone else.

2020 LSBF CONVENTION May 15-17 in San Antonio

Boon Manakitivipart,
Roy Nagotshi, Arthur Joura

Exhibit Special Category:
"Rock Plantings"

Joshua Roth/ABS New Talent Contest

The Contest recognizes and promotes new bonsai talent in North America. The contest starts Thursday afternoon with the awards presented Saturday night. Some substantial prizes are offered.

See the Houston Bonsai Society website for more information.

Auction

The 2019 convention will feature a Saturday evening "Live Auction" and a "Silent Auction". As in years past, we want to encourage everyone to bring trees, pots or tools with a value of over \$100 to sell in the live auction. Only LSBF/ABS members will be allowed to sell items but everyone attending the convention is eligible to purchase trees. We will accept credit cards and cash. A portion of each winning bid will go to the LSBF to help fund future visiting artist tours.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Currently, I issue 2 Newsletters per calendar year; a pre-convention and a post-convention issue. These are distributed by email to your club's delegate to the LSBF Board. The delegate is then to distribute the Newsletter on to the members. Each newsletter will also be archived on the LSBF Website at www.lonestarbonsai.org.

I am always looking for interesting articles to add to the newsletters. Articles can be specifically bonsai related or general information such as the history of your club.

Contact me with your thoughts.

Happy styling, Mark Bynum,

Fort Worth Bonsai Society,

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