

# TEXAS BONSAI



T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE.....



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Merry Hanukkah

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I write this note, the end of my tenure as President of LSBF is fast approaching. I want to take this time to thank our officers, Alan Walker (Vice President), Kevin Preston (Treasurer), Shannon Gilliland (Secretary), and Mark Bynum (Newsletter and website editor) for their efforts to further the development of bonsai in Texas and Louisiana over these last two years. Our goals as a group are to expose as many people as possible to bonsai, continually improving the quality of bonsai in our area of coverage, and to provide opportunities for new bonsaiists to learn the art.

The convention we jointly held with the American Bonsai Society in Houston this last April was a resounding success. There were just over 200 registrants for the convention and over 500 visitors took the opportunity to visit the exhibit and the vendor room. The book of photos of exhibit trees was well received and sold well. In the end, the Houston convention proved to be the most profitable convention we can remember.

LSBF was sound financially before the Houston convention. With LSBF's share of the proceeds from Houston, we are stronger than ever. In accordance with our custom and values, the bulk of LSBF monies are returned to the member clubs in the form of travel for the annual touring artist and direct subsidies to the clubs to help fund events with visiting artists.

I hope you have already made your plans to attend Vision 2020, the upcoming LSBF convention being organized and hosted by the San Antonio club. They have taken a unique approach to the logistical arrangements, so this will be an economical convention to attend which allows you to spend your money on trees and pots and workshops rather than meals. Boon Manakitivipart, Arthur Joura, and Roy Nogatoshi are the featured artists and San Antonio has done a great job of gathering material for the workshops, so this will be a great convention.

Our touring artist this year was Andrew Robson who brought a fresh approach to deciduous material to our clubs. His views on pruning and wiring are certainly making me rethink my approach to my elms and maples. Timeless Trees is planning to invite Andrew back in 2020, so keep an eye on their website for dates.

Next year our touring artist will be Jennifer Price from Chicago. Jennifer visited the Austin club this last year and they heartily endorsed her to visit all of LSBF.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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At the board meeting in April, the board voted for LSBF to join the North American Bonsai Federation (NABF). NABF is one of the nine regional members of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation (WBFF) founded by John Naka among others. While we have no financial obligation to NABF, we provide information on activities within our region, and input to the WBFF on what activities we would like to see them undertake (i.e. a WBFF convention in the US or a special visiting artist from overseas somewhere).

*PETER PARKER*

## 2019 LSBF CONVENTION IN REVIEW HOUSTON BONSAI SOCIETY LSBF/ABS



## A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE BONSAI ON EXHIBIT FROM BONSAI CLUBS AROUND TEXAS AND LOUISIANA



# MORE IMAGES FROM THE 2019 CONVENTION

## BONSAI ON THE BAYOU

### HOUSTON, TEXAS



WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION, DESIGN BY TRANG SHAWN NGUYEN



ENRIQUE CASTANO DEMO

RYAN NEIL DEMO

“A SMALL DANCE TO GET THAT  
DEADWOOD ENHANCED”





JOHN NAKA & BEST TX NATIVE AWARDS

DAWN KOETTING



HONORABLE MENTION-TROPICAL

ROBERT KEMPENSHY



BEST CONIFER

HOWARD SMITH



HONORABLE MENTION SHOHIN DISPLAY

DISPLAY

HOE CHUAH

BEST TROPICAL

PETE PARKER



HONORABLE MENTION SHOHIN DISPLAY



JOSHIUA ROTH COMPETITION  
SPONSORED BY ABS  
HURLEY JOHNSON AWARDS  
PEOPLES CHOICE  
LUIS TERAN

JOSHUA ROTH SECOND PRIZE  
BRYAN CORRERA



LSBF AT THE ABS/LSBF  
HOUSTON CONVENTION  
BEST SHOHIN  
SCOTT BARBOZA/ BRIAN GURROLA





## ADDITIONAL AWARDS

BEST BROADLEAF EVERGREEN-MARK GUO

BEST SHOHIN DISPLAY-MARK FIELDS

BEST VIEWING STONE-VERN MADDOX

BEST IN SHOW

BEST KUSAMONO

BEST DECIDUOUS

BEST TROPICAL

ALL THE ABOVE WON

BY

PETE PARKER

CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL  
DONE!!

# 2020 Bonsai Convention featured Artists



Arthur  
Joura



Boon  
Manakitivipart



Roy  
Nagatoshi



VISION 2020 BONSAI CONVENTION MAY 14,15,16,17, 2020

SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY & LSBF

<http://www.sanantoniobonsai.org/2020-bonsai-convention>

KEEP YOUR  
EYES  
ON THE  
BONSAI!!!



## Lone Star Bonsai Federation November 16, 2019 Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Pete Parker.

Delegates and Alternates connected: Mike Garza, Austin; Jorje Mendizabal, Corpus Christi; Howard Smith, Dallas; Mark Bynum, Fort Worth; Hurley Johnson and Pete Parker, Houston; Alan Walker, Lake Charles; Shannon Gilliland, Longview; Lowell Tilley, Louisiana Bonsai Society; Ryan Odegaard and Kevin Preston, San Antonio; Steven Hendricks, Shohin Society of Texas; Donna Dobberfuhl (San Antonio), Newsletter.

Ryan Odegaard gave an update on The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit advising that they are working with the Zilker Botanical Gardens on a Master Plan for the whole garden area which is slowing things down a bit more for the TTSBE State Bonsai Exhibit. He also shared that the San Antonio club is working with the Botanical Garden about Bonsai Exhibition possibilities. The Botanical Garden has just hired a new curator and is interviewing for a horticulturist.

The minutes from the April 11, 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with Kevin Preston moving for approval and Jorje Mendizabal seconding.

### Officers' Reports:

President Pete Parker said he didn't have much to report and asked about the Shreveport club, as they hadn't been in touch lately. Shannon said she would get with them regarding LSBF membership and participation. Vice-President Alan Walker had no report.

Treasurer Kevin Preston reported that we are in the positive.

No Secretary report.

Donna Dobberfuhl is handling the Newsletter and will get the information to Simon Tse for posting on the Website. Details on the Excellence in Bonsai Awards and penalties for early removal of trees from Convention Exhibits will be posted.

Ryan Odegaard will handle the Facebook page.

### Old Business:

2019 Touring Artist Andrew Robson was well received all around and has been brought back to do additional programs for a couple of clubs.

2020 Touring Artist will be Jennifer Price Vihla from the Chicago area. She is scheduled for the end of September/first part of October. Kevin requested that clubs submit preferred dates and number of programs ASAP so he can work up a preliminary schedule. Corpus is already scheduled for the last Thursday of September.

He will forward contact information shortly. Her charges are \$250 per short program; \$300 for a 4-hour class/workshop; \$600 for a 6-hour full day. He will see what her hourly charge would be for private consultations.

David Rizwan (sp?) former curator of the National Exhibit was mentioned as a possibility for 2021.

### Conventions:

Mark Bynum will continue to moderate the Excellence in Bonsai Awards.

2019 – "Bonsai on the Bayou" in Houston was a huge success, 200 full registrations and over 500 registered visitors on Saturday! Houston sent an 8-page document as feedback to ABS and ABS is already taking steps to address several issues mentioned which may result in things being easier in the future. Houston has a book with pictures of trees from their Exhibit which they have published independently of ABS. Hurley may have a couple of copies from the latest printing (to control costs, batches are printed as enough orders accumulate). The latest ABS Journal has 2 articles on the Convention and Exhibit.

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## SECRETARY REPORT CONT'D

**Vision 2020, "Keep Your Eyes on the Bonsai"** – San Antonio, Drury Plaza Hotel, 823 North Loop 1604 East, 78232. Donna Dobberfuhl and Ryan Odegaard and Kevin Preston chairs. Early registration is already covering 30% of the projected costs. ***Ryan said he needs addresses for mailing hard-copy packets ASAP.*** Alcohol has been donated for the Vendor's Reception and for the Auction night. (Side note – Drury is expanding their chain to Dallas and Houston and is interested in future conventions.)

**2021** – will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin near 290 & 35. Mike Garza reported that artists are locked in and they are collecting workshop material.

**2022** – Lafayette, LA might be interested (they will need to join LSBF first), possibly sharing responsibility with Baton Rouge or Lake Charles. Dallas is another possibility (they will discuss it at their upcoming Board Meeting.)

### **New Business:**

**Convention Profit** - Howard Smith moved that \$250 be sent to each club, which will cover the cost of 1 of Andrew Robson's programs in 2019; Shannon Gilliland seconded and the motion passed after discussion about 2020 with no opposition.

**The Nominating Committee** presented the proposed slate of officers:

President – Kevin Preston; Vice-President – Hurley Johnson; Treasurer – Ryan Odegaard; Secretary – Shannon Gilliland. There were no additional nominations. Howard Smith moved to accept the slate, Kevin Preston seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

### **Suggestions for improving LSBF –**

Ryan Odegaard mentioned the need for ***better communication between the clubs***, especially regarding bringing in visiting artists and sharing other resources. This could allow clubs to share the costs of transportation and provide more opportunities for education. He also said we should share newsletters and activities. The idea of V-Ps having one or two teleconferences a year to facilitate this as well as **coordinating club events** was discussed. (The scheduling of the San Antonio Convention pushed the normal date for the Austin club's Annual Exhibit)

Kevin Preston asked about **members of other clubs attending special programs or taking classes with host clubs.** This will be put on the January agenda.

Ryan said that long time San Antonio member Larry Adler had passed away. They will look into whether or not he meets the criteria for inclusion on the **Memorial Plaque** as well as the late Richard Hayes.

Pete Parker graciously offered his home for the January 11, 2020, noon Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Shannon Gilliland

LSBF Secretary

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