



# TEXAS BONSAI

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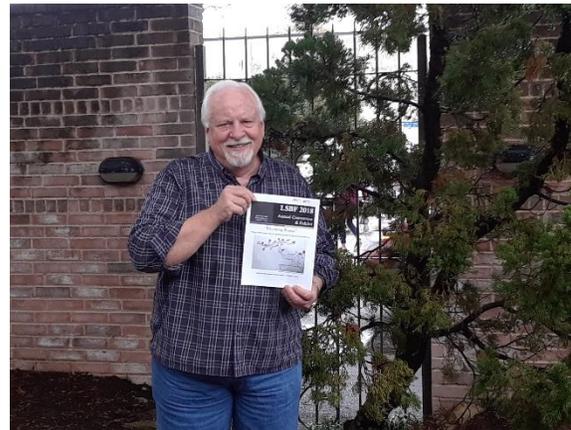
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Pete Parker, LSBF President  
Houston Bonsai Society

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

LSBF is entering a new year with a new slate of officers including myself as President, Alan Walker, Lake Charles Bonsai Society, as Vice President, Kevin Preston, San Antonio Bonsai Society, as Treasurer, and Shannon Gilliland, Longview Bonsai Society, as Secretary. I'd like to thank these representatives for volunteering

their time for the good of LSBF. Particular thanks goes to Kevin who has taken on the task of scheduling the LSBF touring speaker each of the last several years.

Coming into the year, we also say good-bye to Howard Smith, Bonsai Society of Dallas, as our President and I would like to thank Howard personally for our successes these last two years. Under Howard's leadership, and that of Mark Bynum, Fort Worth Bonsai Society, before him, the Board has reduced our cost structure significantly, and has continued to put on successful federation conventions like the one in Dallas this past year. As a result, we regularly spend time discussing the best ways to utilize our time and our treasury to promote the art of bonsai in the region we serve.

And speaking of conventions, I hope you have made your plans to attend this year's convention, "Blooming Bonsai" at the Hilton Garden Inn in Longview. There's a lot more information on the convention elsewhere in this newsletter, but I will just say that the executive chef at the hotel is a longtime friend of the convention chairperson, Shannon Gilliland, and they have worked hard to put together a great slate of meals to go with the other festivities. As always, we will have a judged exhibit at the convention and will recognize some of the best of the bonsai displayed. This year will include a new award for the best shohin bonsai. Longview has also chosen to have an award for the best forest or group planting this year.

Our Houston club is busy planning the 2019 LSBF convention. It will be co-hosted with the American Bonsai Society making this a much larger format than our regular conventions. There will be more to come on this in future newsletters.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Longview.

Pete Parker

## 2018 Bonsai Convention

April 19-22  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Longview, Texas

Registration Information  
Can be found under '2018 Convention'  
[lonestarbonsai.org](http://lonestarbonsai.org)

### Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn  
905 East Hawkins Parkway  
Longview, Texas 75605  
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<http://hiltongardenhilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-garden-inn-longview-GGGGIGI/index.htmlinn3>.

The Hilton Garden Inn features King and Queen beds, has 11 handicapped accessible rooms and 5 suite arrangements. It also has an indoor salt-water pool with a lazy river feature and exercise room. The Convention Room Rate of \$99 includes a coupon for a half-price hot breakfast each morning. You can view the amenities and make reservations on their website above or by calling the Hotel directly and mentioning the Lone Star Bonsai Federation Convention. As a special consideration, you can book for Wednesday, April 18 at our rate.

**NOTE:** The cost of the Convention is directly related to the number of room nights and meals sold. Though you may find cheaper accommodations, please try to stay at the convention hotel to help keep costs down.

# ARTISTS



**Boon Manakitivipart**

Boon's passion is bonsai education—both learning and teaching. He had the privilege to train with one of the most famous bonsai masters in Japan. As part of his training, Boon helped set up and work every major Japanese bonsai show. His goal today is to share his bonsai expertise and knowledge with other bonsai enthusiasts through his teachings. He sponsors study groups and workshops across America. Personalized workshops and intensive classes are held at his studio in northern California. Boon gets great satisfaction when his students attain success. Several have become acclaimed bonsai artists and teachers in their own right. Boon has won numerous national and international awards for his work on bonsai. He is known for his innovative techniques, unique bonsai styling and creative teaching methods.

## **Robert Specian**

Bob is a well-known local bonsai artist from Shreveport, Louisiana. He is very experienced and has studied the art for many years. He will be conducting workshops on Group Planting and Forest Planting.



**Rodney Clemons**

Rodney Clemons and his wife Charlie are the owner/operators of Allgood Bonsai, in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The nursery specializes in Kingsville boxwood and grows a variety of other species. Rodney is a well-known speaker / teacher and enjoys his travel opportunities in sharing his passion for bonsai as well as workshops and private sessions at Allgood Bonsai. He curates two public collections and strives to help elevate the quality and advancement of bonsai in the US. He was captivated by bonsai in 1973 when he saw a Trident maple forest that struck chords in his heart and artistic nature. Bonsai has been his passion since that time. Rodney is a bonsai artist and instructor. He was a professional landscaper, specializing in Japanese gardens and natural water features. His work has developed his sensitive eye and skill with rock and plant placement, which adds realism to his bonsai creations. He is best known for his unique "rock plantings" and his love of "Kingsville" boxwood. When teaching his remarks are delivered with a liberal dose of humor.

## **Demonstration**

A bonsai demonstration by the artists will be featured Friday night. The completed tree(s) will be raffled or auctioned off during the convention.



## Michael Lane

I began in Bonsai in 2008 after receiving a small juniper as a gift and finding myself fascinated with it. The tree, as most first bonsai do, died and I was left wondering why. I wanted to try again but on something a bit more substantial. I researched bonsai in my area and was pleased to learn that Wigerts Bonsai Nursery in Florida was conveniently located within a 20-minute drive. I met Erik Wigert, and expressed both my admiration and desire to learn this Art from him. Originally I was told that there was no position at the nursery. I decided to essentially show my persistence by taking every class the nursery offered and spending all of my weekends there. One day, during class, Erik approached me and told me to report for duty the following Saturday. My approach to bonsai is unique in my appreciation of the global distribution of Bonsai and the diverse aesthetics that have become established as bonsai takes its place on the world stage. Essentially, the difference between Japanese Bonsai, and the Bonsai produced around the world.

## Vendor Area

Many vendors will be displaying their wares. Thursday night features an “early-bird” opportunity for full registrants to buy before anyone else.

## Raffles Galore

Raffles will run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please bring Bonsai related items to donate to the Convention. Also bring some cash to buy Raffle Tickets. Always a lot of fun!

## Workshops & Materials:

**Bring Your Own Tree-** Bonsai Boon  
**Brazilian Raintree-** Rodney Clemons  
**Lavendar Star Flower-** Mike Lane  
**Pokemoke Dwarf Crape Myrtle-** Boon  
**BYOT-** Rodney Clemons  
**Dwarf Barbados Cherry-** Mike Lane  
**Group Planting-** Bob Specian  
**Cork Bark Oak-** Bonsai Boon  
**Chickasaw Dwf. Crape Myrtle-** Rodney  
**BYOT-** Mike Lane  
**Dwarf Black Olive-** Bonsai Boon  
**Azalea-** Rodney Clemons  
**Parrot’s Beak-** Mike Lane  
**Forest Planting-** Bob Specian

### NOTES:

All of the workshops have seats available. To sign up for a workshop and read additional details, as well as see pictures of the plant materials, please go to:

[www.lonestarbonsai.org](http://www.lonestarbonsai.org)  
 click on ‘2018 Convention’

## Bonsai Exhibit

The star of any bonsai convention is the Exhibit. The Exhibit will be open throughout the convention and feature separate critiques by the guest artists.

The Lone Star Bonsai Federation sponsors the “Excellence in Bonsai” Program. The guest artists will judge the trees in these standard categories: **Best Conifer, Best Deciduous, Best Broadleaf Evergreen, Best Tropical, Best Texas Native.** The LSBF Board has added **Best Shohin** starting this year. The Hosting Club has chosen “**Best Forest or Group Planting**” for its special category at this convention only. To enter your tree and find further details of the EIB Program, fill out the form in the Convention Brochure at [lonestarbonsai.org](http://lonestarbonsai.org).

## LSBF BONSAI TALENT CONTEST

For the 3rd year in a row, the LSBF 2018 Annual Convention will once again highlight bonsai talent by featuring the LSBF Talent Competition. The goal, as should easily be understood, is to encourage bonsai artists young and old to challenge themselves with potentially difficult material, and to provide an outlet for those that participate to show their skills. Teams of 3 will rotate shifts and style a pre-bonsai tree. The top trees will win a very nice prize worth \$100 or more. Be sure and get your team together and enter soon. Limit 15 teams total. The contest will be the featured demonstration during lunch on Friday, April 20, 2018. Thank you, Hurley Johnson, for organizing this contest and for procuring prizes for the winners. Please see the LSBF website for contest rules and entry form. For any additional questions regarding the talent contest, please email or call Hurley at 832.526.5962 & [hurley@all-tex.net](mailto:hurley@all-tex.net).

## Auction

The 2018 convention will feature a Saturday evening “Live 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 member club’s 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’s tours.

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

**CONSIDER A  
\$30 DAY PASS!**

Pay on the day you come.

A Day Pass gets you into the Vendor Area, the Exhibit, the Raffles, the Auction, and Observation of Workshops.

Meals can be purchased separately.

See the registration form at:

[www.lonestarbonsai.org](http://www.lonestarbonsai.org)

under the 2018 Convention tab

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[www.lonestarbonsai.org](http://www.lonestarbonsai.org)

Also find us on **Facebook** under  
Lone Star Bonsai Federation

### **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](http://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,  
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