



The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit presents 23rd annual:

Kathy Shaner Seminar

October 12-14, 2018

Difficult Trees & Enhancing the look of age

Please join us in a seminar with one of the most exciting, knowledgeable and personable bonsai masters Kathy Shaner. Kathy completed a full five year apprenticeship in Japan under bonsai master Yasuo Mitsuya and is the first non-Japanese and first woman ever certified by the Nippon Bonsai Association. She is the curator of the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in California and adviser to The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit collection. Kathy is a fantastic teacher with the ability to make you part of everything, not just a note taker. Her seminars increase bonsai knowledge, raise skill levels and make the wonderful world of bonsai even more enjoyable. Kathy's seminars are ideal for beginning and veteran bonsaists alike and are informal from beginning to end.

2018 Seminar: We often have trees on our benches which either confound us with too many styling options that we get stuck, or which don't seem to present a clear path to create a pleasing image. Sometimes it's a matter of finding the basic shape of the tree to work upon which can help us to "see the forest for the trees" other times it is a few well placed techniques which change the nature of our tree. Bonsai has a special appeal when it evokes the feeling of an ancient forest giant, seeing the passage of time. There are techniques to help add the look of age to our trees, some subtle, which can take an ordinary tree toward the extraordinary. Kathy will help us to decode the challenges of bonsai, working with the material brought in by the registrants.

Participants are encouraged to bring up to two bonsai to the Seminar. The more refined the material you bring in, the more beneficial Kathy's advice will be. However, you may bring in material at any stage of development. As in previous years, Kathy will try hard to get to at least one tree from each person depending on time constraints, and will discuss the tree and possibly style or wire the tree, also depending on the material. We all learn from the techniques she shows to the group.

This year's optional Friday workshop will be on Wound Management and Deadwood (ie: creating or preserving deadwood, enhancing deadwood features through pulling, carving or hollowing, and how to repair areas where we don't want that "dead" feature by speeding callous, cleaning or disguising the cut or wound). We often edit branches or trunks from our bonsai, and then struggle to make it look natural or to properly help it heal. There are many ways to "fix" these problems, and Kathy will assist. Each participant can bring up to 2 trees (Kathy will work on at least one tree by each participant). This special workshop is limited to the first 6 full registrants to the Seminar who select this workshop. *Observation of the workshop is not available.*

Kathy's optional Sunday afternoon workshop is Bring Your Own Tree and is limited to 6 full registrants on a first come basis. Work on any size material you like...styled or rough. Kathy asks participants in a prior workshop to bring a tree she has worked on to continue its development. *Silent observation is included in registration.*

Location:

The Seminar is held at the conference center at Cabela's, the outfitter emporium, 15570 S I-35 in Buda, Texas just south of Austin's City limits. Directions will be in your registration acknowledgment.

Schedule:

Friday: The Wound Management workshop begins at **9:00am** at Persimmon Hill Bonsai. It lasts until **4:00pm** and lunch is on your own. More details will be provided to registrants. No observation if you're not in the workshop. Persimmon Hill then opens at 5:00p.m. for refreshments for registrants and guests. About 6:30p.m. we'll leave for a no-host dinner in the private dining room of a Japanese restaurant. Everyone pays their own. Please mark the box in the registration form.

Saturday: The **Seminar** begins promptly at **9:30 a.m.** in Cabela's Conference Center and goes until **5:00 p.m.** Saturday evening we will meet for a no-host casual supper at a local restaurant at **6:30 p.m.** and look forward to having some visiting time (more information will be available in your confirmation info). Everyone please pick up your own bill here. Please check the appropriate Registration Form box if you can come.

Sunday: Kathy will get underway promptly at **9:30 a.m.** with the 2nd part of the Seminar at Cabela's. We'll wrap up at **noon**. Kathy's optional Sunday afternoon BYOT workshop is from **1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at Cabela's (not at Persimmon Hill as previous years). Any size or kind of tree may be worked on. Seminar registration includes silent observing of this workshop.

Workshop & Cancellation Policies:

Registration for both workshops is on a first come basis. Participants can attend neither, one or both workshops. There is a maximum of two trees per person for each workshop. Workshop status will be in the acknowledgment. There will be a standby list.

In recent years, both the Friday and Sunday workshops have filled up quickly and have had waiting lists. Early paid registration will help guarantee a seat for the workshops.

Cancellations received on or before October 1st, will receive a complete refund. No refund on cancellations received after October 1st except for the workshop fee(s) if on the stand by list.

Important General Information:

Registration includes: Seminar, Friday social at Persimmon Hill & no-host Japanese dinner, Saturday no-host Dinner at a nearby restaurant, and observing the Sunday workshop. Seminar and workshop registrations are entered only on receipt of the Registration Form and payment. Working with bonsai tools is a hazardous activity. To participate or observe the seminar or workshop, a release form liability agreement must be signed.

The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit is sponsoring the Kathy Shaner Seminar, and we are excited to continue this wonderful tradition. All income after Kathy's expense will go toward creating and maintaining the Exhibit. Thank you for your continued support of the Seminar as well as TTSBE!

Complete seminar details, driving directions, local hotel accommodations and what to bring will be in your registration acknowledgment. Please register early. Space is limited. I hope you will be a part of this 23rd annual seminar. It's a wonderful opportunity to have a fantastic bonsai weekend!

Sincerely,

Joey McCoy, TTSBE Chair.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s):
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Address:
City: State Zip
Telephone: Email:

Wound Management Friday Workshop: each at **\$130.00** per person Total \$ _____
(Bring your own tree and tools. Participants only, no observers)

Seminar: each at **\$150.00** per person Total \$ _____
(Includes Friday social, Saturday & Sunday Seminar, observing Sunday's workshop)

Bring-your-own-tree Sunday Workshop: each at **\$100.00** per person Total \$ _____
(Bring your own tree, maximum of two, tools, wire and turntable. Must be registered for the seminar)

I/We will attend the Friday no-host Japanese dinner. (No. of people)
I/We will attend the Saturday no-host Dinner (No. of people)

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

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