



The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit presents 24th annual:

## **Kathy Shaner Seminar**

October 19-20, 2019

### **Developing Ramification and Apex**

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.

**2019 Seminar:** Look to the best bonsai at shows, books or online and you will see each have a fine network of branches radiating power and life along the trunks which not only divide and subdivide again and again in an orderly way, but they each have beautiful taper which mirrors the entire tree. This twigging in bonsai is: Ramification. There are techniques to help develop this necessary feature which not only tells the story of age, but also echoes the full sized trees we emulate in our art. As a sister topic, people can often have trouble finding and developing the Apex on our bonsai. This highest pinnacle of the tree not only finishes the composition and helps to set the direction or flow of the tree, it should have the same fine ramification of the branches below.

Participants are encouraged to bring one or 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. We do our best but due to time constraints there may be some who will not have their tree discussed. When Kathy discusses each bonsai she may possibly style or wire the tree depending on the material. This is a Seminar and we all learn from the techniques she shows to the group and take this information home to apply to our bonsai.

This year's optional Friday workshop will be on Wiring Techniques. Often people do not do enough wiring work on their trees because they may feel unsure about applying wire. Kathy will work with participants to increase their knowledge and comfort with wire and will show some specialized techniques geared toward the bonsai which are brought in for this all day extra workshop. 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-only 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 Oct 18:** The extra **Wiring Techniques workshop** begins at **9:00am** at Persimmon Hill Bonsai. It lasts until **4:00pm** and lunch is on your own. No observation if you're not in the workshop. **BYO:** tree, tools and wire  
**Bonsai Happy Hour** at Persimmon Hill then begins at 5:00p.m. for refreshments for registrants and guests.  
**Dinner:** 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 if you're able to join us.

**Saturday Oct 19: Ramification & Apex Seminar:** begins promptly at **9:30 a.m.** in Cabela's Conference Center and goes until **5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner:** 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 soon). Everyone please pick up your own bill here. Please check the appropriate Registration Form box if you can come.

**Sunday Oct 20: Ramification & Apex Seminar:** Kathy will get underway promptly at **9:30 a.m** with the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Seminar at Cabela's. We'll wrap up at **noon**.

**BYOT workshop:** Kathy's optional Sunday afternoon workshop is from **1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at Cabela's. 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!

## SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

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

Seminar: Developing Apex and Ramification ..... each at **\$150.00** per person ..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes Friday Oct 18 social, Saturday Oct 19 & Sunday Oct 20 Seminar, observing Sunday Oct 20 workshop)

Optional Wiring Techniques, Friday Oct 18 Workshop: ..... each at **\$130.00** per person ..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bring your own tree, wire and tools. Participants only, no observers, must be registered for the Seminar)

Optional Bring-your-own-tree Sunday Oct 20 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 Oct 18 no-host Japanese dinner. (No. of people .....)

I/We will attend the Saturday Oct 19 no-host Dinner (No. of people .....)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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