



The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit presents 25th annual seminar featuring:

Kathy Shaner

November 3 - 5, 2023

Deciduous Bonsai

Please join us 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 to be 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 feel involved, not just be a note taker. Her seminars are ideal for beginner and veteran bonsai enthusiasts alike and are enjoyable from beginning to end.

Deciduous bonsai trees are bonsai specimens that are cultivated from deciduous tree species. These trees shed their leaves in the fall and remain leafless through the winter, only to regrow leaves in the spring. Deciduous bonsai trees are popular choices among bonsai enthusiasts because they display stunning seasonal changes, with vibrant foliage in the spring and summer, and beautiful bare branches in the winter. Some examples below for your reference.

1. **Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*):** Japanese maples are known for their stunning foliage, which turns brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow in the fall. They have delicate leaves and are a favorite among bonsai artists.
2. **Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*):** Chinese elms are hardy and adaptable deciduous bonsai trees with small, serrated leaves. They are excellent choices for beginners due to their forgiving nature.
3. **Trident Maple (*Acer buergerianum*):** Trident maples are popular for their attractive three-lobed leaves and distinctive, peeling bark. They are known for their beautiful autumn colors.
4. **Hornbeam (*Carpinus* species):** Hornbeam trees have attractive serrated leaves and can develop interesting nebari (surface roots). They are appreciated for their natural-looking, twisted trunks.
5. **Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*):** Zelkova bonsai trees have small, serrated leaves and are valued for their rugged appearance, especially when they are aged and develop gnarled trunks.
6. **Beech (*Fagus* spp.):** This tree offers smooth gray bark and a unique branching pattern. It's prized for its winter silhouette.
7. There are so many varieties of deciduous tree species, surprise us!

Kathy will help us decode the challenges that come with these trees, working with material brought in by registrants.

Participants are encouraged to bring **up to 2** bonsai to the seminar. You may bring in material at any stage of development, but the more refined the material you bring in, the more beneficial Kathy's advice will be. As in previous years, Kathy will try to select at least one tree from each person and discuss the tree, possibly styling or wiring the tree, depending on the material.

This year’s optional Friday workshop will be on styling. We often edit branches or trunks from our bonsai, and then struggle to make it look natural or properly help it heal. There are many ways to remedy these problems, and Kathy will show participants how. Each participant can bring **up to 2** trees (Kathy will work on at least one tree from each participant). This special workshop is limited to the first 6 people to sign up. *Observation of this workshop is not available.*

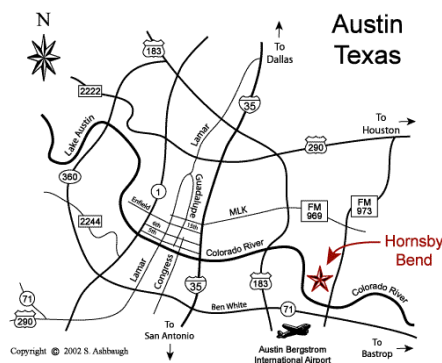
Kathy’s optional Sunday afternoon workshop is Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT) and is limited to 6 participants on a first-come basis. Work on any size material you like...styled or rough. Kathy asks participants from a prior workshop to bring back a tree she has worked on before to continue its development. *Silent observation of this workshop is included with registration.*

Location:

The seminar will be held in the auditorium at the Austin Water Center for Environmental Research, 2210 FM973, Austin, TX 78725, just east of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

[Map and Directions](#)

[Site Map](#)



Schedule:

***** PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR EACH EVENT *****

	Friday, November 3	Saturday, November 4	Sunday, November 5		
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Styling Workshop* Where: Lakeview Bonsai 4005 Paloma Circle, Austin TX 78734 Lunch is not provided <i>*Limited registration (first 6)</i>	9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Deciduous Bonsai Seminar (Day 1) Where: Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (Auditorium) 2210 FM973, Austin TX 78725	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Deciduous Bonsai Seminar (Day 2) Where: Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (Auditorium) 2210 FM973, Austin TX 78725		
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3:00 PM		Lunch included	BYOT Workshop* Where: Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (Auditorium) 2210 FM973, Austin TX 78725 <i>*Limited registration (first 6)</i>
3:30 PM			
4:00 PM			
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM	5:00 PM		
5:30 PM	Lakeview Bonsai social		
6:00 PM	<i>Refreshments provided</i>		
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	No-host dinner <i>Please pick up your own check</i>	No-host dinner <i>Please pick up your own check</i>	

Schedule Details:

Friday:

- **10:00 AM – 4:00 PM** The optional styling workshop. Limited to the first 6 people to sign up. You may only bring up to 2 trees. More details will be provided to registrants. Lunch is not provided.
- **5:00 PM** Lakeview Bonsai ([Map](#)) opens for refreshments and nibbles for registrants and guests.
- **6:30 PM** No-host dinner at a restaurant. Everyone picks up their own check.
- *You can register for the workshop and dinner on the registration form.*

Saturday:

- **9:30 AM – 5:00 PM** The Deciduous Bonsai Seminar.
- **6:30 PM** No-host dinner at a local restaurant (more information will be available in your confirmation email). Look forward to having some casual downtime. Again, everyone picks up their own check.
- *You can register for the seminar and dinner on the registration form.*

Sunday:

- **9:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Second continuation of the Deciduous Bonsai Seminar.
- **1:30 PM – 4:30 PM** Kathy Shaner's optional BYOT workshop. Any size or kind of tree may be worked on. Limited to the first 6 people to sign up. You may only bring up to 2 trees.
- *General registration includes observing Kathy's workshop. You must register separately to participate.*

Workshop & Cancellation Policies:

Registration for both workshops is on a first-come basis. There is a maximum of two trees per person for each workshop. Workshop status will be in the registration acknowledgment. There will be a waitlist.

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

Cancellations received on or before **Friday, October 8th, 2022** will receive a complete refund. There will be **no** refunds on cancellations received after this date except for the workshop fee(s) if on the waitlist.

Important General Information:

Registration includes the seminar, Friday social, Saturday lunch, and observing the Sunday workshop. Seminar and workshop registrations are entered only upon receiving 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 Kathy Shaner Seminar was originally founded by Sheila and the late Terry Ward. Now, the Texas State Bonsai Exhibit has taken over running the Kathy Shaner Seminar, and we are excited to continue this wonderful tradition. All proceeds 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.** Questions? Contact Simon Tse at webmaster.ttsbe@gmail.com or at (512) 825-4210. I hope you will be a part of the 25th annual seminar. It's a wonderful opportunity to have a fantastic bonsai weekend!

Sincerely,

Simon Tse, TTSBE Chair.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Styling Friday Workshop: (\$150.00 per person) Total \$ _____
(Bring your own trees and tools, lunch is not provided)

Seminar: (\$180.00 per person) Total \$ _____
(Includes seminar, Friday social, Saturday lunch & observing Sunday’s workshop)

Bring-Your-Own-Tree Sunday Workshop: (\$120.00 per person) Total \$ _____
(Bring your own tools, wire, turntable, and trees – maximum 2 trees. Must be registered for the seminar.)

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

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Grand Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

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