



The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit presents our 26th annual seminar featuring:

Suthin Sukosolvisit

November 1 - 3, 2024

Refinement to Enhance Age

Please join us for one of the most prolific, knowledgeable, and personable bonsai masters - Suthin Sukosolvisit. Here is Suthin's biography taken from his website.

Born in Thailand, Suthin has extensive experience with tropical bonsai. His expertise also includes Japanese maple, Juniper, Azalea, Black Pine and many other species. Suthin has won multiple National Bonsai Awards in Thailand and the United States. He lectures all around the world and at some of the most important bonsai conventions in the United States. Suthin shares new information and techniques whenever he teaches. His Bonsai are known for their proportion, refinement and detail. He is mostly admired for his remarkable Shohin Bonsai designs. Suthin and his wife operate the Royal Bonsai Garden in Stoughton, Massachusetts.

His seminars are ideal for beginner and veteran bonsai enthusiasts alike and are enjoyable from beginning to end. Refining a bonsai tree includes several key techniques aimed at maintaining its shape, balancing energy and enhancing its age appearance.

Refinement Stage:

Goals: Balance energy, maintain shape and style, and cultivate a healthy root ball.

Techniques: Pruning, pinching, and repotting as needed to control growth and promote fine branching.

Repotting: Only repot when necessary, such as when the root ball is full or soil is decomposing, to avoid excessive growth.

Development vs. Refinement:

Development: Focuses on increasing trunk girth, developing primary branches, healing wounds, recovering the root system, and promoting back budding.

Refinement: Involves managing growth to achieve a balanced, detailed form, often through pruning and pinching.

Age Considerations:

Bonsai Age: Distinguished between natural age (the tree's actual age) and bonsai age (the time spent in bonsai cultivation).

Impact of Age: Young trees focus on growth, while mature trees aim to maintain their form and slow down growth.

Pruning and Maintenance:

Pruning Types: Structural, replacement, and maintenance pruning are used to shape and refine the bonsai.

Timing: Pruning is typically done in late winter or early spring, with specific techniques for different species.

Vigorous vs. Healthy Growth:

Vigorous Growth: Characterized by long internodes, large leaves, and substantial root growth, often seen in young or

unrefined trees.

Healthy Growth: Marked by good foliage color, dense growth, and absence of damage or stress.

Enhancing Age:

Maturity: Bonsai trees are guided towards maturity through annual procedures like pruning and repotting, which stabilize growth activity.

Refinement Techniques: Regular pruning and pinching help maintain the tree's shape and promote fine branching, contributing to the appearance of age.

By understanding these principles, you can effectively refine your bonsai and enhance its age through careful management and maintenance.

Suthin 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 Suthin's advice will be. Suthin 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 **Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT)** with an emphasis on Refinement to Enhance Age. 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 Suthin will show participants how. Each participant can bring **up to 2** trees (Suthin will work on at least one tree from each participant). This special workshop is limited to **6 people**. *Observation of this workshop is not available.*

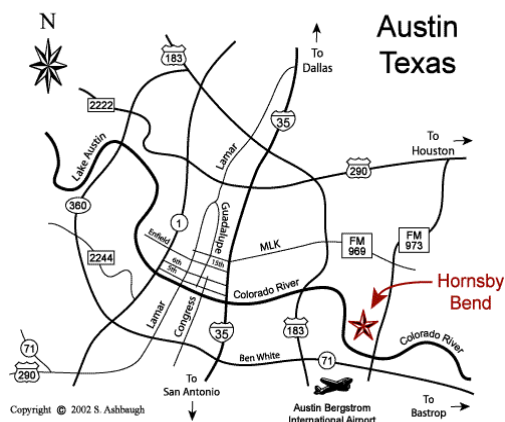
Suthin's optional Sunday afternoon workshop is **Bring Your Own Tree (BYOT)** and is limited to 6 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Work on any size material you like...styled or rough. *Silent observation of this workshop is included with registration.*

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 1	Saturday, November 2	Sunday, November 3		
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM BYOT Workshop* Where: Lakeview Bonsai 4005 Paloma Circle, Austin TX 78734	9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Bonsai Seminar (Day 1) Where: Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (Auditorium) 2210 FM973, Austin TX 78725	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Bonsai Seminar (Day 2) Where: Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (Auditorium) 2210 FM973, Austin TX 78725		
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5:30 PM	Lakeview Bonsai social <i>Refreshments provided</i>				
6:00 PM					
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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** Bonsai Seminar (Day 1). You may bring up to 2 trees.
- **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** Continuation of the Bonsai Seminar.
- **1:30 PM – 4:30 PM** 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 Suthin's workshop. You must register separately to participate.*

Workshop & Cancellation Policies:

Registration for both workshops is on a first-come, first-served 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 waiting list.

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 11th, 2024** 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 TTSBE Seminar was originally founded by the late Sheila and Terry Ward. The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit has been given the honor to carry on this wonderful tradition and we are excited to continue with various bonsai masters who will enhance our skills. All proceeds after Suthin's expenses will go towards 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 join us and be a part of the 26th annual seminar. It is 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: _____

Bring-Your-Own-Tree Friday Workshop: (\$150.00 per person) Total \$ _____
(Bring your own trees and tools, **lunch is not provided**. Must be registered for the seminar.)

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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