



# The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit, Inc

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## UPDATE! Land development

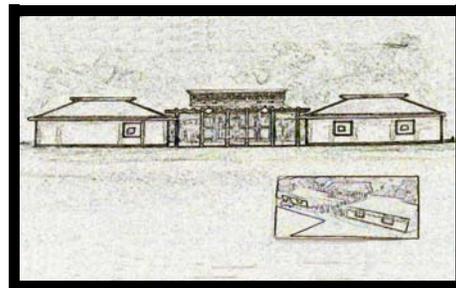
story by Alisan Clarke

The funds from the Pioneer Society has allowed the continued progress at the site of the future Bonsai Exhibit in Mustang Ridge, TX.

The 12.2 acre tract is now fenced on both sides. The board recently approved the construction of a prominent double gate entrance.

The concept drawings of the Bonsai garden were unveiled at the ABS Seminar this past June at the El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio, TX.

The blue prints have been placed in the hands of professional builders in the categories of rain water collection, wind power,



Black and white rendering of the front entrance of the exhibit

photovoltaic and green building firms.

A surveyors group has put out a call to find a surveyor for our particular needs.

Heightened interest from the *Master Gardener* and *Pond Societies* in the region has generated a desire from the groups to offer volunteer hours. A local pond business has offered to work on shade tree acquisition for the

site putting aside trees with character.

Scheduled to be installed later this month is a sign and rendering of the Bonsai garden.

A project presentation for the city council and Mayor of Mustang Ridge of the Bonsai garden and Museum is scheduled for fall.

The reality is in sight! Please add your name to the generous group of supporters.

## BOARD EXPANDS TALENT POOL

story by Donna Dobberfuhl

Two new advisors have joined the effort.

**Chris Hewitt**, P.E. is a graduate of UT-Austin with a B.S. in Architectural Engineering. He is employed as a structural engineer with the firm of Hunt and Joiner

Inc. in Austin TX.

**Roger Lawrence**, a builder/architect, is a graduate Of UT-Austin with a B.B.A. in Real Estate and Urban Land Development. He owns Lawrence Construction Co. Inc. Building only a

few high quality homes a year, Lawrence Construction is committed to building "green" as possible.

We are thrilled with these two professionals making such a commitment! Thank you!

## Foster Care Workshop

story by Elaine White

"Foster care parents will participate in a free workshop with Kathy Shaner"



Cedar elm #10 is available for Foster Care. This tree is about 35" tall, 8" trunk..

Workshop

**Free**

Wanted Foster care parents

Individuals who have chosen to foster an exhibit tree will be participating in a free workshop with Kathy Shaner. They will work on their chosen tree on October 6th at Elaine White's Lakeview Bonsai Garden. Parents will be given directions for care of their tree beginning at 9:00 am. The workshop will conclude at 12 noon. From noon to 1:00 there will be a locally catered lunch served on the covered deck overlooking the magnificent Lake Travis.

Each person will purchase their own lunch and may select from a variety of local offerings.



There are four trees yet to be adopted.

For information contact Elaine White.

512-266-2655 or

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Cedar Elm #2 is about 26" tall, 4" trunk and is without a Foster Parent.

## Club Representatives help build Exhibit

Representatives from around the state of Texas are helping with the building of the permanent Bonsai Exhibit.

The Bonsai Societies of Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Longview, San Antonio and the Shohin Society of Texas have representatives.

The board is seeking additional members from the other societies in the state and region. The primary duties are to update the clubs on the latest developments of the Bonsai Exhibit and answer question concerning the *Foster Care program* and the *Emergency Care program* for Bonsai members who find themselves in need of help with their collection.

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# TTSBE Sponsors collecting trips story by Joseph McCoy

Imagine a lush green landscape dominated by Live Oaks, Ashe Junipers and Cedar Elms, land once used as a ranch for cattle. Creeks and loamy bottomland encourage the trees to soar above and provide beautiful



Hmm? Photo Irene Britton

shade, but hike higher and you'll find limestone cap rock dominated by cacti and smaller trees, dwarfed by the harsh elements. Central Texas has some of the best material for Bonsai and Redbird Ranch; a mostly untouched 600-acre track of land west of San Antonio is a Bonsaiist's dream!

Views of the hill country, hiking through nature and a day spent with friends – this would all be enough to enjoy the day, but for two years now, Bonsai artists throughout the state have also come to appreciate the bounty of material available at Redbird Ranch. Each place on the ranch has it's own microenvironment with specific species and growth, so every style tree is represented. The area is slated to eventually be developed into a housing subdivision (part of it already has), and piece-by-piece it has been made available to the Bonsai community due to the ties with one of TTSBE's members. Since there are no amenities, everything must be packed in and packed out, lots of water is a MUST. Tailgate or tree-shaded picnics usually have many people gather and

swapping stories of their finds.

Everyone should be with a buddy when out in the wild, in case of an accident (as in a cactus accident as I've found out!)

Collecting from the wild also teaches about the patterns of life from year to year. You have to pay close attention to the amount of rainfall from the previous year to know which plants will be best to collect (dry years)–TX Persimmon, wet years–Cedar Elms). If we've had a late winter with recent cold snaps or if the plants are budding out before they're due-all these will affect how successful your collecting trip will be. It also really helps to have a lot of plant people around to identify the species before putting shovel to earth.

"...in case of a accident as in a the cactus accident as I've found out!"

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