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TTSBE DIG Jan 29, 2012

By Joseph McCoy

Stones, trees, and a beautiful sunny Central Texas day greeted visitors to the TTSBE property on January 29th for our second annual "open house" dig. Our early morning started with only a few active collectors, but as the day went on more arrived, about 10 in all!

The property had some massive rain fall just a few days earlier (where was this rain last summer??) which stirred up some soil along the ancient river bed, but also revealed some terrific hard stones (charl, agate, petrified wood, etc.) to be used as future suiseki and root-over-rock plantings. Interesting and contorted images were found in these rocks including figure stones, textural images, and even a hut stone!

Next was the hunt for the trees. Some of the happy finds of the day included a nicely shaped mesquite with a good nebari, a broken and healed cedar elm that one day may make an upright or even a rare cascade, also some white flowering native plums, Hackberry, Agarita, and Bumelia. Small leafed, tight-clumping native grasses were also collected for accent plants.

It was a terrific hike through nature, and a good time with friends. Everyone left with some new treasures to work on for years to come!

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AGARITA



SIZING UP MATERIAL, master collectors, Marvin, Joey and Dario.



HONEY MESQUITE



CEDAR ELM, CASCADE OR MOYOGI?



HUT STONE!!!





**UNIQUE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE STONES
COLLECTED.
ABOVE, A MADONNA IMAGE?**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE TTSBE BOARD

IRENE VALDEZ OF THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY HAS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION TO THE BOARD FOR 2012. Voting took place in December at the ABS meeting at Zilker Garden Center. Irene was voted to the board.

THANK YOU IRENE, Irene has experience in the field of government grants.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Please consider an annual membership to TTSBE. A very easy way to contribute to the establishment of a Bonsai Exhibit in Texas!!

JUST the smallest things can make all the difference. For instance if you had the choice between a penny doubled everyday for 30 days or \$1,000,000 dollars in your pocket right now—which would you choose?

The penny doubled isn't much in the first two weeks the amount is only \$81.92 but by day 28 the pile of pennies had turned into just over \$1,000,000. Do the math—day 29—two—and—a-half—million dollar mark AND Day 30—over five—million—dollars!

Add your membership to the list of supporters and ask two others to do the same. If each of us would ask someone to help support the Exhibit what would happen?

1. Buildings Constructed
2. Landscaping for the grounds
3. The gardens developed
4. Benches for viewing
5. Bonsai on display
6. Regular events, special events, recognition of all the supporters AND more....

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$25
SUSTAINER	over \$100
SPONSOR	over \$250
CONTRIBUTOR	over \$500
BENEFACTOR	over \$1000
PATRON	over \$5000
ANGEL	\$10,000

HOW DO I DONATE TO THE EXHIBIT??

Every donation (items) that have been made to the Exhibit comes with a donation form spelling out the wishes of the donor. TTSBE has several different forms to accommodate different circumstances. These forms are binding and are followed to the letter.

For example: *CONDITIONAL DEED OF GIFT, CONDUCT SALE, CARE FOR YOUR BONSAI, DEED OF GIFT, COLLECTION DONATION* (future), *ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCY CARE, etc.*

TTSBE Board members and club representatives of each bonsai society in the state can make these forms available upon request.

So what ever the circumstances from assistance in emergency care for the bonsai collection to the donation of a beloved collection or single Bonsai there are ways to accommodate any concerns and generosity.

LATEST NEWS ON THE POND PROJECT

By Bill Boytim via email from ECAT

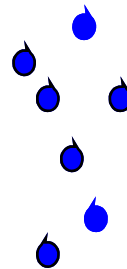
Thank you for your last email and the copy of letter from TCEQ on permitting necessities for the project.

At the last ECAT Board meeting on Feb. 4th, the board selected either May or June to schedule the project if we can get enough equipment available from Equipment Companies who want to participate. The Board chose to have their next board meeting in Buda so they could make a tour of the site prior to our board meeting on April 14th. We hope to be able to make final plans for the project at the April 14th meeting and will need your organizations participation.

We have been advised that we will need a hold harmless agreement with The Texas State Bonsai Museum to cover ECAT for doing the work on the property. The agreement needs to be in place before we start.

Looking forward to getting the project underway.

Thank You,
Carl Englerth, E.O.
Earthmoving Contractors Association of Texas, Inc.



The rain fell the night of January 24 and morning of Jan. 25. The heaviest rain was along I-35 and to the east. Mustang Ridge area received approximately 7 to 8 ½ inches of rain in a few short hours. This lead to flooding over the roads and through the TTSBE property. The fence to the west indicated a back up of approximately 3 feet of water before the fence was knocked over. The fence along the east side showed a similar amount of water backup and also knocked the fence over.

The water was still running through the property at noon on the 25th. Based on the drainage area and amount of rain, approximately 100 acre feet of water went through the property as a result of this storm. Report by Bill Boytim



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