



# Bonsai Society of Dallas

Monthly Member Newsletter

February 2013

## Message from the President

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Frantic February is almost upon us. At our place, we're unloading a huge shipment of akadama, repotting has begun on our 300+ bonsai trees (thank goodness we down-sized), and we're getting ready to collect more stock and gear up for our heavy schedule of workshops and private collection care. What an amazing time of year; crazy busy yet very satisfying.

So what else is in store for the month? Well, this month's Study Group session promises to be an active learning experience. Come early and come prepared or you'll feel left out of the fun! Also we've got our second dig of the season coming up at George Straw's Farm. If you've never been or it's been a while, you'll want to catch up on the new collection of exotic animals he has. There are still plenty of winged elms that haven't been touched, as well as oaks and beauty berries.

Remember that these activities are member-only events, so if you have not already done so, get that membership in this month. At the end of March we will be circulating our membership list with names and email addresses so you can easily reach out to others. We don't want to leave you off that list.

While you are getting that paperwork filled out get those convention registrations done too; the early registration deadline is March 15th. And don't forget to think about bringing a tree or trees for their exhibit. We put on a great exhibit in Dallas this past year. Let's pitch in and help make this year's even better.

See you all soon and Happy Bonsai!

*Sylvia*

### Notice of Some New Stuff

The board had some suggestions for the newsletter that will be trialed over the next several months. You may have already noticed the list of "Events Elsewhere". This is an attempt to help us have a broader perspective of our regional, national, and international community.

There is also a new section of "Interesting Bonsai Links". Sort of like the site "stumbleupon.com" with a bonsai focus. Please let us know if these sites are of interest, helpful, nice time killers, or a waste of space. The focus of the website may be related to the current season, problems or a certain stream of consciousness. - Les

## February Program

### Study Group with the Bonsai Smiths

9:00 AM to Noon

#### North Haven Gardens

This month the study group will cover the fine details of improving nebari and completing required root work during repotting season. The room will be divided into two sections. One side will be for those who bring an established bonsai tree already in a pot that needs root refinement. The other side of the room will be for those who bring a tree that has been collected or is nursery stock that needs to be placed in a bonsai pot or the next stage of growing container. Both sides will concentrate on repotting with root refinement in mind.

We may only have time to work on one section of the root ball of your tree but the class will be repeated again next year to allow you to continue its root refinement. In addition to your tree, you will need, a bonsai pot or container (plastic containers are not recommended), good bonsai soil and the following repotting tools if available:

- **Sharp scissors**
- Root cutter(s)
- Root rake (two prong works best)
- Single prong pick
- Bent nose tweezers
- **Wire cutters**
- **Several chopsticks (preferably bamboo)**
- **Pliers (preferably bonsai pliers)**
- **Aluminum wire size 2 and 2.5**
- **Mesh (cover holes in pots)**
- Sickle (remove tree from pot)
- Mallet (for trees being removed from plastic nursery container)
- 2x2 pieces of wood for bracing collected material
- Small hand saw (optional and used mostly on collected material with large areas of deadwood and irregular root bases)

The supplies in bold are required to actively participate in this study group, and sharp scissors are a must! All other tools are necessary eventually for ongoing proper root work. As it relates to good bonsai soil, our preferred mix is a combination of akadama/pumice/lava or APL for short. Please bring your preferred soil or if you would like to purchase APL directly from us prior to the meeting, please contact us at [slysmith@tx.rr.com](mailto:slysmith@tx.rr.com).

Please arrive early or right on time because this will be the most time consuming study group of the year. Good repotting skills are essential for healthy trees. Come watch, look, listen, and get your finger nails dirty. See you there! ✍

### Upcoming Events



Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.  
Club Dig – Rio Vista

Saturday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 – 12 Noon  
Study Group with Bonsai Smiths

Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.  
Club Dig - Whitesboro

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 – 12 Noon  
Guest Artist – John Kirby

### Events Elsewhere



February 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Shohin Society of Texas**  
Austin, TX

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
**LSBF 2013 State Convention**  
New Braunfels, TX

April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
**MidAtlantic Bonsai Societies**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival**  
Grantville, PA

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Shohin St. Louis III**  
Collinsville, IL

May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Brussels Annual Rendezvous**  
Olive Branch, MS

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
**International Bonsai Colloquium**  
Rochester, NY

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Artisan Cup of Portland**  
Portland, OR

## 2013 Club Digs

### January 27<sup>th</sup> & February 9<sup>th</sup>



#### Rio Vista

We are just days away from our first club dig of the year in Rio Vista on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The weather forecast looks good so hopefully it will be very pleasant for our outing. In the last newsletter we featured an article with suggested tools, so don't forget to double check your list so you have everything you need.

The homeowner, Lore Devlin will be greeting us that day, but has to leave mid-morning for an appointment. She plans to leave chairs under her carport for a mid-day rest so be sure to pack a lunch and beverage.

Mark Bynum is joining us, not to dig a tree for himself but to help the newbies, so take advantage of his generosity and come learn from a pro! This is our first club dig at this site, but in scouting the land previously we found quite a few small gnarled hackberrys, as well as red cedar. As we explore the land more, we hope to find other interesting deciduous trees.

#### Whitesboro

If you've never been to George's farm you are in for a nice day trip on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. There are several

acres of land that have good winged elm, cedar elm, oak, and flowering native beauty berry. If you're looking to complete your native bonsai display, then look around for natural stone planters for your newly collected native fern or flowering miniature iris. These beauties make wonderful companions.

There are several fun restaurant stops for lunch. The Longranch Grill is both a restaurant and general store with souvenirs and Longhorn to take pictures of. Lovejoy's on Mainstreet is a family owned restaurant with a great shop filled with treasures for you and your home. There is also Don's BBQ, Catfish Haven and other restaurants that only George knows about.

After lunch head back to the farm to finish your dig or walk around the backyard pens filled with beautiful exotic birds, take a glance at the lemurs, or a sneak peek at the extensive collection of rare plumerias. It's a fun and rewarding trip and we're thankful for George's hospitality and generosity.

A map to each of our dig sites is included at the end of the newsletter. ✍

## Remembering Jackie Paul by Mark Bynum



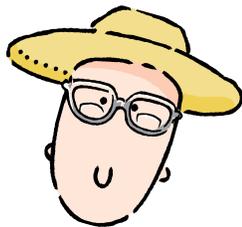
Jackie Paul passed away on December 31, 2012. Jackie had been a long time member of the Fort Worth Bonsai Society and more recently the Bonsai Society of Dallas. She was a very enthusiastic bonsai hobbyist who had a 'matter of fact', yet memorable personality that endeared her to members of the Fort Worth and Dallas clubs and to many other bonsai hobbyists across the state.

The Fort Worth club dubbed her the 'Propagation Princess' because of her habit of taking cuttings home after a workshop and rooting them. She had a talent for propagation and donated literally hundreds of small plants back to the club for sale in fundraisers. She owned over 500 bonsai trees at one time plus all the rooted cuttings and was generous to anyone that visited her back yard. Many of us in the Fort Worth club own 'Jackie trees'. In October, 2012 Jackie donated her entire bonsai collection, tools, and books to the Fort Worth Bonsai Society. Funds received from the sale of her collection are being set aside in a special fund for a worthy bonsai related project in her name.

On a personal note, I met Jackie through the bonsai club and we became friends in 2004 as she mentored me on this hobby together. We were digging buddies for many years and she kept my interest in this hobby thriving. We went on many shopping/discovery trips together and I have spent countless hours in her backyard potting cuttings and looking at her bonsai trees, each with its own story. I will deeply miss Jackie and for the rest of my life will cherish the trees that she has given me. ✍

## February Bonsai Tips and Advice

by John Miller



The big event we are looking forward to is coming up--repotting season. Normally the 'best' time to repot is when the sap starts to flow and buds swell. In the real world we usually need to fudge this a little because of constraints on our time so we need to do it earlier. But never after the buds open. Deciduous trees repotted in January will need the new roots protected by setting on the ground and mulching good (think about the nursery trade planting yard trees in early winter).

Preparing a group of basic soil mixes can save time at the actual repotting. Mix your favorite recipes in 3 sizes, for small, medium, and large pots, and then modify them by adding some extra of one material or other to suit the particular tree you are repotting. There is no perfect mix, you must decide based on your backyard.

The basics of good mixes:

- Permits free drainage - Use granular material like decomposed granite, lava gravel, pumice, haydite, Turface, etc.
- Provide water retention material - Akadama, ground or decomposed bark (organic, should not break down too quickly)
- Provide air space - Use appropriately sized particles

Moisture retention is controlled by the type of material (e.g. akadama (good) vs granite (poor) and by particle size (finer particles retain more residual water). A good general mix for this part of the world is equal parts of akadama, pumice, and lava gravel.

Akadama is not magic. It is merely a soil native to Japan which is a volcanic island. After lava has broken down they dig it and low fire it to dry it, break it up and sieve it into uniform sizes to use as one part of their bonsai soil. We do not have anything native comparable on the market in the USA. The advantage of akadama is that it holds water uniformly throughout the particle and is soft enough for roots to penetrate easily. Having this source of moisture close to the trunk results in short fibrous roots. So I have started using it on my bonsai. I feel the pinch of dollars too much to utilize it on the growing stuff even though I am sure it would speed up their development.

Check wire applied last year. During dormancy the woody portions tend to lignify and swell. Severe wire marks can occur. Remove any tight wire. Early February is the end of the season for major pruning. You may be able to continue for a while on some late sprouting species such as the oaks. After the onset of sap

flow you should not try to make big cuts, cut paste or pruning sealer cannot withstand the hydraulic pressure created by the urge to grow.

If there is a significant warm streak, you could get some activity from over-wintering pests. A dormant spray (horticultural oil or very weak lime sulphur) should be used on outside plants. The lime sulphur should not be used on any green growth or after buds begin to swell. The lime sulphur will also serve to kill fungal spores and help control any bacterial diseases. For the greenhouse use the original organic spray mixture. I get good control of mites, aphids, and even scale with it when used on a weekly basis. My original organic spray is 1 tablespoon each of fish emulsion, liquid kelp, molasses, and apple cider vinegar to a gallon of water.

I would suggest that you also repot azaleas at this time. The roots will be reestablished by blooming time. This is much easier on the tree than waiting until after bloom when the temperature will be hot. (An aside note: later on, before blooming starts, you will be removing a lot of excess buds anyway which will reduce the stress on the tree at that time).

When new growth appears, keep it pinched so you keep the internodes short and develop a compact set of twigs on the branches. On alternate leaved species (e.g. elms) pinch when the shoot gets 4 or 5 leaves. Fingernails or shears can be used. If the twig gets too long it will be tough and you have to use shears. On opposite leaved trees (maples) pinch the central shoot as soon as it can be distinguished from the two leaves. To do this really right you need to use pointed tweezers.

Spring flowering plants will have their buds set on last year's growth so pruning them will remove some flowers. Those that bloom later in the year will generally bloom on this year's growth. Pruning them will reduce the amount of flowers. In some cases such as crape myrtle, tip pruning of the branch will result in no flowers at all. In these cases you must decide which is most important, ramification or flowers. A compromise would be to prune the branch shorter than you normally would and then let it bloom on new growth which will then be at the proper length.

When the growth starts the tree will need fertilizer. However, use one that has only a small amount of nitrogen (the first number). The tree is naturally programmed to grow rapidly at this time so you don't need to encourage it further. Feed lightly to maintain healthy green foliage. Trace minerals should be added to help with both the foliage color and the color of blooms.

*[If you have any questions or a specific issue you're having, contact John or any other experienced member at one of our meetings.] ✍*

# LSBF 2013 Convention Update

## The Tree Ring Circus

April 11-14, 2013 - New Braunfels, TX

[www.lsbconvention2013.com](http://www.lsbconvention2013.com)

By Joey McCoy, Convention Chair

One of the workshops we're holding will be Texas Natives. This will actually be a variety, a smorgasbord if you like, of different trees native to the state. We will have species represented from the other native tree workshops as well as some species that will only appear in this one. Some of the material includes: Bald Cypress, Cedar Elm, Mustang Grape, Netleaf Hackberry, Mulberry, Fragrant Mimosa, Oaks, Texas Baccharis, Yaupon Holly, Texas Persimmon and more. Plant material will vary wildly in type and size. Everyone will choose their own material, but the order in which they choose will be by random drawing. We cannot guarantee the availability of a certain species, so come to this workshop with an open mind & a sense of adventure!

The Vendor room at this show is going to be huge. We will have sellers from Texas and other parts of the nation with a large selection of hand-made products (bonsai,



pottery, handmade stands and more!). On Thursday evening, join us for the Early Bird Reception which will allow those who come early to get the first jump on the Vendor's tables. We will be hosting the Emerging Talent Competition at the same time, which should be a fun demonstration of our newcomer's improving skills.

Early registration of only \$125 runs until March 15<sup>th</sup> so be sure to send your registration in early (when choosing your payment method, please know that checks don't cost the convention, while credit card processors charge us a fee). Some workshops are already half full and others are going quickly. We hope you come to stay for the weekend, but there is also a daily registration available for \$30, as well as a daily general admission of \$5 (which will get you into the Exhibit, Raffle and the Vendor rooms only). This is a time when our state bonsai community comes together for the biggest party of the year. I hope to see everyone there!

## Convention Road Trip by Sylvia Smith

The time quickly approaches for the LSBF Convention in New Braunfels. This one will be a slightly different than when we hosted last year. It will be held at a convention center and is being hosted as a joint effort by the Austin and San Antonio clubs. This is a topic that has been brewing at the LSBF Board Meetings. Should nearby clubs join forces to distribute the workload among a higher number of members and cut hotel costs?

I encourage everyone to attend and get a feel for both types of conventions. The draw away from a hotel atmosphere was very profitable when these clubs joined forces back in 2002. And speaking of profitable, remember that anyone who has paid their full registration by March 31<sup>st</sup> will be added to our raffle for reimbursement of their full registration fee. I have my registration in the mail!

Not sure about the long drive? How about a carpool or caravan? Several members who are planning to attend are also willing to share the cost of gas by carpooling. Some might be looking for a friend to share hotel costs by rooming together. Others just like caravanning together and sharing the experience. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Jerry Riley at [jafa625@gmail.com](mailto:jafa625@gmail.com) who has volunteered to organize this and put people in contact with each other.

No matter how you get there let's all plan on getting together as a club and enjoy a meal or a drink. It's sure to be both educational and fun. Hope to see you there!!

## New Tools

Would you like to win a new set of Joshua Roth tools? They are some of the best in the industry and they can be yours if you enter and win the New Talent Competition at the upcoming convention.

All participants will be given a similar nursery grown tree and they will have a finite period of time to do an initial styling. That includes a bit of wiring and possibility even the creation of jin or shari if you are so inspired.

This competition is open to club members with less than 5 years experience / membership. If you are interested let Jerry Riley know at [jafa625@gmail.com](mailto:jafa625@gmail.com) so we can get you on the list.



# January in Review

## *Podocarpus*

### Guest Artists – Hurley Johnson, Alex Leong, Ken Credeur, and Ray Gonzalez



One of the side benefits of our bonsai hobby is meeting other fun people who also love ‘trees in pots’. That was certainly the case when Hurley, Alex, Ken, and Ray came to town to visit us. They packed up the Suburban and headed north from Houston just to share their love of our hobby and their knowledge of the *podocarpus*, a wonderful hardy conifer that many of us have now added to our collection. What a nice group of guys and it certainly was a pleasure having them join us for the day.



After talking about this interesting species, sharing the various cultivars typically used for bonsai, and discussing the proper care, Hurley turned it over to Alex to begin to transform the demonstration tree. It was a large nursery grown tree with quite a substantial base. Alex had a vision in mind before he began and shared his drawings of how he envisions it will look in the future. It was great to watch the transformation and the last tool he reached for was a grinder to do some carving to create deadwood. It is a conifer after all. As with any initial styling, there are a few more years of development to be done, but it has the potential to be a beautiful large bonsai in the not too distant future. Perhaps we will see it again in a future Bonsai Smith’s Study Group session, as Leon Lombard was our lucky raffle winner. He took home the tree and the drawings so that he will remember the original vision.



After lunch was our workshop and we had eight participants plus quite a few club members who came to listen and learn. We all picked up some great tips. One of the best was a slightly different way of doing a thread graft that makes it much less noticeable.

The ratio of instructor to student was fantastic as Ken, Ray, and Hurley rolled up their sleeves and helped Alex provide direction to beginners and experienced members alike. Hurley brought plenty of trees to pick from, so some folks even bought the extras to take home and style at a future date.

It was a fun day for all. Thanks guys!



Photos courtesy of Chris Scholz

## DID WE HAVE FUN, OR WHAT?...



By Mary Polk

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, Hurley Johnson and his gang rode in from the Houston area to treat our club to a demonstration by Alex Leong, who styled a *Podocarpus* by clipping, sawing, wiring, bending and, I think I may have seen him gnawing a little bit on the plant (just kidding). Raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win the demonstration tree. Leon Lombard was started and looked quite shocked when he won the raffle (I could not tell if he was happy to win it or scared half to death that he had won it and now is challenged to keep the thing alive!!! In the end, I think he came back to his senses and was very pleased he was the winner.

Hurley and Alex were aided by Ken Credeur and Ray Gonzalez during the morning meeting as well as the afternoon workshop. From my view, it looked like every person in the workshop really ripped in to their workshop tree and in a flash were also into the dirt, pots removed, and cutting back the roots preparing them for new soil. NO ONE held back with everyone getting the extra attention to get them headed in the right direction. Our newest member, Tripp Yarbrough took the workshop and is already excelling in bonsai but also has the added benefit of having his wife Andrea being interested in ikebana (and blessed with a good eye for design). Together, they will make a great addition to our club.

MORE fun was had at the January 12th sale at Dallas Bonsai Garden. Fred Meyer is so gracious to let us in to his store once a year for a special morning sale. You bring a list of what you want to purchase and you hang

out and visit and wait to see what OTHER people are buying while your order is being filled. Then, of course, you wind up adding more goodies to your list and your arms get loaded down with what you wanted plus extra things you did not think about, all at a good discounted price (just that one morning – so, you need to be ready.) Fred has a wonderful website and you can order from him anytime online or you can call ahead and place an order and go pick it up by appointment at a time convenient for him or his staff. Thanks, Fred.

Okay, okay, yeah, and MORE fun is to be had. You people out there that have never been on a “Dig” ... well, grab your garden gloves, hand tools and sharp shooter (for *digging*) plus a few other supplies (like water to drink, a snack, layers of clothing depending on weather, something to put your found and dug specimen in, like burlap and string, maybe some knee pads or old tarp to sit on ... see the other better suggestions included in the last newsletter about “Club Digs”. You could just come and watch to see how much fun we all have ... we dig Digs. Come on out and try to be there by 9:00 a.m. Sometimes we are finished by noon or sometimes not – the early birds get the first chance to get their tree/trees spotted. If it is not your first Dig, you kind of know what to do – but if this is your first time – the word “DIG” is your first clue and there are veteran VeteranFunDiggers (like our outrageously friendly and nice Dave Schleser and others) ready and willing to help you figure out what to look for and how to get your prize specimen dug and safely on the way back home. If I could, I would go on EVERY Dig, whether I came home with a prize or two or not ... it is just a great way to spend the day outdoors with some great people.

If you don't like getting *DOWN AND DIRTY*, then bring a chair to sit in and be an onlooker. It is not just FUN, but FUNNY, to watch the action. Come on – try your best to be there. ✍

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### By the way.....

If you didn't get your pumice from the recent group purchase that fellow club members Alvaro, Jennifer, and Todd made you are in luck. They have some left and can even deliver it to you at either of our two digs. It is a great way to get your newly collected tree settled into pumice right away. Pumice is a great medium for collected trees and it provides them the best chance to develop fine roots quickly. The pricing is as follows:

	Category	Gallons	Price
Bucket	Unsifted	5	\$15
Bucket	Small	5	\$18

Please contact Alvaro now at [arciniegas.sin@gmail.com](mailto:arciniegas.sin@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting some buckets.

## Buying Trip in Review



We are so lucky to have Fred Meyer, owner of Dallas Bonsai Garden, as a friend and long time club member. He and his wife opened their bonsai business many years ago here in Dallas. He was one of the early adopters of Internet based commerce and he buys, sells, and ships all over the world.

Each year he comes in on a Saturday, just for us to shop and enjoy the pleasure of being surrounded with so many wonderful bonsai related products. Over 20 club members braved the rain and took advantage of this opportunity for club discounts on tools, pots, soil and other supplies. Fred was funny and generous with good deals.

As you can see from the photo his place is packed with inventory. His nephew was quick to locate our requests and even help load our cars for many of us. What excellent service from an "Internet only" business!

Fred has also been growing pre-bonsai plant material just for us. He knows our exhibitions are a great way to promote our club and what better way to get new people engaged but to go home with a little tree. He plans to donate them to us for our next public show. We look forward to taking him up on that offer in the future.

Thanks again for your hospitality and friendship Fred! ✍

### UPDATE: The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit

A CHALLENGE has been made...\$10,000 is being put up by an anonymous donor that in effect must be matched by the bonsai community. The money will go exclusively to build the first structure on the site of the permanent exhibit!! Just imagine, the first structure for the exhibit.

The challenge is good for the next few months, the deadline is the.....

THE LAST DAY IN APRIL, 2013

Will you help?

Will you put your faith in the Exhibit?

We Texans don't complain about distance!

What's a few hundred miles compared to going to NY or LA?

This exhibit is for every person who has dreamed of, or seen, or created this precious and inspiring living art form.

SEND DONATION TO: (Mark your donation---Building Fund)

The Texas State Bonsai Exhibit, Inc., / 13450 N. Highway 183, Suite #116 / Austin, TX 78750-3227

OR go to: <http://www.ttsbe.org/>

AND THANK YOU!!

### INTERESTING BONSAI LINKS

Do you want to be inspired by some beautiful bonsai displayed recently at the Bay Area Bonsai Annual Exhibit? Check out these fantastic photos.....

<http://www.bonsaiboon.com/pages/photos.html>

<http://samedge.wordpress.com/>

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**Rio Vista Dig – Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Ranch/Home of Lore Levin**  
**Address for GPS: 9902 CR 1222, Rio Vista, TX 76093**

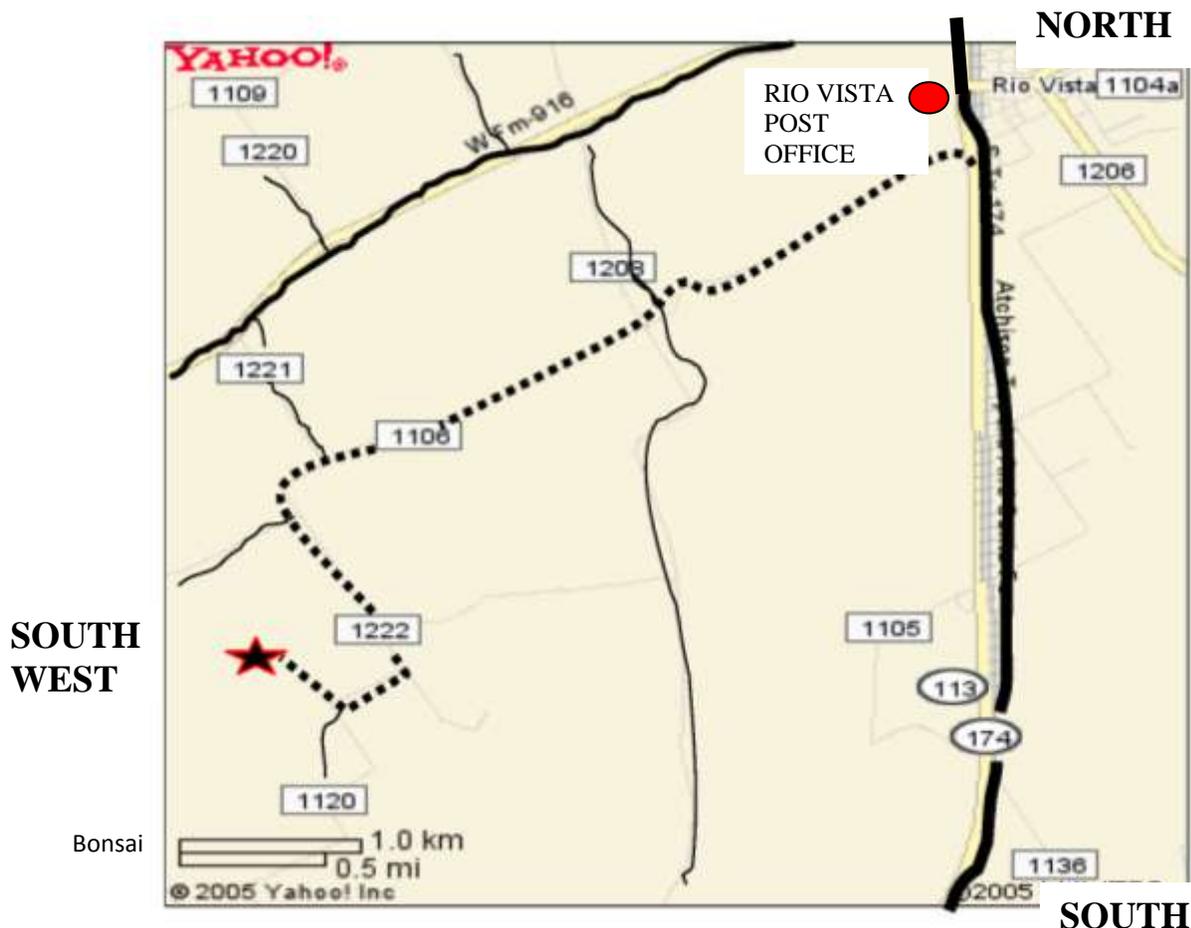
Call Lore if you get lost: 817-517-3850 or Diane Lowe at 972-679-8861 for more information. **Bring a lunch as no restaurants are nearby.**

**Directions from Dallas (approximately 80 – 90 minutes):**

- Head south out of Dallas on I-35E South
- When the highway splits, stay in the right two lanes and take RIGHT exit Hwy 67 South to Cleburne
- You will go through Cedar Hill, Midlothian, Venus, Lillian, Alvarado (where you will go under I-35W) and then Keene.
- After Keene, take the RIGHT exit for Business 67 into Cleburne.
- When you go over the rail road bridge, you will be coming into downtown Cleburne.
- When you get to the third light from the bridge you will see the big Court House.
- Take your next LEFT on South Main Street / Hwy174

**Directions from Cleburne:**

- It is 8 miles to Rio Vista. Go through Rio Vista to FM 1106, it is the first RIGHT road after the Rio Vista Post Office. Do not take any turns off this road until my drive way (road becomes 1222).
- Go 3.8 miles. You will see a road sign saying **PAVEMENT ENDS** and a tight **LEFT TURN** sign
- Pass the sign but only go 50 feet, small white sign directly in front of you shows **9902** and there are trash containers on the right. Turn RIGHT onto Lore's private road
- Go down the road, past the log cabin, up the hill, through the gate, to the end of the road.
- Park in front of the house. You will hear the dogs, but they will not be loose.

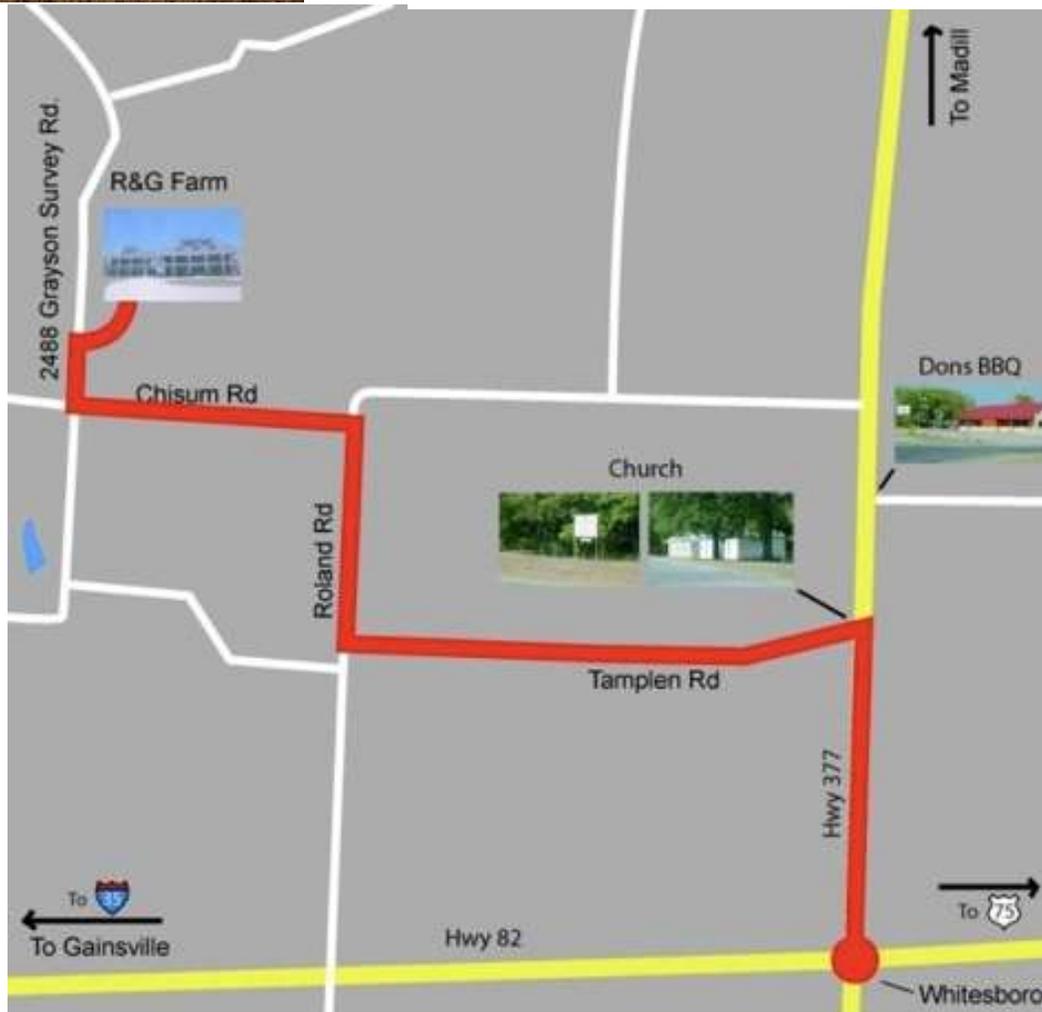


## Whitesboro Dig – Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Farm/Home of George Straw



George is a past president of BSD and has graciously hosted us for many years. Yes, his house really is that big and beautiful so come on out and enjoy the day.

**Address: 2488 Grayson Survey Road**



From Whitesboro:  
Take 377 North 2.5 miles.  
Take a Left on Tamplen Rd. and go 1.5 miles.  
Take a Right on Roland Rd. (the road makes a T) and go .6 miles.  
Take a Left on Chisum Rd. (the first road on the Left) and go .7 miles.  
Take a Right on Grayson Survey Rd. (first road on Right) and go .4 miles.  
Farm is on your right at 2488 Grayson Survey Rd..

George Cell: 214-957-3205 / Farm: 940-668-8620