

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

June 2016 Newsletter



## **June Meeting Information:**

### **Member Picnic & Swap Meet**

Saturday, June 11, Noon-4:00

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by **Gene Martin**

This is our annual member picnic and is combined with a Swap Meet this year. The Club will provide a box lunch and drinks, attending members should bring desserts.

The Swap Meet portion of the agenda is a very informal affair. We only ask that you limit it to bonsai-related items. Price them as you wish, negotiate according to your overall objectives and, hopefully, take home some interesting “new” items.

The location for this event is the Bonsai Learning Center in Mooresville. This is a members only event. If you plan to attend, please send an email to [GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com) and indicate how many in your party. Deadline to RSVP is Thursday.

The BSC Executive Board will not meet before the June meeting.

## 2016 At A Glance

Jan 9 – Bonsai Begins with Wire

Feb 13 – Grafting & How Trees Work

Feb 26-28 & Mar 4-6 – Spring Show

Mar 12/13 – Bonsai Basics Workshop

Apr 9 – Masters' Garden Road Trip

May 14 – Master Workshop

June 11 – Member Picnic

July 9 – Arthur Joura

Aug 13 – Carving

Sept 10 – Member Workday

Oct 1 – Auction

Oct 8-9 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville

Nov 12 – Collecting Trip

Dec 3 & 4 – Winter Silhouette Show

Dec 10 – Holiday Party

## **May Meeting Recap**

### **Master Workshop**

by **Gene Martin**

Ken Duncan and John Geanangel traveled to Charlotte and conducted a tree-critique workshop. A number of members attended and brought trees for styling advice.

Ken and John were patient, gracious and very creative in their assessments and suggestions.

For those of you who saw John “trim” my Satsuki Azalea 'Waka ebisu', it survived the episode quite nicely (see photo below) and

most of the cuttings also seem to be doing well.

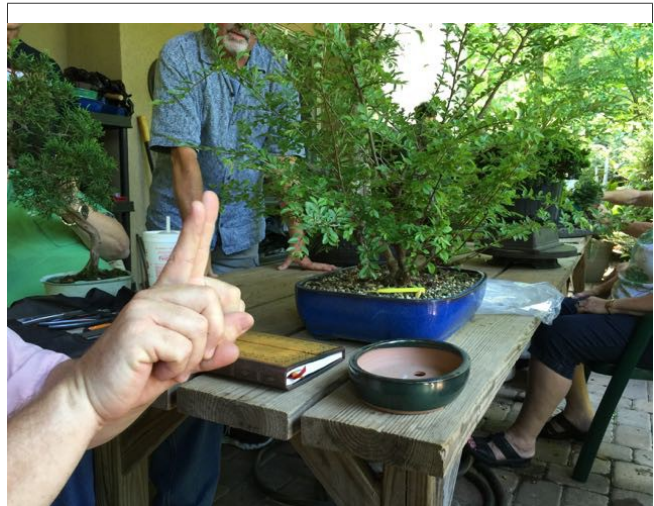


*Trimmed on May 14, photo taken May 31.  
Budding nicely!*

I pruned another Azalea earlier this year and it managed to grow enough to produce a single bloom.



*Ron's Hornbeam forest under John's intense gaze.  
Note the pot size.*



*After trimming and root work, John suggested  
the pot in foreground for this forest! If you do  
this, Ron, you gotta show us!*





*It was a beautiful day for working outside!*



*Jane brought in two awesome collected boxwoods. John is demonstrating how to move large, old branches.*

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## July Meeting Tease

### Arthur Joura

by Gene Martin

Arthur is making his annual sojourn to Charlotte in July. We haven't asked him what he intends to do, but he had never failed to entertain and educate us! Mark your calendar.

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## Other News

The March/April issue of Wildlife in North Carolina contains an interesting article - "The Last Giants - Searching for Champion Trees in North Carolina". From the article: "... near the geographic center of the state ... standing over 100 feet tall with a circumference greater than 12 feet, the longleaf <pine tree> is a national champion, the largest of its kind measured anywhere in the United States. Keep an eye out for state and US champion trees.

Steve Zeisel's 2016 Winter Silhouette Show website is up and running. Logistics and Registration information can be found [here](#). Guest artists this year are Bill Valavantis, Owen Reich, Rodney Clemons and Adam Lavigne. Quite an impressive list.

Obviously you should be prepping your trees **now** for the December show.

Election of officers will be held this fall. Terms are 2 years and we will need candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you're interested in any of these positions, please contact a member of the Board.

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## **Raffle Reminder**

The June meeting will NOT include a Raffle – Save your Raffle items and a few bucks for the July meeting. Thanks for your support!!

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## ***Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas***

President – Bob Hampel  
Vice President – Mike Brawley  
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## **BSC Meeting Information**

Monthly meetings are held at the McMillan Greenhouse on the campus of UNCC unless otherwise noted. Directions and parking information can be found on the [BSC website](#).

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