

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## January 2017 Newsletter



### January Meeting Information:

#### **Dog Swap**

Saturday, Jan 14, 10 – Noon

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

There was an article in the 1/8 Charlotte Observer about new ways of measuring canine intelligence. How smart your best friend is notwithstanding, for a bonsai to be described as a “dog” is not good! But almost everyone has one, or three, or a dozen.

One person’s dog tree is someone else’s inspiration. Bring one of two of your dogs to the January meeting and, hopefully, take home an inspiration.

The BSC Executive Board will meet after the January meeting. Members are always invited to attend.

### 2017 At A Glance

Jan 14 – Dog Swap

Feb 11 – Soil, Pest Control & Plant Science

Feb 24-26 & Mar 3-5 – Spring Show

Mar 11 – Bonsai 101 Workshop

Apr 8 – Bonsai 201

May 13 – Rock Planting Workshop

June 10 – Picnic & Member Tour

June 23-25 – US National Shohin

Bonsai Exhibition

July 8 – Arthur Joura

Aug 12 – TBD

Sept 9 – Design Challenge

Oct 7 – Auction

Oct 14-15 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville

Nov 10 – Collecting Trip

Dec 2 & 3 – Winter Silhouette Show

Dec 9 – Holiday Party

### December Meeting Recap

#### **Holiday Party**

by Gene Martin

Plenty of goodies appeared at the Greenhouse in December and BSC members and guests had a good time celebrating the season.

Many thanks to Scott Telk for photos of the event and to everyone who brought goodies.



*A nice spread of goodies!*



*Past President Bob Hampel and his excellent support team-of-one, Pam, enjoying the festivities.*



*Empty plates and happy faces!*

## Election Update

by Gene Martin

The following slate of officers was adopted at the December meeting. Congratulations to Tammy and Carl in their new offices and thanks John, for your continued service as Treasurer. As you can see, the Secretary position is still available. If you can fill this important role in the BSC, please contact one of the other officers.

President – Tammy Bates

Vice President – Carl Maxwell

Secretary – open

Treasurer – John Farrell

The BSC thanks out-going President Bob Hampel for his 2-years of excellent and dedicated service. We can't count the number of times Bob filled the gap for us and offered inspirational programs or demonstrations. His knowledge and skill-set are an asset to the BSC!

The BSC also thanks Mike Brawley for his service once again as Vice President. We're pretty sure this wasn't Mike's first term as an officer and hope it won't be his last! Mike's tireless dedication to Bonsai is greatly appreciated and valued by the BSC.

## Other News

Bill Valavanis is producing a **US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition**, June 23-25, at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis. If that venue sounds familiar, it is the home of the Winter Silhouette Exhibition! Visit Bill's [blog](#) for information about the Show and how to register and/or submit a tree.

Morten Albek recently published "[The Story of the Shimpaku Juniper](#)" on the Shohin-Europe Bonsai site. It is an interesting read. And you can pick up some pointers on small trees.

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## Call for Trees

The 2017 **Southern Spring Show** will be on consecutive weekends the last of February and the first of March. This is the major membership drive opportunity for the BSC and we need your help on two fronts.

First, we need your trees – if you have a tree you'd like to display, contact a Board member.

Secondly, take a look at your schedule and be prepared to “tree sit” for one or more shifts during the Show. Signups will begin at the January meeting.

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## Raffle Reminder

The January meeting **WILL** include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items and a few bucks for tickets. Thanks for your support!!

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

President – Tammy Bates  
Vice President – Carl Maxwell  
Treasurer – John Farrell  
Secretary – open  
Show Chairman – Brad Russell  
Newsletter Editor – Gene Martin

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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](#).