

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## December 2016 Newsletter



### December Meeting Information:

#### **Holiday Party**

Saturday, Dec 10, 10 – 1:00

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

Warm up your Bundt pans and Fondue pots – on December 10 we'll get together for some good food, fellowship and an election.

President Bob describes it as “bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share.” The club will furnish drinks and table service. Please note there is no kitchen available at the Greenhouse.

As the goodies are being consumed, there will be a “white elephant” Auction with proceeds going to the BSC. Please donate a bonsai-related item for the Auction if you can. This is a Member and guest event, so please consider bringing your significant other.

There will also be an officer election. Nominations are:

President – Tammy Bates

Vice President – Carl Maxwell

Secretary – open

Treasurer – John Farrell

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

### 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

### November Meeting Recap

#### **Collecting Adventure**

by Gene Martin

Many thanks to Larry Morton for allowing the BSC to wander all over his property digging up trees, ferns and moss.

Everyone went home with a trunk full of new plants. It was a BEAUTIFUL day and everyone had a good time!



*Large grape vine in a tree vise grip!*



*Martin and Larry discussing the state of bonsai in America. Mike B. in the background.*



*Lois, Pam and Mi hanging out.*

We expect a report on survival and progress in the coming year.

## Plant Update

by Gene Martin

A few months ago, Scott Telk brought a *Gmelina philippensis* (Parrot's beak) to a member workshop. Here's what it looked like after that initial trim and now.

The key is to know your plant – how much and when can it be pruned? If you don't know, the odds of it surviving are reduced significantly.

Thanks for the update, Scott.





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## Other News

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.

If any of our readers attended the show, we'd love to hear from you. Pictures?

Members who joined this year and did NOT attend a Bonsai 101 Beginner Workshop should contact President Bob ([rwhampel@gmail.com](mailto:rwhampel@gmail.com)). We will try to schedule a workshop next month or guarantee a spot at the workshop in March, 2017.

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Spider Mites are frequent invaders of bonsai and

landscape trees. Mike B. highly recommends “Spider Mite Killer” by Growers Trust. His experience is that it works better than anything else he's tried. Please use all insecticides wisely.

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## Raffle Reminder

The December meeting will **NOT** include a Raffle – save your Raffle items for a future opportunity. Thanks for your support!!

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

President – Bob Hampel  
Vice President – Mike Brawley  
Treasurer – John Farrell  
Secretary – Tammy Bates  
Show Chairman – Brad Russell  
Newsletter Editor – Gene Martin

## 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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