

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

April 2016 Newsletter



## **April Meeting Information:**

### **Master's Garden Roadtrip!!!**

Saturday, April 9, all day

John Geanangel & Ken Duncan

Nurseries & Studios

by Gene Martin

To call this meeting a “special event” would be a giant understatement! John Geanangel and Ken Duncan have again invited the BSC membership to tour their nurseries and studios. Well known to the BSC, John and Ken annually travel north to conduct a workshop and sell a few trees (which will happen in May). For the second year in a row, we have the pleasure of visiting their hangouts.

John and Ken are famous for their YouTube videos – John in front of the camera and Ken behind it. John's channel can be found [here](#). A video of John's garden is [here](#).



John's place will be the first stop on our southern tour. You're invited to tour the garden and check out the nursery. John will answer any and all questions. I'm sure he will have some new compositions that he's excited to share.



Don't spend all your money at John's place (cash and checks only, please), because the tour next moves to Ken's place. He also has a large collection of material and bonsai that he is excited to share with us. Remember to bring your camera.

Logistically, here's how things are supposed to work – it is about 2 hours drive time from UNCC to John's place. Find a fellow BSC'er or two and carpool, but be sure to leave enough room to bring home a few new trees for your collection. John is expecting everyone to arrive around 10:30 so plan your travel accordingly. Lunch is on your own between the two studios.

Ken's place is in Columbia proper, where you're expected around 1:00.

**If you made the trip last year and saved the addresses, just follow your favorite GPS device. If you plan to make the trip and need the addresses, send an email to Bob Hampel ([rwhampel@gmail.com](mailto:rwhampel@gmail.com)) and me ([GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com)). I will send you John and Ken's address information and Bob just wants to know you're going!**

Many thanks to John and Ken for the gracious invitation to visit their studios and nurseries! Safe travels to everyone. This is a members-only event.

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The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet on April 9.

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### 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 – Master's Garden Roadtrip  
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 10 – Holiday Party

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### March Meeting Recap

## **Bonsai 101**

by Gene Martin

First the good news – every seat in the Bonsai 101 workshop was FULL!! Nineteen folks learned the basics of bonsai styling, care and repotting! Welcome to the BSC!!

Now the bad news – oh wait, there isn't any bad news!! It was another great weekend for Bonsai in the Carolinas!

Many thanks to Ron Bates for pictures of the Workshop.



*BSC members Hubert, Brad and Scott assisting new artists.*

The Club provided junipers, pots and soil (via Brad) as well as instruction. Brad began the workshop with some basics – triangles, less is more, illusion, etc. After that everyone got into the trees and quickly discovered how prickly these little junipers can be! As usual, most of the plants ended up on the floor.



*BSC member Scott sharing info and juniper pain.*

As you can tell from the pictures, several BSC members showed up to help with the class – many thanks to Ron, Tammy, Mike, Martin, Scott, Hubert and anyone else I missed! A huge thanks to Brad for hosting and leading the workshop!



*BSC'er Mike holding court outside.*



*BSC member Martin helping out inside.*



*Several creations ready for new homes.*

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## May Meeting Tease

# Master Workshop

by Bob Hampel

Ken Duncan and John Geanangel will conduct a workshop for members. Bring your own material, what you bought from them in April, or buy something new that day. Participation is limited, but observers are encouraged. Participants must be members; visitors are welcome to observe.

Workshop fee is \$25, observers are free.

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## Other News

Mike Brawley met some folks at the Southern Spring Show who had inherited a bonsai. Mike arranged for BSC Member Creighton Bostrom to restyle it. See the video [here](#).

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## Raffle Reminder

The April meeting will **not** include a Raffle – Save your Raffle items and a few bucks for the May meeting – you never know what might be on the table. 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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## 2015 Dues

Annual dues are \$50. Please make your check out to *Bonsai Society of the Carolinas* and bring it to a meeting or mail it to John. Include your phone number and email address.

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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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