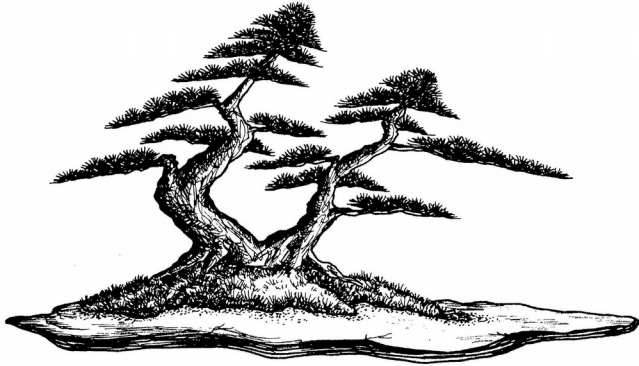


BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

January 2019 Newsletter



January Meeting Information:

“Dog Tree” Swap & Wiring Workday

Saturday, Jan 12, 10 - 12

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

So what the heck is a “Dog Tree”? Carl describes it as a tree that no longer “speaks” to you. Everyone probably has a tree you bought at big box store X, thinking it would make a great bonsai, only to realize that once it is home, you’ve lost the vision for what it might become. Or perhaps you bought 6 and later decided you didn’t need quite that many.

How does it work? Bring your dog trees (limit 3) to the meeting and receive a numbered ticket for each one. The tickets are all thrown into a bucket, well mixed and drawn out one at a time. Each ticket entitles the owner to select a tree from the available pool.

While that’s going on, attendees will have the opportunity to work on a tree. So bring your wire, tools and a tree or two to work on.

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

2019 At A Glance

Jan 12 – “Dog Tree” Swap & Wiring Workshop

Feb 9 – Collecting Trees

Feb 22-24 & Mar 1-3 – Spring Show

Mar 9 – Bonsai 101 Workshop

Apr 13 – TBD

May 11 – Master Demo & Workshop

June 8 – Picnic & Auction

June 28-30 – US National Shohin

Bonsai Exhibition

July 12-14 Member Show

July 13 – Arthur Joura Demo

Aug 10 – Bonsai 101 Workshop?

Sept 14 – Styling Workshop

Oct 5 – Expo Tree Selection & Prep

Oct 12-13 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville

Nov 9 – Master Demo & Workshop

Dec 7-8 – Winter Silhouette Show

Dec 14 – Holiday Party

December Meeting Recap

Holiday Party

by Gene Martin

Many thanks to Carl and Dot for hosting the Holiday Party. Plenty of goodies to nibble on and more libation options than I could count.



Quite the spread!!

The house was beautifully decorated, Tyler the rescue boxer was entertaining and the Corvette in the garage was well shined! A good time was had by all. Thanks Carl and Dot!!

President's Corner

By Carl Maxwell

I would like to thank all BSC members for helping us to have a very successful year in 2018. We added several new members during the year, held two Bonsai 101 classes, had our first club show in many years, and got glowing comments about our display at the Asheville Expo. We displayed 42 trees at our show at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, which was a lot more than the 24 we anticipated. Thanks to all who brought their trees and we hope to have a spectacular show in July 2019!

And a special thanks to all members that helped build the display for the Asheville Expo. If you could have seen the reaction when people walked in and saw it, you would really know how awesome it was and how much the attendees appreciated it. I think even Arthur was impressed! The challenge will be how to create an even better display for 2019! But I am sure

that you are all up to the challenge.

Lastly, we are looking for someone to fill the Vice-President role. If you are interested, please let me know.

I am looking forward to 2019 and all that we can accomplish to help us bring in more members and spread the bonsai word. And I am always open to suggestions and ideas on how to make us more successful.

February Meeting Preview

by Gene Martin

The February meeting will be a tree collecting opportunity at Larry Morton's place in Mint Hill. Yes, we were just there in November, but many trees had not gone dormant, so the Club is resetting Collecting meetings to February.

In years past, we've collected American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*), Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*), Winged Elm (*Ulmus alata*), Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), Privet (*Ligustrum*), and others.

Other News

One of the challenges of collecting trees in winter is identifying the species of a particular tree one might want to collect. I found a YouTube video that helps identify a subset of trees that might be useful as bonsai. Check it out [here](#).

The Southern Spring Show will be the last weekend of February and the first weekend of March (see 2019 At-a-Glance for specific dates). Negotiations with Show Management are still in progress. But if we participate, signup sheets for tree-sitting shifts will be available at the January and February meetings. This is an all-hands-on-deck affair, so be prepared to spend some time at

the Show.

After a brief hiatus, John Geanangel is again posting videos to YouTube. Check them out if you don't subscribe.

Raffle Reminder

The January meeting will include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items. We already have a couple of collected seedlings from Mike B. and a small tray from Bob & Pam Hampel. Thanks for your support!!

Dues Reminder

2019 BSC Membership dues are due. \$50. Bring a check to the January meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell.

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

President – Carl Maxwell

Vice President – open

Treasurer – John Farrell

Secretary – Jeanne Anderson

Past President – Bob Hampel (in lieu of Tammy's move to Chicago)

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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