

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## June 2018 Newsletter



### June Meeting Information:

### **Picnic & Expo Project**

Saturday, June 16, 10-1

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by Gene Martin

Yes, you are reading that date correctly. There were too many conflicts with locations and people, so we are meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The BSC will provide lunch, please RSVP your intention to attend to Gene (gmartinman at gmail dot com) by end-of-day Wednesday, June 13.

In addition to the picnic, we will continue constructing the club Expo display. If you have short deciduous material, preferably native, that you think might fit into the display, please bring it to the meeting.

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the June meeting. Members are always welcome to attend Board Meetings.

### 2018 At A Glance

Jan 13 – Dog Swap & Member  
Workday

Feb 10 – Aesthetics

Feb 23-25 & Mar 2-4 – Spring Show

Mar 17 – Bonsai 101 Workshop

Apr 14 – Expo Workshop

May 12 – Danny Coffey

June 16 – Picnic & Expo Workday

June 22-24 – US National Shohin

Bonsai Exhibition

July 13-15 Member Show at DSBG

July 14 – Arthur Joura

Aug 11 – Bonsai 101 Workshop

Sept 8 – Chinese Elm Workshop

Oct 6 – Member Auction

Oct 13-14 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville

Nov 10 – Collecting Trip

Dec 1-2 – Winter Silhouette Show

Dec 8 – Holiday Party

## May Meeting Recap

### **Bonsai Master: Danny Coffey**

by Gene Martin

Our guest bonsai master in May was Danny Coffey. He brought a huge overgrown Trident Maple that barely fit through the door to Brad's studio!



*Danny's demo material - Trident Maple.*

The story about how this tree came into Danny's possession was quite interesting. While he trimmed, Danny described the process frequently used to field-grow Trident Maples. It isn't rocket science, but it does require decades of patience. Or a large check, if you wish to purchase the results of someone else's patience and work. Obviously, that's why collecting is so enticing – Mother Nature performs all the heavy lifting.

While Danny worked, several folks noted an

asked about the many screws where roots normally would be. Danny explained that the tree was planted on a board and the roots arranged and held in place by the screws. The board was placed on and covered with bonsai soil. When the tree is placed into a shallow bonsai pot, the roots will be ready.



*Roots arranged and held in place with screws on wooden shelf.*

Danny began by removing several sacrifice branches and pruning the tree to the desired profile. The overgrown "bush" quickly began to take on the appearance of a bonsai. While performing this work, Danny answered audience questions and described what he was doing.





*The bonsai is slowly revealed.*

After “excess” branches were removed, Danny defoliated the remainder and began detail pruning.



*After defoliation. Photo by Mike Vena.*



*Sealing up large wounds on an <almost> finished tree. Photo by Mike Vena.*

The BSC would like to thank Danny for an excellent, informative and entertaining demo.

## Member Show

By Carl Maxwell

The show at DSBG is still on for Friday thru Sunday, July 13th – 15 from 9AM to 5 PM each day. Show setup will be on Thursday, July 12th from 4PM to 6 PM. There is a “Sip & Stroll” event that night at DSBG, so everything needs to be set up by 6 PM when it starts. I will be there doing demos on trees and could use some help greeting guests and answering questions. We would like for every member to have a tree in the show. It does not have to be a “masterpiece”. We want to show the public what “beginner” bonsai look like so they are not scared away from bonsai by thinking everyone has to have a show quality



tree from the beginning. I encourage all members to bring a tree to the June meeting and picnic so we can have a look at it and make recommendations on the best way to present your tree. Why grow'em if you don't want to show'em?

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## Workshops at Carl's place

By Carl Maxwell

I will also be having my first "Bonsai Workshop" at my place this Saturday, June 9th, from 12 Noon till 4 PM. It is supposed to be in the high 80's and partly cloudy. I finally have my bonsai shed set up and I have plenty of trees and "projects" to work on if you don't want to bring one of your own trees. I will have drinks and snacks and will put up the canopy in case the sun comes out.

The address is 79276 Ridgehaven Road, Lancaster, SC 20720, but some GPS units have our street in Indian Land or Fort Mill. If you need directions, please give me a call on my cell phone at (757) 575-9913 or email me. Hope to see you all on Saturday. And I plan to have my next workshop on Sunday, June 24th from 1 PM to 4 PM. Thanks.

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## Raffle

The June meeting **WILL** include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items and a few bucks for tickets. You never know when a trash-to-treasure opportunity is going to present itself. Thanks for your support!!

The June Raffle contained the usual collection of pre-bonsai plants and a Bald Cypress forest on a slab, created and donated by Mike Brawley.

Thanks to everyone who brought Raffle items and especially to Mike!!



*Mike's Bald Cypress forest, won by Mark Suson.*

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## Dues

Annual BSC Membership dues are \$50. New members who join during the second half of the year receive membership through the following year.

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## Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

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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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