

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

September 2017 Newsletter



September Meeting Information:

Design Challenge

Saturday, Sept 9, 10 – 12

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens

9500 South New Hope Rd

Belmont, NC 28012

by Gene Martin

The September BSC meeting is going to be amazing on a number of levels. First, it is happening at a new venue – the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont. Earlier this year, BSC entered into an agreement with DSBG to display several benches worth of member-owned bonsai (pictures on a later page). DSBG will begin their Chinese Lantern Festival 2017 on September 7. More info at their website, www.dsbg.org.

The second amazing aspect of the September meeting will be a Design Challenge involving several experienced BSC members working on *Juniperus virginiana* ‘Gray Owl’ donated by DSBG. Check ‘Grey Owl’ out at NC State Extension [website](http://www.ncstate.edu/extension/). If you’re interested in styling one of the trees and have not notified Carl, you should contact him immediately at 757-575-9913.

All of the styled Junipers will be for sale at the

October Auction.

The Levine Pavilion is reserved for this meeting. BSC members get free admission to DSBG – you just need to identify yourself as a BSC member at the front desk. Admissions will provide walking directions to the Pavilion and possibly wrist bands for identification. DSBG may market this as an “open to the public” event, so expect to see guests.

While visiting the Gardens, you will also be able to see the bonsai on display near the Orchid Pavilion.

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the September meeting. Members are always encouraged 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 – Member Workshop

June 10 – Picnic & Member Tour

June 23-25 – US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition

July 8 – Arthur Joura

Aug 12 – Bonsai 101 Workshop

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

August Meeting Recap

Bonsai 101

by Gene Martin

Six new BSC members were scheduled to attend the Bonsai 101 Class at the BLC last month. Hopefully everyone learned a lot and had a good time.

Many thanks to the BSC Members who attend to assist the newbies.

October Auction

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Do you have trees, tools, pots, stands, and other bonsai related items that need a new home? Would you like to add to your tree collection? Perhaps add some tools or wire? The October 7 (note the unusual date) is a great opportunity to accomplish that. Round up your extra items and bring them to the October BSC meeting, along with your checkbook, for a member auction. Additional details and rules will be in the October Newsletter.

Call for Expo Trees

Do you have tree(s) you'd like to include in the Expo display? If you haven't already, please send pictures and measurements (the tree's, not yours) to President Tammy (tammybares@usfoods.com) or 980-621-8177.

Our display will be in a different location this year, but will still include the light bridge (newly painted).

Other News

Mike Brawley recently completed a stained glass bonsai window. Looks great, Mike!!



Inspired by a 1978 edition of the Journal of the American Bonsai Society. Picture provided by Mike.

[Bonsai Mirai](#) has a number of excellent videos on their website. Here's one on [selecting nursery material](#). It is over 2 hours, so block some time.

Carl Maxwell Study Group

Carl hosted a couple of Study Group working sessions at his house in August. They were well

attended and everyone seems to have a great time. Be on the lookout for an email invitation for any sessions in September.



Study Group in Carl's backyard. Photo by Mike Brawley

Treasurer – John Farrell
Secretary – open
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](#).

The BSC Newsletter is compiled and created monthly by Gene Martin. Contributions and feedback are welcome. Please email submissions or comments to GeneMartin@carolina.rr.com by the 20th of each month for publication in the following newsletter.

Raffle Reminder

The September meeting **will** include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items and a few bucks for tickets. Yes, I talked to the folks at DSBG and they are ok with this. Thanks for your support!!

Dues Reminder

2017 BSC Membership dues are overdue. If you've been enjoying the benefits of BSC Membership and have not paid your dues, you should correct that situation immediately. Bring a check to the June meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell.

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

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