

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

February 2017 Newsletter



February Meeting Information:

Soil, Pest Control & Plant Science

Saturday, Feb 11, 10 – Noon

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by Gene Martin

The February meeting will be a multi-pronged affair. Brad Russell, Bonsai Learning Center Sensei, will expound on the best components for your bonsai soil. He will also have soil available for purchase.

Jennifer Bueno from Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens will talk about plant diseases and pests and how to properly treat them.

And if that isn't enough, bring your tools/wire and a tree or two to work on.

The BSC Executive Board will meet after the February meeting. Members are always invited 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 – Rock Planting Workshop

June 10 – Picnic & Member Tour

June 23-25 – US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition

July 8 – Arthur Joura

Aug 12 – TBD

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

January Meeting Recap

Dog Swap

by Gene Martin

Recently elected Vice President Carl Maxwell introduced the BSC to Dog Swaps this month. Everyone had a tree you've tried and tried to style, with little success. The inspiration just isn't there.

The Dog Swap event gives you a chance to swap your "dog" for someone else's "dog" that might have more potential in your hands.

Many thanks to Carl for introducing us to this idea and for managing the process. This will likely be a future annual event, so if you missed out this year, keep your dogs healthy and maybe next year you can pick up a replacement.



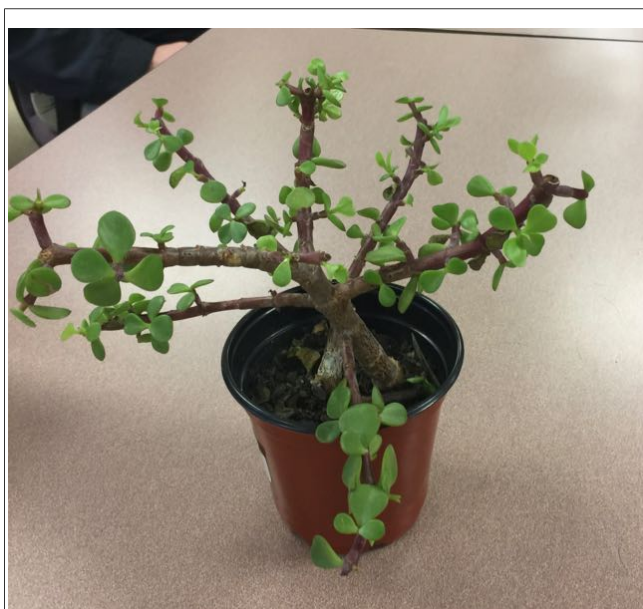
Mi, our resident French Canadian bonsai artist and comedienne, brought a real dog to the Dog Swap!!



Hubert, Ron and Carl discuss the merits of a Shimpaku offered for exchange.



2017 is off to a great start with a couple of visitors and potential BSC members.



Carl is partial to dwarf Jade plants and offered this one for exchange.

Crape Murder

by Gene Martin

I'm sure you're all familiar with Crape Murder and what an ugly landscape tree it creates. But have you thought about air layering one of those Crape Myrtle "knots"? Rodney Clemons recently posted (1/17) the following picture on Facebook, with the caption "An example of a Crepe Myrtle bonsai that came from a layered Crepe-murder knot. ... Easy to layer and tells a good story." Another reminder to keep an open mind, look around and think outside the box. Inspiration and interesting bonsai come from some of the most unusual places.



Crape murder air layer. Photo by Rodney Clemons. Reprinted with permission.

Raffle Reminder

The February meeting **WILL** include a Raffle – bring your Raffle items and a few bucks for tickets. Thanks for your support!!

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

President – Tammy Bates
Vice President – Carl Maxwell
Treasurer – John Farrell
Secretary – open
Show Chairman – Brad Russell
Newsletter Editor – Gene Martin

Other News

Bill Valavanis is producing a **US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition**, June 23-25, at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis. If that venue sounds familiar, it is the home of the Winter Silhouette Exhibition! Visit Bill's [blog](#) for information about the Show and how to register and/or submit a tree.

Southern Spring Show

The 2017 **Southern Spring Show** will be on consecutive weekends the last of February and the first of March. This is the major membership drive opportunity for the BSC.

Trees for the Show have been selected. The Tree Watching Schedule is attached – there is still an opportunity or two – contact Gene if you can work.

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.

Southern Spring Home & Garden Show

February 24-26 AND March 3-5, 2017

Friday Feb 24

10am - 1pm	Bob Hampel	Pam Hampel
1pm - 4pm	Lois Lechleider	Mireille Cantin
4pm - 7pm	Carl Maxwell	Ken Buechele

Saturday Feb 25

10am - 1pm	Mike Brawley	John Farrell
1pm - 4pm	Jennifer Bueno	Carl Maxwell
4pm - 7pm	Ron Bates	Tammy Bates

Sunday Feb 26

10am - 1:30pm	Hubert Duprez	Carol Duprez
1:30pm - 5pm	Mike Brawley	Richard Blanton

Friday Mar 3

10am - 1pm	Jim Hall	Ken McLaurin
1pm - 4pm	Mike Brawley	Richard Blanton
4pm - 7pm	Ken Buechele	Mike Stelzer

Saturday Mar 4

10am - 1pm	Mike Brawley	Colette Greene
1pm - 4pm	Jennifer Bueno	
4pm - 7pm	Martin Sweeney	Jim Hanley

Sunday Mar 5

10am - 1:30pm	Mike Brawley	Ken McLaurin
1:30pm - 5pm	Ron Bates	Tammy Bates