

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

February 2018 Newsletter



February Meeting Information:

Bonsai Aesthetics

Saturday, Feb 10, 10 - 12

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

Recent BSC Vice President and long time bonsai artist Mike Brawley we present a program on "Bonsai Aesthetics".

Wikipedia defines Bonsai Aesthetics as "the aesthetic goals and characteristics of the Japanese tradition in the art of growing a miniature tree in a container."

Andy Rutledge says "...you have to be trying to communicate something to the eventual viewer of your bonsai or you will probably fail to do so – probably resulting in an uninteresting bonsai." He goes on to say "there are some basic aims and challenges involved in bonsai art, no matter the tree or the individual."

Good bonsai is all about illusion – the artist is trying to make a small, sometimes young, tree evoke the image and impression of a large old tree.

The idea of "bonsai rules" angers many artists. How do you keep your tree from looking like it is about to fall over? What if your tree has a huge ugly wound in exactly the wrong place? What are the proportions of a large old tree? What makes a tree "interesting"? To answer those and many more questions you need to know what thousands of bonsai artists have figured out over hundreds of years.

Come to the Greenhouse on Saturday and be enlightened.

The BSC Executive Board WILL meet after the February 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 – Master TBD

May 12 – Bonsai 201 Workshop

June 9 – Picnic & Member Workday

June 22-24 – US National Shohin

Bonsai Exhibition

July 14 – Arthur Jura

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

Note the new date for March meeting

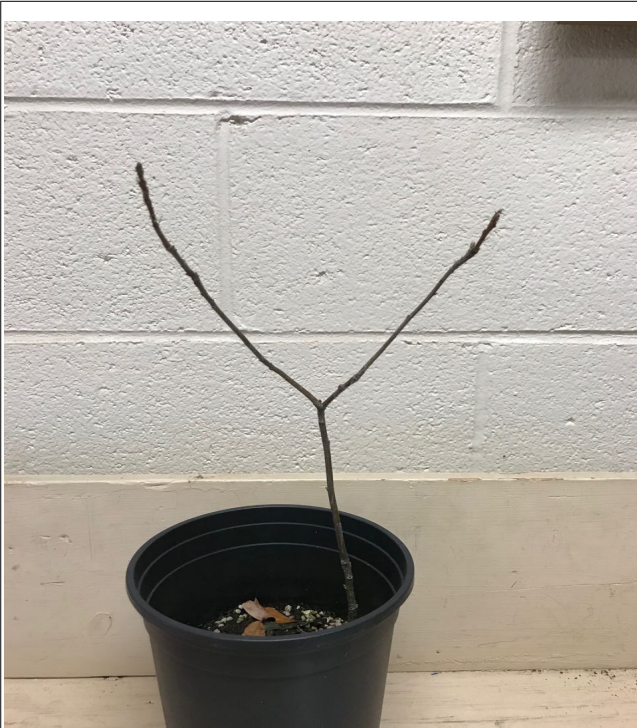
January Meeting Recap

Dog Swap and Member Workday

by Gene Martin

Members brought 3 plants for the Dog Swap and there were 3 guests in attendance. (Perhaps you can see where this is going.) One of the guests was a practicing bonsai guy recently relocated from Oklahoma – Mark Suson is the newest BSC member.

The guests had lots of questions about bonsai in the Carolinas, so we spent the better part of an hour answering their questions and talking about bonsai.



Oak seedling from Oklahoma.



No cold temps for this little one

By consent of the dog owners, all three trees were sent home with our guests.

Thanks to Mark, Scott and Carl for bringing trees to the Dog Swap. The meeting evolved into something totally unplanned, but very useful.



Bonsai staple for budding artists - Juniper

Other News

Even with temps in the low-20s, you should be checking your trees every few days – how will you know what the buds look like when they begin to swell if you don't know what they look like now? This is also a good time to clean up your pots, prepare screens and tie-down wires, mix or purchase soil – generally get ready for the repotting season. It will be here before you know it.

Vice President Carl will host two study group meetings: Saturday, Feb. 17, Noon-4:00 and Sunday, March 4, Noon-4:00. His address is 79276 Ridgehaven Rd, Lancaster, SC 29720. Questions and reservations to him at 757-575-9913.

Southern Spring Show

The 2018 **Southern Spring Show** will be on consecutive weekends at the end of February and the beginning of March. This is the major membership drive opportunity for the BSC.

Trees for the show are still being selected – if you have a tree you think qualifies, please contact President Tammy immediately (tammy.bates@usfoods.com).

The tree sitting schedule is at the end of this Newsletter. There are still a few vacancies – please take a look at your calendar and send Tammy an email if you can help fill in the slots.

Raffle Reminder

The February 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!!

Dues Reminder

2018 BSC Membership dues are due. \$50 Bring a check to the February meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell.

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

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 GMartinMan@gmail.com by the 20th of each month for publication in the following newsletter.

Southern Spring Show Volunteers First Weekend

Friday February 23 (10am-8pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Gene Martin	704-XXX-37812	10-1
Mike Brawley	704-XXX-6453	10-1
Lois Lechleider		1-5
Mireille Cantin	980-XXX-8898	1-5
John Farrell	704-XXX-3559	5-8
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Saturday February 24 (10am-7pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Mark Suson		10-1
Scott Telk	803-XXX-0287	10-1
Scott Telk	803-XXX-0287	1-4
Carl Maxwell	757-XXX-9913	1-4
Jim Hanley	704-XXX-0570	4-7
Sam Hanley	704-XXX-0570	4-7

Sunday February 25 (10am-5pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Bob Hampel	980-XXX-3773	10-2
Pam Hampel	980-XXX-3773	10-2
Carl Maxwell	757-XXX-9913	2-5
Ken McLaurin	803-XXX-7248	2-5

Southern Spring Show Volunteers Second Weekend

Friday March 2 (10am-8pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Mike Brawley	704-XXX-6453	10-1
Jim Hall	704-XXX-2846	10-1
Lois Lechleider		1-5
Mireille Cantin	980-XXX-8898	1-5
		5-8
		5-8

Saturday March 3 (10am-7pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Mark Suson		10-1
Mike Brawley	704-XXX-6453	10-1
Ken McLaurin	803-XXX-7248	1-4
		1-4
Tammy Bates	803-XXX-6177	4-7
Ron Bates	803-XXX-6177	4-7

Sunday March 4 (10am-5pm)

Name	Phone	Time Slot
Hubert Dupree	980-XXX-3609	10-2
Carol Dupree	980-XXX-3609	10-2

Mike Brawley	704-XXX-6453	2-5
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