

# Bonsai Society of the Carolinas



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## 2020 At A Glance

Jan 11 - "Dog Tree" Swap  
Feb 8 - Repotting Worksho  
Mar 14 - Root Over Rock Workshop  
Apr 4 - John Geanangel Roadtrip  
Apr 11 - Bonsai 101/BYOT Workshop  
May 9 - Tree Critique Panel/Expo Tree Judging  
June 13-14 - Arboretum Expo  
June 13 - Prep for DSBG Show  
July 11-12 - Member Show @ DSBG  
July 12 - Arthur Joura Demo @ DSBG  
Aug 8 - Annual Club Auction  
Sept 12 - Open  
Oct 10- OPEN  
Nov 14 - Collecting Trip  
Dec 5-6 - Winter Silhouette Show  
Dec 12 - Holiday Party

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## Executive Board

President - Carl Maxwell  
Vice President - Scott Telk  
Treasurer - John Farrell  
Secretary - Jeanne Anderson  
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Show Chairman - Brad Russell  
Study Group - Ken Buechele  
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## From the President's Desk

There were 4 brave souls that ventured out in the 40 degree weather and the drive to my house in Indian Land for the repotting workshop. But it was a balmy 65 degrees in my heated garage, and I had 4 tables and sixteen chairs set up, with plenty of bottled water, soft drinks, and beer to keep us company. We repotted six plants in about 2 ½ hours. We even had a first-timer, Randy Godfrey. He repotted one of my Golden Gate Ficus plants with a little of my help, as I repotted one of my Dwarf Jades. Jeanne Anderson brought a couple of plants to work on, and Hubert Duprez worked on one of my Jades. I even managed to sell a few pots and 4 gallons of bonsai soil to keep everyone happy.

Our March meeting will be the "Root Over Rock" workshop. There will be no cost for members that have paid their 2020 club dues. The cost will be \$20 for any member who has not paid their dues or any non-members. Of course, if you want to pay your \$ 50 dues at the meeting, the workshop will be free for you too! The workshop will be held at Scott Telk's home in Fort Mill, SC. Address will be sent to attendees. He is only a few minutes south of Carowinds, off Pleasant Road. He says he has a roomy heated basement, and we will have plenty of tables, chairs and beverages. You do need to send an email to me or Scott to let us know you are coming so I will know how many plants to bring. I will have a selection of Bougainvillea, Dwarf Jades, Serissas, Azaleas, and some White Birch to pick from. Of course, you can always bring

one of your own trees to use in the workshop. I will also bring the 1 gallon nursery pots and potting soil mix to put them in. I have rubber bands and string to secure the roots to the rocks. And I will have a couple of dozen rocks to pick from as well.

And don't forget our April 4th trip to John Geanangel's open house at his nursery in Gaston, SC, just south of Columbia. We will carpool and leave from the IHOP at 2797 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC. Google Maps says its an hour and forty minute drive from Rock Hill. We plan to leave the IHOP at 9 AM sharp, which should put us at his house around 10:45 AM. We will probably leave there around 2 PM and be back in Rock Hill around 3:45 PM. Please email me to let me know you are coming, and whether you want to drive yourself or catch a ride with me or another member. I can take 4 people in my truck. If you are driving, John's address is 801 Jeff Sharpe Road, Gaston, SC 29053 and his phone number is (803) 361-0551. John says he will do a "presentation" for us and there will plenty of plants, pots, rocks, and slabs to buy. Hope to see you at IHOP for the trip.

For those that want to eat breakfast at IHOP before we leave, I suggest getting to IHOP by 7:30 AM. Please email or call me to let me know if you are coming to breakfast so I can reserve enough tables. Thanks.

Carl Maxwell, President

## **POT SELECTION**

by Gene Martin

In the January blog post, Bonsai Tonight, Jonas Dupuich chronicled a pot selection exercise for a wisteria. The entire post can be accessed using this link:

<http://bonsaitonight.com/2020/01/10/pot-selection-exercise-dwarf-wisteria/>

He shows the wisteria sitting in 14 different pots and walks us through his thinking on each one. Here is what I took away from his post:

1. Pot size is a matter of meeting development goals and matching the tree.
2. Color and details (in this case, a band around the middle) help the pot take up less visual weight.
3. Many of our bonsai have slender trunks and Jonas says that pots with light-colored glaze will downplay that shortcoming.

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## **Raffle**

There will be a raffle at the March meeting. So bring some cash to take advantage of the raffle items.

## **Shout Out**

The BSC needs a Web Administrator. Primary functions will be to post Newsletter pdf files and maintain meeting information. If interested, please contact Carl or Scott.

## **Dues Reminder**

2020 BSC Membership dues are due. \$50. Bring a check to the next meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Farrell.

## **BSC Meeting Information**

Monthly meetings are held at various locations in the Charlotte area. Directions and parking information can be found on the BSC website. The BSC Newsletter is compiled and created monthly by Gene Martin & Jeanne Anderson. Contributions and feedback are welcome and encouraged. Please email submissions or comments to [BonsaiSocietyCarolinas@gmail.com](mailto:BonsaiSocietyCarolinas@gmail.com) by the 20th of each month for publication in the following newsletter.



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