

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

November 2017 Newsletter



November Meeting Information:

Collecting Adventure

Saturday, Nov 11, Noon - 4

9625 Surface Mill Rd

Mint Hill NC 28227

by Gene Martin

BSC Members will have the opportunity to collect native species from a Charlotte-area woodland this month.

On similar adventures in years past, we've come away with pines, American Hornbeams and Winged Elms. Larry says you can expect to find Carpinus, Callicarpa, Ulmus, Eleagnus, Ligustrum, Rosa, Nyssa, Liquidambar, Betula, Acer, Albizzia, Quercus, Cercis, Pyrus, Lagerstromia, Fagus, Juniperus (and deadwood), Pinus, Ilex, Cornus, Prunus, Baccharis, Oxydendron, Populus, Salix, Sassafras, Viburnum, Aronia, Rubus, Photinia, Rhus (shrubs and vines), Lonicera (shrubs and vines), Wisteria, Parthenocissus, Vitis, Celastrus, Campsis, among many others. You'll also find moss, ferns and plenty of gold tailings. Gold mining tools and Indian tools have also been found out there, even recently.

Some of the species we'll be looking for will have lost their leaves by November 11, so the burning question becomes how to identify the

specimen you're found. Field Guides were created just for this purpose. For a brief introduction, try this "Identifying Trees in Winter" [article](#) at Dave's Garden.com. And pick up a Field Guide at your local bookstore.

For those members attending their first collecting adventure, wear old clothes & work shoes, bring tools to prune & uproot your treasures, something to "bag" the roots and WATER.

What happens if it rains, you might ask. Well, in that case, the collection goes forward as planned. Wear your rain gear and be prepared to get dirty.

Larry Morton is the author of the best selling book, Modern Bonsai Practice. He operates a wholesale bonsai nursery with over 6000 bonsai and pre-bonsai.

But you are not into collecting wild trees, you say. Well, there's a second reason to attend this month's meeting – Larry will provide an area for BSC members to work on their trees. Bring a tree or three that needs styling and work on it among friends.

Need a third reason to attend? Larry has more than plenty of 1-gal nursery pots free to BSC members. Plus, all tender bonsai are on sale ½ off Saturday, so he doesn't have to bring so many in for the winter.

So there's at least THREE good reasons to join us on Saturday's Collecting Adventure.

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the November 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 – 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 11 – Collecting Trip

Dec 2 & 3 – Winter Silhouette Show

Dec 9 – Holiday Party

collecting trees next month.

Carolina Expo

BSC President Tammy Bates attended the Expo and shared some photos. The first is our club display; the second is of the Judge's Award for best tree; the last two are before / after of the Virginia Cedar worked on by guest artist Jack Sustic.

At least 12 Club members attended over the weekend. Special thanks to Bob & Pam Hampel and Brad Russell for helping with the display setup. Thanks to Chris Peck and his wife for helping with the tear down on Sunday. Members with trees in the display were Brad Russell, Bob & Pam Hampel, Ken Buechele and Luke Andrews.

October Meeting Recap

7th Annual Member Auction

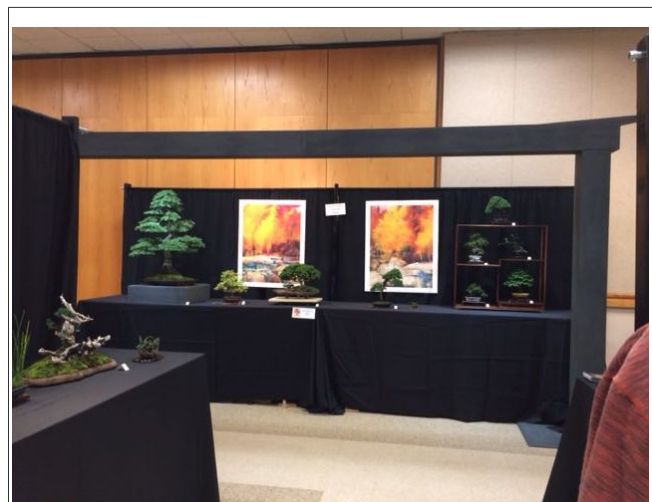
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I'm happy to report that our Annual Member Auction was a success. A number of pre-bonsai and bonsai found new homes and the BSC Treasury received a boost of \$343.95. A resounding THANK YOU to everyone who participated!

December Holiday Party

by Gene Martin

Planning for this adventure is still in progress. Watch this space to see where we will be



BSC Expo Display. Photo courtesy of Tammy Bates



Judge's Award for Best Tree. Photo courtesy of Tammy Bates.



A much improved tree! Photo courtesy of Tammy Bates



Jack Sustic with before... Photo courtesy of Tammy Bates

Other News

As winter approaches, you should prepare your bonsai for freezing temperatures. Send me an email describing your winterizing process and I'll summarize in a future newsletter.

Raffle Reminder

The November meeting will NOT include a Raffle – save your Raffle items for a future meeting. Thanks for your support!!

Dues Reminder

2018 BSC Membership dues are due. \$50 Bring a check to the November 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.
