

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

November 2016 Newsletter



November Meeting Information:

Collecting Adventure

Saturday, Nov 12, 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 12, 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 will be held the following Saturday.

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.

On Collecting Day, all tropicals (eg Eugénias, Ficus, Serrisas, Bougainvilleas, etc) are 20-50% off to BSC members.

Free Black-Eyed Stella Daffodils, you dig.

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the November meeting. Members are always invited to attend.

2016 At A Glance

Jan 9 – Bonsai Begins with Wire

Feb 13 – Grafting & How Trees Work

Feb 26-28 & Mar 4-6 – Spring Show

Mar 12/13 – Bonsai Basics Workshop

Apr 9 – Masters' Garden Road Trip

May 14 – Master Workshop

June 11 – Member Picnic

July 9 – Arthur Joura

Aug 13 – Carving

Sept 10 – Member Workday

Oct 1 – Auction
Oct 8-9 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville
Nov 12 – Collecting Trip
Dec 3 & 4 – Winter Silhouette Show
Dec 10 – Holiday Party

October Meeting Recap

Member Auction

by Gene Martin

A couple dozen members attended the 4th Annual BSC Member Auction. A number of trees, pots, trays and other items changed hands.



Trees, trays and wire managers for the Auction

Many thanks to everyone who brought items to the Auction. And a special thanks to Bob Hampel for serving as Auction Master again this year and to Pam Hampel for serving as Chief Administrator!



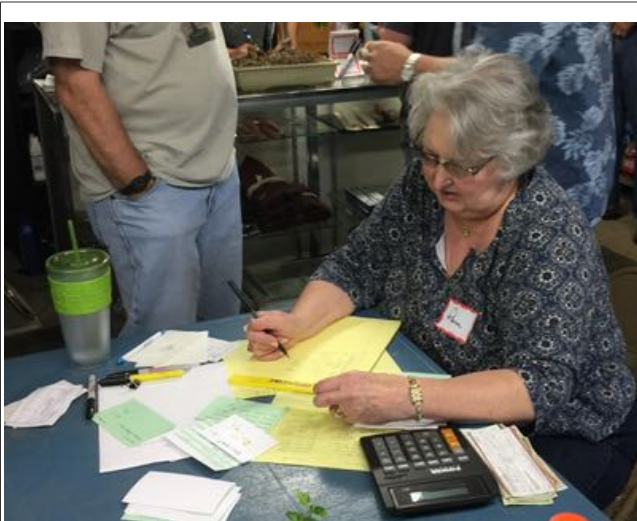
Brad picked up a nice wild pine.



Scott walked away with several "new" items.



*An unusual ivy
bonsai by Pam
Hampel.*



*Pam did a great job sorting out all the
transactions! Thanks!*

December Meeting Tease

Holiday Party

by Gene Martin

It is doesn't begin cooling down soon, we may meet in someone's back yard, wear shorts and have a picnic!! Surely by December, Old Man Winter will have broken out, or at lease his younger cousin, Autumn.

There will be a party in December, with prizes for best decorated holiday tree, and some other

challenges (more on that a little later).

Other News

Election of officers will be held in December, but nominations were due in October. Terms are 2 years. The Nominating Committee places the following in nomination:

President – Tammy Bates

Vice-President – Carl Maxwell

Secretary – open

Treasurer – John Farrell

As you can see, the Secretary position is still open. If you're interested in filling this office, please contact a member of the Board.

Steve Zeisel's 2016 Winter Silhouette Show website is up and running. Logistics and Registration information can be found [here](#). Guest artists this year are Bill Valavantis, Owen Reich, Rodney Clemons and Adam Lavigne. Quite an impressive list.

Obviously you should be prepping your trees **now** for the December show.

Members who joined this year and did NOT attend a Bonsai 101 Beginner Workshop should contact President Bob (rwhampel@gmail.com). We will try to schedule a workshop next month or guarantee a spot at the workshop in March, 2017.

Spider Mites are frequent invaders of bonsai and landscape trees. Mike B. highly recommends "Spider Mite Killer" by Growers Trust. His experience is that it works better than anything else he's tried. Please use all insecticides wisely.

Raffle Reminder

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

Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

President – Bob Hampel
Vice President – Mike Brawley
Treasurer – John Farrell
Secretary – Tammy Bates
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.
