

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## November 2017 Newsletter



### December Meeting Information:

#### **Holiday Party**

Saturday, Dec 9, 10 - 1

UNCC McMillan Greenhouse

9090 Craver Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262

by Gene Martin

Message from BSC President Tammy Bates:

It has been an eventful and successful year for our club. Let's join together to celebrate and reconnect with each other. Please feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The club will furnish drinks and disposables.

As the goodies are being consumed, there will be a "white elephant" Auction with proceeds going to the BSC. Please donate a bonsai-related item for the Auction if you can. This is a Member and guest event, so please feel free to bring your significant other.

There is not an election of officers this year – the current set will continue for a second year. The Secretary position is still open – contact Tammy if you'd like to step up and fill it.

**The BSC Executive Board will meet after the December meeting. Members are always**

welcome 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

### November Meeting Recap

#### **Collecting Adventure**

by Gene Martin

Many thanks to Larry Morton for allowing the BSC to wander all over his property digging up trees, ferns and moss.

More than a dozen BSC members showed up at Larry's place on a BEAUTIFUL Saturday.

Members were able to collect some interesting sweetgum, red maples, wisteria, eastern red cedar, Eastern white pine, crape myrtle, beech, willow oak and a few unknown species.

Ken McLaurin discovered a skull with nice ramification – we think it a white-tailed deer (confirmations or corrections welcome).



Larry (our host) has decided to reduce his holdings somewhat – 30 acres of his property are for sale. Contact Larry if you're interested.

## January Meeting Preview

by Gene Martin

The January meeting will be a “Dog Swap” and Member Workday. If you have a bonsai or pre-bonsai that doesn't excite or inspire you anymore,

bring it to the January meeting and swap it with someone.

If you don't have a Dog, bring a tree or two to work on, along with your tools and wire.

## Other News

Hopefully your bonsai has been winterized by now and are safe from freezing temperatures. Don't forget to water your plants every now and then if mother nature doesn't oblige. They may not be growing, but if the roots dry out, they will expire.

## Raffle Reminder

The December 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 December 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

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## **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](#).

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