

# BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

## May 2018 Newsletter



### May Meeting Information:

#### **Danny Coffey**

Saturday, May 12, 10-1

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by Tammy Bates

Be sure and come to the May meeting. We have guest artist Danny Coffey in attendance. If you are not yet familiar with Danny, read the biography below. Be prepared to be amazed and inspired. Danny has been giving the demonstration much thought. After Danny's demo, we will discuss the club's Expo project, provide an update as to where we are, and solicit ideas for next steps.

#### Bio:

"Daniel Coffey is an American bonsai artist and educator based in North Carolina. His passion for bonsai has lead him to a deep appreciation for a variety of styles and disciplines within the art form. He has spent multiple years living in Japan as a formal apprentice to Junichiro Tanaka, 4th generation

bonsai master of 'Aichien', a bonsai nursery in Nagoya Japan operating for over 120 years. Additionally, he has served as intern and visiting artist for some of the United State's finest public and private bonsai collections. Including the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum in Washington D.C. and The Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federal Way, Washington. His work, both original compositions and contributions to well established bonsai, have been displayed at national level exhibitions in Japan and the United States."



*Danny with a famous old Sub Alpine Fir bonsai named '47 Ronin' After he wired and styled it for 2 days full days at the Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federal Way Washington.*



*Danny working an ancient Japanese Black Pine at Aichien Bonsai nursery in Nagoya Japan during his apprenticeship.*

**The BSC Executive Board WILL meet after the May meeting. Members are always welcome to attend Board Meetings.**

Oct 13-14 – Bonsai Expo, Asheville  
Nov 10 – Collecting Trip  
Dec 1-2 – Winter Silhouette Show  
Dec 8 – Holiday Party

## April Meeting Recap

## Expo Project

by Tammy Bates

We had a great meeting at the Learning Center last month. Brad introduced some of our newest members to the fundamentals of Rock Plantings. Here are some of the photos. We also formed a committee to work on the club display for the Arboretum Expo this fall. A basic concept was developed. The committee met again on Saturday to continue the work. Want to know more? Come to the May meeting and hear all about it. All members are encouraged to participate.

**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 – Expo Workshop  
May 12 – Danny Coffey  
June 9 – Picnic & Member Workday  
June 22-24 – US National Shohin Bonsai Exhibition  
July 13-15 Member Show at DSBG  
July 14 – Arthur Joura  
Aug 11 – Bonsai 101 Workshop  
Sept 8 – Chinese Elm Workshop  
Oct 6 – Member Auction



*"This is not as complicated as it looks." Photo by Scott Telk*





*Getting moss to grow and look good is definitely an art form! Photo by Scott Telk.*



*Suggestions from all directions. Photo by Tammy Bates.*

## Dues Reminder

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

## Executive Board of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas

President – Tammy Bates  
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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](#).

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](mailto:GMartinMan@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following newsletter.

## Raffle Reminder

The May 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!!