

BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

July 2018 Newsletter



July Meeting Information:

Arthur Joura

Saturday, July 14, 10-1

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens

9500 South New Hope Rd

Belmont, NC 28012

by Arthur Joura

As some of you may know, the NC Arboretum began its involvement with bonsai in 1992, with the receipt of a donation of bonsai from a private collector. That happened in November, though, so actual work on bonsai trees began a few months later, in the spring of 1993. That means this year marks the 25th year of active bonsai cultivation at the Arboretum.

As all of you should know, learning bonsai is a long-term proposition. I am inclined to think that after 25 years our bonsai collection is finally starting to come into its own. Because I began learning about little trees when the Arboretum took on the initial donation, I can now claim to have been doing bonsai for a quarter of a century. I feel like I am finally starting to get the hang of it.

25 years is one of those numerical milestones that seems to call for some notice, a good time for

taking stock of where you are at and how you got there. With that in mind, my program for your club this year takes a look at the Arboretum's bonsai efforts and lays out exactly what is going on with our collection. In a word, what is going on is called "Naturalism".

This program is what I think of as an illustrated lecture. We will be looking at many images of trees in nature and discussing what makes them interesting. Then, we will examine images of trees in the NC Arboretum bonsai collection, and discuss why they are shaped the way they are. The photos alone are worth seeing, and you may find the dialogue that goes with them interesting, too. I will also have with me the group of 3 Willow-leaf Figs I worked on in a demonstration for your club during last year's visit, so you can see how that project is progressing. Some of you may recall that my purpose in restyling that bonsai was to make it more naturalistic, so reviewing it will fit neatly into this year's topic.

I am excited at the prospect of the meeting taking place at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens! I look forward to seeing the show you will be presenting there, and I am honored to have been asked to judge it. All in all, I am anticipating a great day of bonsai with my friends in Charlotte. See you there!



Hop-hornbeam and Chinzan Azalea composition at the NC Arboretum. Photo by Arthur Joura

The BSC Executive Board will NOT meet after the July meeting. Members are always welcome to attend Board Meetings.

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

June Meeting Recap

Expo Design & Construction

by Gene Martin

You won't find any pictures or details here. Suffice it to say we worked on the design and began identifying the plants that might fit the display. If you have any small native plants, contact Brad to discuss their use in the display.

Member Show

By Carl Maxwell

I desperately need your HELP! I have only heard from three members regarding trees for the display at our show at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens this coming weekend. I have told them that we would have 18 - 24 tree for the display, and so far I only have confirmations for half of that amount. So I desperately need to find more members that a willing to show one or more trees, and I need the information no later than Tuesday, July 10th at 9 PM. That will give me one day to print up the information card that tells about each tree. The information I need for your tree(s) is:

Common Name
 Scientific Name
 Owner Name
 Owner City
 Age of Tree
 How long in training

I also need to know if you will be able to bring your tree(s) to Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens on Thursday, July 12th, sometime between 1 PM and 4 PM. They are allowing us to use their loading dock on the left side of the main building and will be providing us with “wagons” to move our trees and supplies. So no heavy lifting or carrying of the trees! Our display must be up and ready for viewing by 5 PM when the Gardens will host their “Sip & Stroll” for Thursday evening. We will be the primary draw for the event and we want to “WOW” their members!

Please email or call me at (757) 575-9913 if you will not be able to bring your tree to the Gardens on Thursday, and we can set up a time for you to bring it by my home or I can pick it up from you at your location. I will be taking the trees over Thursday at Noon to start setting up. I would also hope that I can find a couple of “volunteer” helpers to assist me with the setup. I could also use a few people to help act as demonstrators and to answer any questions that the attendees might have. We will take down the display on Sunday at 5PM and it should only take an hour or so.

This event could be a great way to attract new members, show our trees and talents, and promote the bonsai culture. I hope that I can count on your support to make this “first” show at the Gardens one that they will want to repeat each year. Thank you in advance for your help and please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions.

Carl Maxwell, Show Chairman
carlmaxwell@twc.com or (757) 575-9913

Workshops at Carl's place

By Carl Maxwell

Watch your In-Box for info about Carl's next Workshop. The email will be from BonsaiSocietyCarolinas@gmail.com, the <now official> email address of the BSC.

Raffle

The July meeting will **NOT** include a Raffle – save 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!!

The July Raffle contained the usual collection of pre-bonsai plants and generated \$90 for the BSC Treasury.

Dues

Annual BSC Membership dues are \$50. New members who join during the second half of the year receive membership through the following year.

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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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