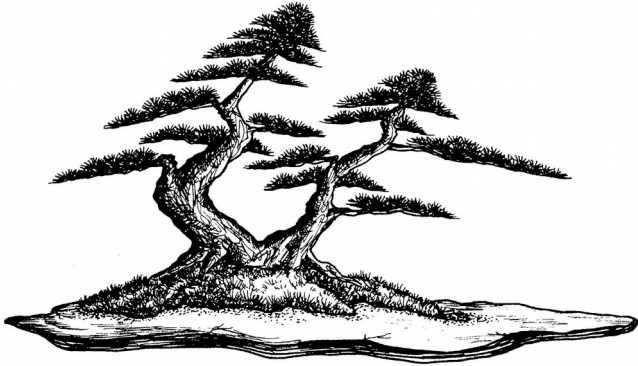


BONSAI SOCIETY OF THE CAROLINAS

May 2016 Newsletter



May Meeting Information:

Master Workshop

Saturday, May 14, Noon-4:00

John Geanangel & Ken Duncan

Bonsai Learning Center

142 Hidden Harbor Rd

Mooresville, NC 28117

by **Gene Martin**

John Geanangel and Ken Duncan have been sharing their bonsai talents and creativity with BSC members for years. Well known to the BSC, John and Ken annually travel north to conduct a workshop and sell a few trees (no trees being imported into NC this year).

This workshop does not have a particular topic or species focus. If you have a tree or two you'd like some styling help with or just critique'd, bring it to the Workshop. The members-only workshop is SOLD OUT, but observers are allowed without charge. Remember to bring your tools and wire.

John and Ken are famous for their YouTube videos – John in front of the camera and Ken behind it, usually. John's channel can be found [here](#). A video of John's garden is [here](#).

The BSC Executive Board will meet on May 14 at 11 at the BLC.

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

April Meeting Recap

Masters' Garden Road Trip

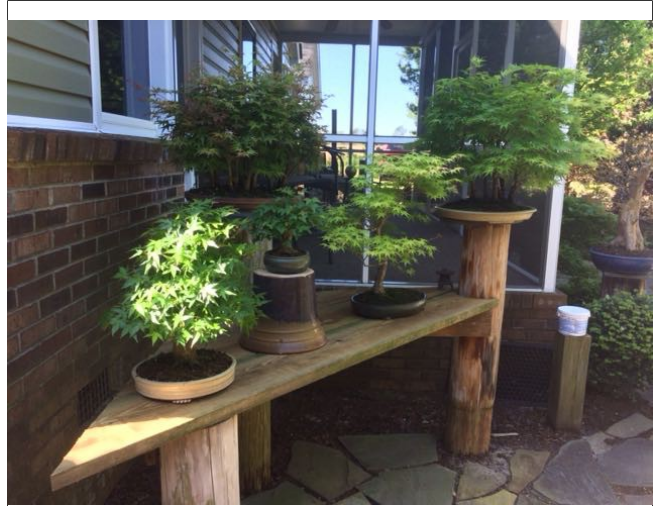
by **Gene Martin**

Another large THANK YOU to John & Ken for hosting the April visit to their backyards and gardens! What an awesome and inspiring pair of places!

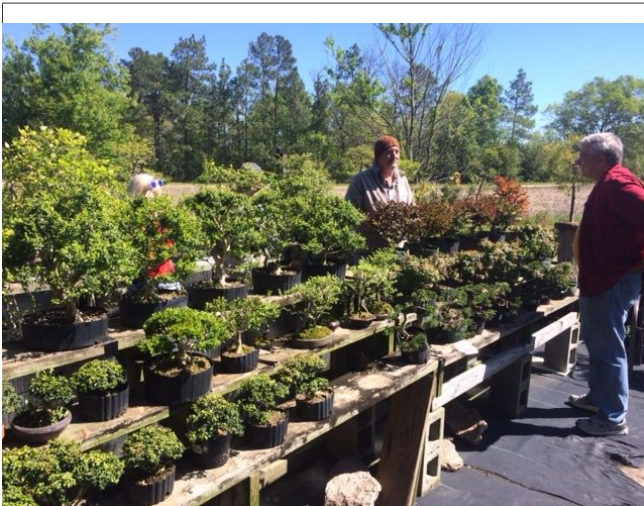
Many thanks to Ron Bates and Ken McLaurin for pictures of the Trip.



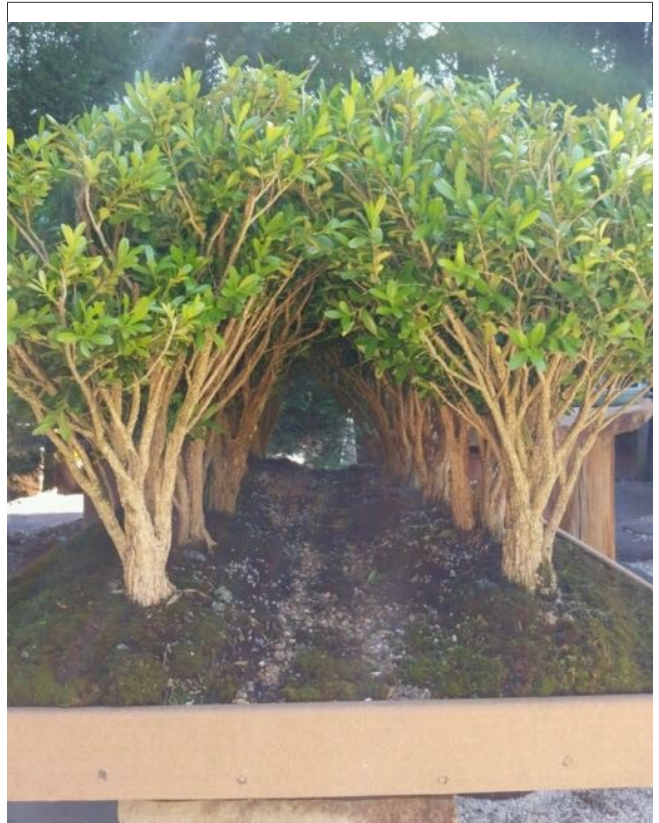
An unusual stand in John's garden. Photo by Ron Bates.



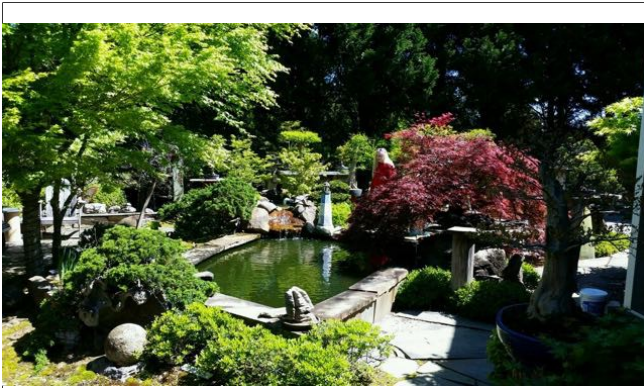
This corner is one of my favorite spots. Photo by Ron Bates.



Is it really fair for one person to own this many fabulous bonsai? You amaze us, John! Photo by Ron Bates.



Not often one sees an "Alley of Boxwoods". Photo by Ken McLaurin.



*This picture is certainly worth a thousand words!
Photo by Ken McLaurin*

June Meeting Tease

Member Picnic

by Bob Hampel

Details are still being worked out, but this event last year was well attended and most enjoyable. A great opportunity to see our own members' back yards and work areas.

Make plan to attend and check the website often.

Other News

Local Bonsai artist Danny Coffee was recently the subject of an article in The National Bonsai Foundation Newsletter ([article link](#)).

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.

Raffle Reminder

The May meeting **will** include a Raffle – Bring your Raffle items and a few bucks – you never know what might be on the table. 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

2015 Dues

Annual dues are \$50. Please make your check out to **Bonsai Society of the Carolinas** and bring it to a meeting or mail it to John. Include your phone number and email address.

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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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